

SUMMER CAMP
2026
LEADERSHIP
PROGRAMS



**“REJOICE
ALWAYS.**

**PRAY WITHOUT
CEASING.**

IN EVERYTHING,

GIVE THANKS,

**FOR THIS IS THE
WILL OF GOD FOR
YOU IN CHRIST
JESUS.”**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18



MISSION

Camp Tekakwitha is an outdoor ministry of the Diocese of Green Bay established to invite and guide young people into a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ amidst the beauty of God’s natural creation.

VISION

With Saint Kateri Tekakwitha as our intercessor and guide, Camp Tekakwitha will:

- Inspire a relationship with God through prayer and discernment.
- Foster a joy-filled community of faith.
- Provide an opportunity for young people to grow in personal development, leadership, and team building skills.
- Promote stewardship for all God’s gifts.

PATHWAYS/CORE VALUES

- Spiritual Growth
- Authentic Community
- Outdoor Adventure and Blessed Fun
- Care for God’s Natural Creation
- Culture of Love and Service for God and Neighbor

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DEAR 2026 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FAMILIES:

We are so excited to welcome you to our leadership programs this summer! These programs are filled with incredible opportunities for community-building and growth in leadership skills while being surrounded by encounters of faith.

As the oldest campers and example-setters in our summer programs, we have some important expectations that we will hold you accountable to. We ask that you do not take lightly the responsibility of serving as leaders at Camp Tekakwitha.


Please thoroughly review the following pages of policies and expectations before signing the bottom with a parent. The completed form will be given to the office when you arrive at Camp, and a copy will be retained for your own reference.



Stay connected through our "2026 Families of Camp Tekakwitha" Facebook group and don't hesitate to reach out to our staff with any questions you might have.

Don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

We're praying for each of you!

+ the Camp Tek team

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LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

LEADERQUEST I

Ages 14-15

Our LeaderQuest I program is designed to provide teens ages 14-15 the opportunity to grow in personal and team leadership through unique camp experiences and off-site activities.

LQI typically includes whitewater rafting, an overnight camping trip, teambuilding programs, and more!

Stay tuned for planned 2025 adventures!

Additional waivers will be needed!

LEADERQUEST II

Ages 15-16

LeaderQuest II involves further opportunity for growth in teambuilding with a focus on *servant leadership*. The session includes a service project and overnight camping trips.

The skills developed will make campers more capable leaders and help prepare them to serve in greater roles at Camp or at home.

Additional waivers may be needed!

EXPLORERS

Ages 15-17

Explorers is a program for campers who seek adventure. These campers are given the opportunity to learn basic survival skills and grow in leadership, team building, and conflict resolution.

Through the program, a small group of campers will travel off-site and embark on a four-day rustic backpacking trip, complete with back-country camping and canoe adventures.

Additional waivers may be needed!

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

Ages 16-17

Our CIT program consists of one full-week formation session to learn the ropes of being a counselor at Camp Tek. The counselors-in-training then spend one full week of summer camp in a cabin as an "assistant counselor" for their CIT mission week.

This is a great opportunity for growth in leadership, hopefully paving the way for a future role as a Camp Tek counselor!

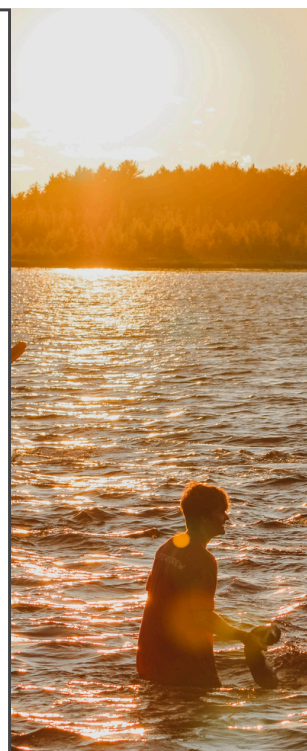
camp POLICIES

PROHIBITED ITEMS

To ensure all campers have a positive and safe experience, we ask you to refrain from bringing the following items:

- Cell Phones & Electronic Devices
- Knives & Weapons
- Alcohol, drugs, vapes, illegal substances
- Fireworks & Explosives
- Personal sporting equipment – i.e. archery equipment
- Inappropriate or offensive clothing
- Pets/Animals
- Drones

If our staff suspects anyone is in possession of an item we deem inappropriate, the camp staff holds the right to confiscate the items and/or send the camper home.



