



Congregational Day Visit

at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

2026 Information and Pricing

WHAT IS A CONGREGATIONAL DAY VISIT?

Day Visits are intergenerational experiences where people of all ages from your congregation and community come to Fortune Lake for one day. They are perfect for churches looking to build community amongst their people, enjoy an outdoor ministry experience, or get a taste of life at camp. They can serve as stand alone experiences or as part of a Congregational Day Camp week.

The purpose of Day Visit is to provide your congregation with a quality Christian experience for people of all ages in your community. Adults who attend will be encouraged to fully participate in all activities in an effort to build relationships between youth and adults. Both camps and congregations have a dynamic impact on faith development. A Day Visit supplements your year-round Christian education program and the faith development of your congregation's families and children with fun, interactive outdoor activities.

DAY VISIT GROUPS

Day Visits are designed to be inclusive of people of all ages but can be especially impactful for youth who have completed Kindergarten and up as well as trusted adults.

Group Size: A minimum of 12 people is recommended for a Day Visit. Our staff team, with assistance from congregational adults, can accommodate up to 40 participants. If you anticipate that you would have a larger group, please contact the camp office to inquire about possibilities.

Infants/Toddlers/Preschoolers: Day Visits are designed for people of all ages, but children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is prepared to participate in the appropriate programming along with the child. Please let the Fortune Lake staff know if your group will include families with children under 5.

SCHEDULING

2026 available dates:

- Tuesday, June 16
- Wednesday, June 17
- Thursday, June 18
- Tuesday, June 23
- Wednesday, June 24
- Thursday, June 25
- Wednesday, July 8
- Tuesday, July 14
- Wednesday, July 15
- Thursday, July 16
- Tuesday, July 21
- Wednesday, July 22
- Thursday, July 23
- A Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of ANY week, in conjunction with a Day Camp program

Arrival & Departure: Your congregation will need to provide transportation to and from Fortune Lake. Plan to arrive at Fortune Lake by 9 am CT. Programming will conclude in time for a 3 pm CT departure.

Daily Schedule: Participants can expect to participate in the following activities, which will be scheduled and facilitated by the camp staff: all-camp chapel service, interactive Bible study,

waterfront time (for swimming, playing in the sand, and paddle sports), group games, and arts-and-crafts. A picnic lunch will be provided. Groups may choose to bring money for a trip to the canteen for an afternoon snack or a memento.

DAY VISIT PRICING 2026

- **\$30/person** when occurring as a stand alone experience. A \$150 deposit will hold the date.
- **\$15/person** when occurring as part of a Congregational Day Camp experience. No additional deposit is required.
- Includes all programming, supplies, and meals. Balance (less deposit) is due upon arrival.

WHAT NEXT?

Identify a Congregation Coordinator - Invite someone to be responsible for booking the Day Visit, fill out appropriate paperwork, work in conjunction with FLLC to make the necessary arrangements, and to serve as a point person between your congregation and camp, including on the day of the visit.

Select Dates & Make Reservation - Dates will be filled on a first come first serve basis beginning on January 5, 2026. Consider if the Day Visit will occur in conjunction with Day Camp or on its own, as this will influence the dates available to you. Choose your top three dates, complete the Congregational Day Visit Contact Information Form, and submit it with a deposit.

Adults - Trusted, available adults are a vital part of this experience. The long-term impact on your congregational community will depend upon the engagement of the adults involved. We ask that each congregation have a minimum of a 1:10 adult to camper ratio, and that adults come prepared to engage in camp activities with the youth.

Publicity - Spread the word about the Day Visit in your congregation/community. Invite youth and adults to participate. Print posters, flyers, and/or announcements in church bulletins and newsletters. Engage with local community communication sources. Utilize social media. Invite friends, neighbors, and teammates. Remember that personal invitations always work best!

Registration Forms - Registration forms will be provided by Fortune Lake. Every participant will be required to submit a completed registration form to participate in the visit. Final numbers and dietary restrictions will need to be submitted to Fortune Lake one week prior to the visit, so we suggest congregations set an internal registration deadline of two weeks prior to your visit.

What to Bring - The group should come prepared to be outdoors all day. All necessary supplies for activities will be provided by Fortune Lake. Participants should bring swimsuits, towels, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, a water bottle, raingear, layered clothing and bug spray. Electronic devices and valuables should stay at home.

Meals - Lunch will be provided, served picnic-style outdoors. An optional afternoon snack can be purchased from the canteen. Participants with dietary restrictions will be asked to provide that information on the registration form, which must be provided to camp at least a week in advance.

Feedback - As we look to further enhance our partnership with congregations, we value your feedback and welcome further conversations about how visits to camp can best work for you. Please contact our staff to discuss additional ideas or questions.