MEDICATION

All medications **must** be delivered to nurses in the original packaging with pill counts marked on the outside of the packaging. If sending more than one medicine, please put them in a self-seal bag with your camper's name on the outside.

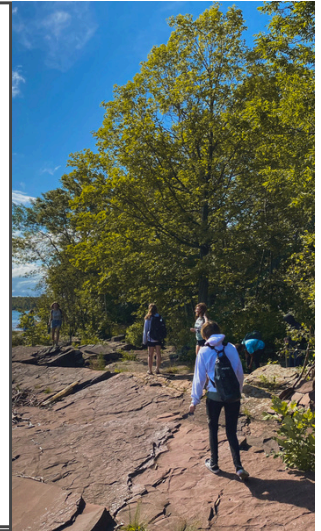
At check-in, the camp nurse will record all medicine brought to camp and will be responsible to dispense all medication while at camp. Physician orders regarding medications needing to stay with the camper will be followed (i.e. inhalers & epi-pens). Counselors will be aware of the medications.

Campers should *not* hold onto and dispense their own medication throughout the week.

camp **POLICIES** *cont.*

OFF-SITE STAYS

Our leadership programs provide unique experiences which include overnight camping trips. Although they take place off-site, Camp maintains consistent with expectations that campers are housed in gender-specified tents, may not share sleeping quarters with adults, and must be under proper supervision by a nearby adult at all times. All campers should act morally and responsibly, remembering they are a representative of Camp Tekakwitha and the Diocese of Green Bay. If an emergency happens, our leadership lead counselors will be in contact with you.



BULLYING

It is the policy of the Diocese of Green Bay to treat each person with dignity and respect because we are all made in the image of God. Our environment must reflect Catholic values in attitudes and actions at all times, as the Lord has called us to do: "Love one another as I have loved you." Jesus insisted that we treat others with dignity, respect and courtesy.

Bullying is deliberate or intentional behavior using words or actions, or electronic communication, intended to cause fear, intimidation or harm.

Bullying behavior can be:

1. Physical (e.g. assault, hitting or punching, kicking, theft, threatening behavior)
2. Verbal (e.g. threatening or intimidating language, teasing or name-calling, sexually suggestive remarks, racist remarks, put-downs, jokes, demeaning comments, drawings, cartoons, pranks, gestures)
3. Indirect (e.g. spreading cruel rumors, intimidation through gestures, organized or overt social exclusion and sending insulting messages or pictures by electronic devices - also known as cyberbullying)

camp POLICIES *cont.*

MODESTY

It is the policy of Camp Tekakwitha and the Diocese of Green Bay that chaste behavior and modesty in dress is expected at all times. All campers and staff are to observe modesty when using changing facilities, showers, and restrooms and may only use facilities that conform to the individual's biological sex. The latter policy applies in any state of undress in front of others.

Campers dressed in immodest clothing will be asked to change. Immodest behavior will not be tolerated.



EXPECTED BEHAVIOR

Counselors will communicate further expectations at the beginning of your Camp week. At the core of those expectations is the reminder that we are called to honor the dignity of all, and we expect our campers to do so for one another.

- Respect the boundaries and personal space of others.
- Follow all rules and expectations of camp counselors and leaders in the greater community.
- Remember the buddy rule and look out for one another in safety and accountability for actions.
- Do not participate in any activity which has not been pre-approved by Camp staff - i.e. choosing to hike your own trail or "sneaking out" at night.
- Refrain from any camp pranks unless Camp staff members are involved.

Camp reserves the right to send a camper home without refund if expected behavior is not met.

-TO BE HANDED IN-

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS POLICIES AGREEMENT

I, _____ (camper name), have read and understand the abovementioned policies stated by Camp Tekakwitha. I understand what it means to treat myself and those around me with respect, honoring the dignity of all.

I take full responsibility of my actions and agree to abide by the policies and expectations outlined here and explained by the Camp Tekakwitha staff.

I understand that failing to comply with the policies will result in being sent home, without refund, at any time during the Camp week.

Camper Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date



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-RETAIN FOR OWN REFERENCE-

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HAVE YOU COMPLETED...

A QUICK CHECKLIST BEFORE YOUR WEEK AT CAMP

01 ANNUAL HEALTH HISTORY FORM

YES NO
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Log into your child's Ultracamp account to complete the annual medical form. Know that medical information will only be accessed at Camp by administrative staff and the camp nurse. Counselors will be given confidential reports to alert them to the needs of your child. ****Please** be sure this is updated thoroughly! Food allergies and other critical information is provided from this form.

02 PERMANENT HEALTH HISTORY FORM

YES NO
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The information on this form will carry over from year to year but will need to be updated if there are any changes in vaccinations, health history, or healthcare providers.

****Please** be sure this is updated thoroughly!

03 PHOTO AND ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM

YES NO
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A simple form giving consent for your child to participate in general camp activities and to have his/her photo taken by Camp staff to be shared through our media channels.

04 FINAL PAYMENT

YES NO
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The balance for your camper(s) week of camp is due at the time of check-in. We encourage you to have this paid before arriving at camp as it will speed up your check-in process tremendously!

Payments can be made by:

- Bank transfer through Ultracamp
 - Credit Card on Ultracamp or over the phone
 - Cash/Check mailed to Camp Tekakwitha at W5248 Lake Drive Shawano, WI 54166
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COMMUNICATION

LETTERS

A note from home is welcomed and encouraged at Camp! The best way for campers to receive letters are to bring pre-written letters to the office during Sunday check-in for us to deliver! Please have camper name and cabin number on the envelopes.

Letters can also be sent through the mail, but we recommend sending the letters *at least* one week in advance.

Please address camper mail as follows:

*Camp Tekakwitha
Camper Name & Cabin #
W5248 Lake Drive
Shawano WI 54166*

PACKAGES

It's exciting to receive a package at Camp!

A few tips for sending packages to camp:

- Do not send food, candy, or gum. We have many campers with dietary restrictions and want to avoid allergic reactions due to food sent to a camper.

We offer Camp Tekakwitha care packages for you to purchase through Ultracamp or at check-in on Sunday. You pay for the package you want, tell us when you want it delivered, and we take care of the rest!

EMAILS

Camper emails are processed through your UltraCamp account. To access this feature, click on "email a camper" in your account. You will need to pay \$1 per email before sending them, and you can create a friend account so family and friends can also send emails!

****Please remember this is a one-way email system only. Campers will not have access to the internet.**

TELEPHONE CONTACT

Parents may contact Camp at any time with questions or concerns at 715-526-2316. However, campers do not have access to a telephone as we find that campers' telephone conversations with parents tend to exacerbate or kick-start missing home. In the event a child requests to make a phone call, permission to do so is granted at the parent's discretion after staff make advance contact with the parent/guardian to discuss the situation.

TRADING POST

OUR CAMP STORE, KNOWN AS THE TRADING POST, IS AVAILABLE FOR CAMPERS TO VISIT THROUGHOUT THEIR WEEK AT CAMP ALONG WITH CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE?

- Ice cream and popsicles
- Candy bars, fruit snacks, chips
- Water, soda, Gatorade, juice pouches
- Apparel: shirts, sweatshirts, pants
- Trinkets: hats, sunglasses, water bottles
- ... and more!

HOW MUCH MONEY SHOULD I DEPOSIT?

We suggest \$10-15 for snacks during the week. Additional amounts can be added for apparel and souvenir purchases. You can add this to your child's Ultracamp account prior to check-in or at the trading post upon arrival.

Balances that remain *after Thursday* are donated to our campership fund for future campers. **Explorers will only have 1 trading post time.**

HOW DO I ORDER A CARE PACKAGE?

Care packages are available to order for your camper through their Ultracamp account or at the time of check-in at Camp. You can choose from six different package options ranging from \$5-\$20 in price - just choose your package, pick a delivery date, make your payment, and we'll take care of the rest!

Most trading post items are available through our online store. If you would like to see our options before arrival, please visit camptekakwitha.org/merchandise.

TIME TO PACK!

PACKING LIST	
	Sleeping Bag
	Pillow
	T-Shirts, Sweatshirt, Shorts, Pants, Pajamas
	Dressier outfit for Mass and themed dinner
	Underclothing
	Personal Toiletries
	Beach and/or Shower Towel
	Swimsuit <i>*Modesty is expected in the form of one-piece or tankini suits only*</i>
	Closed-Toe Hiking Shoes, Sandals, Closed-Toe Water Shoes
	Shower Sandals
	Jacket/Raincoat
	Insect Repellant and Sunscreen
	Flashlight
	Water Bottle
	Clothespins for hanging wet items
	Plastic bags to take home wet or soiled clothes
	Small Travel bag for offsite trip
	Permanent Marker for t-shirt signing

DRESS CODE

Campers are expected to wear clothing which is appropriate for active days outside along with swimsuits appropriate for swimming and water games. If girls are wearing leggings or biker shorts, it is expected that they are covered by a long t-shirt. **Crop Tops and Cut-Off shirts are not acceptable.**

Please work with your camper to select modest, athletic, durable clothing for camp.

LOST-N-FOUND

Please label anything you would want returned if lost! We will hold lost-n-found items for several weeks and will make every effort to return a lost item if you contact us.

Please note: we do our best to return all lost articles, but we cannot assume the responsibility for lost or damaged property.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

SESSION REMINDERS

LEADERQUEST I

LQI will be traveling offsite for one night. Tents and camping materials will be provided by camp. We ask that you bring a small overnight bag to bring items you need for the trip.

An additional waiver will be needed for whitewater rafting. We will send the waiver via email 3 weeks before your camper arrives at camp.

More information on offsite camping details will be released in the spring.

LEADERQUEST II

LQII is focused on service and growing in leadership skills. This involves going off site for two nights for service opportunities and team building. We ask that you bring a small overnight bag to bring items you may need for the trip.

Additional waivers may be needed for activities off site. If needed, we will send those out within 3 weeks of your child's arrival at camp.

More information on offsite camping details will be released in the spring.

EXPLORERS

Campers will be embarking on a 4-day rustic backpacking trip.

It is important to bring a sleeping bag, toiletries, and water bottle. Please prepare by bringing a flashlight, hiking shoes, and thick socks. Backpacks will be provided but if the camper chooses to bring their own that is allowed.

Additional waivers may be needed for activities off site. If needed, we will send those out within 3 weeks of your child's arrival at camp.

More information on offsite camping details will be released in the spring.

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

Our counselor in training program consists of two weeks- one for formation and one for service. After their week of formation, all counselors in training will have the chance to return for a mission week where they can put their skills into practice.

Please ensure your CIT is signed up in Ultracamp for their CIT mission week.

PARENT RESOURCES

NEED TO KNOW

MEDICAL CARE

Two registered nurses are on-site during each week of camp. These nurses take care of administering medications and caring for sick or injured campers.

In case of emergency, campers are taken to ThedaCare or Prevea in Shawano. Emergency transportation is also available from Shawano. Should any serious accident or illness occur at camp, parents or guardians are notified immediately.

Our nurses or camp director will contact you (or your emergency contacts) if your child becomes ill or has any injury beyond a simple scrape or bruise.

If no one can be contacted, the medical director and camp director will make the executive decision for the safety of the camper.

Please be sure your UltraCamp contact information is entirely up to date to aid this process if it arises.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

In case of a medical or family emergency at home, you can contact Camp Tekakwitha at 715-526-2316 or 920-615-0412 (camp cell).

In the event of an emergency, visits by a parent/guardian are allowed after contact with the Camp Director has occurred.

CAMPER MEDICATION

All medication (including prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, and vitamins) must be brought to camp in the original container (as purchased or issued). Prescription containers must detail the child's name, name of the medication, dosage directions, and the name of the person ordering the medication.

All medication must be noted on the camper's health forms and will be held by the nurses who will dispense it appropriately.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

CHECK-IN	CHECK-OUT
<i>All Campers</i> SUNDAY from 3-4 PM	<i>Full Week Sessions</i> FRIDAY from 3-4 PM
<p>Follow the driveway to the parking lot where you'll be met by enthusiastic camp staff. They'll lead you to the check-in area between the main lodge and director's lodge.</p>	<p>A closing ceremony will begin at 2:45 PM at the stage; join us then!</p> <p>Before leaving Camp grounds, be sure to check out with the counselor at your camper's cabin.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Directions to Camp</p> <p><i>From Green Bay</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take Hwy 29 toward Shawano. 2. Take Exit #234 at Bonduel 3. Follow Hwy 117 for 5 miles through Bonduel to Cecil 4. Turn right on Hwy 22 in Cecil, proceed 1 mile 5. Take a sharp left onto Lake Drive, follow Lake Drive to the camp gates on your right. <p style="text-align: center;">W5248 Lake Drive Shawano, WI 54166</p>	

all about SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA



Tekakwitha was born in 1656, in a Mohawk Indian village. When she was only four years old, smallpox hit her village and killed many people including her parents and brother. Tekakwitha survived but was weakened and left with scars which partially blinded her and served as a source of humiliation throughout her childhood.

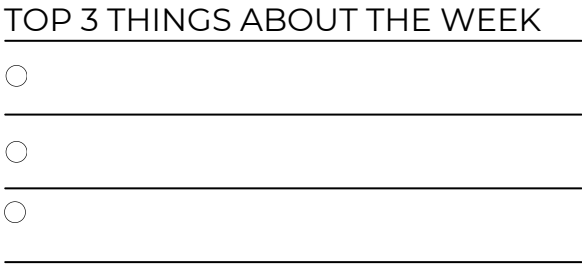
After her parents' death, Tekakwitha was raised by tribal relatives and became an expert in domestic tribal arts and grew in deep appreciation for nature. As she got older, she encountered some visiting Jesuit missionaries and was drawn to their joy and relationship with Christ. She began to lead a life inspired by their example. Tekakwitha fell in love with Jesus, refused an arranged marriage by her family, and was baptized at age 19 taking the name of Kateri (a Mohawk form of Catherine). She later took a vow of chastity and pledged to marry only Jesus Christ.

Kateri's village did not approve of this decision, leading to great suffering and persecution from her family and neighbors. She fled to the Christian Indian mission of St Francis Xavier in Montreal where she became known as the "Lily of the Mohawks" in recognition of her purity, kindness, prayer, faith, and heroic suffering.

Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, Kateri became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680. Her last words were, "Jesus, I love you." Moments after dying, her scarred face was miraculously healed and "shone like the sun."

fast facts

- She is the **first Native American saint**, canonized on October 21, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI.
- Because of St. Kateri's example of chastity and virtue, she is often called **Lily of the Mohawks**.
- It's said that Kateri would create **crosses** out of sticks and place them throughout the forest, often while traveling to the nearby village for Mass. We create these crosses at Camp Tekakwitha while praying for specific intentions. Then, they serve as a reminder to pray for others!
- Images of her are often decorated with a **lily and cross** along with feathers or turtle as representation of her culture!
- Her final words were **"Jesus, I love you"** / "Jesos Konoronkwa."
- Kateri is the **patron saint** of ecology, orphaned children, & Native Americans.
- One of Kateri's '**mottos**' was, "Who can tell me what is most pleasing to God that I may do it?"

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A 2x6 grid of 12 simple face icons. The top row shows: a happy face with a wide open smile, a neutral face with a slight smile, a sad face with a straight line for a mouth, a face with a single tear, a sad face with a downward curve, and a surprised face with wide eyes and an open mouth. The bottom row shows: a happy face with heart-shaped eyes, a neutral face with a slight smile, a sad face with a wavy line for a mouth, an angry face with furrowed brows and a wide-open mouth, a happy face with a tongue sticking out, and a neutral face with a slight smile.

summer reflection

RECAP

GRACES

GOING FORWARD ...

CONTACT OUR CAMP TEAM

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"Jesus, Mary,
I love you."

- St Kateri Tekakwitha



Be who God meant
you to be
and you will
set the world

O N F I R E

- St. Catherine of Siena -

