

**A Family That Prays Together Stays Together**

**A Family That Fellowship Together Builds Everlasting Memories**

**Camp Tekoa Family Weekend  
Cokesbury and St. Andrews Together  
August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

For the young and young – at – heart . . .  
Singles, couples, Families  
. . . all God's children!

“How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of those who bring good  
news . . .”  
Isaiah 52:7

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Camp Tekoa, an Accredited Camp of the American Camping Association, is owned and operated by the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Tekoa was the name of the hometown of Amos, an Old Testament prophet of God.

Taken from the Camp Tekoa Handbook

## **What is a family retreat:**

A family retreat is a chance to get away, relax, have fun, and fellowship with your church family. It is a great opportunity to get to know others better, enjoy time away from the stress back home, enjoy activities unique to a camp setting, and enjoy meaningful worship as a church family. Whether you are single, married with children, married without children, empty nesters, or retired, you will have an amazing time with your church family!

## **WHAT WILL WE DO?**

We'll have fun together, break bread together, fellowship together, worship together, and work together to have a memorable and meaningful weekend for all!

## **Here is what the weekend has to offer:**

- Ice Cream social at 9PM on Saturday night
- Board games, card games, and fellowship every evening
- Service project Saturday morning
- Tekoa Kids on Saturday and Monday mornings – Includes crafts, games, and recreation for toddlers through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- Zipline, climbing tower, hiking, and other activities daily
- Waterfront time daily – including fishing, canoeing, rope swinging, and swimming.
- Volleyball, kickball, disc golf, basketball, 4-square, soccer and more!
- Reflection time – Scheduled times of no activity or noise allowed, to permit children of all ages to rest!
- Saturday night campfire at the campfire circle – campfire, S'mores, and camp songs - fun for the whole family.
- Sunday night campfire with stories and singing, ending with a wonderful Communion service.
- IF we have enough volunteers, baby-sitting provided on Sat. and Sun. nights from 9PM – 10:30 PM.
- Daily morning devotion time & a special Worship Service on Sunday morning.
- Hendersonville has lots to offer as well, including the apple festival, shopping, Carl Sandburg home, and more!
- If you just want to relax, grab a rocking chair, read a book, knit, and enjoy people watching!

## WILL ANYTHING ELSE BE REQUIRED?

To keep our costs affordable for all, everyone shares in the weekend responsibilities in some way. A little work for a lot of enjoyment!

We have a lot of fun together, but we all help out, too.

- **Each adult and Senior High Youth (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)** helps with one meal (prepare, serve, clean up) under the direction of the meal coordinators and will serve on a committee.
- **Each middle school youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)** will help with a Tekoa Kids session (either Saturday or Monday)
- **Everyone** helps on Monday morning as we clean our own cabins and a small assigned area of the campground.
- **Sweets/Snacks. . . YOU** provide our snacks and desserts for the weekend! Anything like cookies, cakes, brownies or any other item that you enjoy to eat. One dessert & one snack.

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

<b>For 3 Nights:</b>	<b><u>Prior to May 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>After May 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Ages 3 and Under	Free	Free
Ages 4 and Older	\$105 per person	\$110 per person
<b>For 2 Nights:</b>	<b><u>Prior to May 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>After May 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Ages 3 and Under	Free	Free
Ages 4 and Older	\$85 per person	\$90 per person
<b>Day Campers:</b>	<b><u>Prior to May 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>After May 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Ages 3 and Under	Free	Free
Ages 4 and Older	\$20 per day	\$20 per day

Scholarships are available to help alleviate cost: Please see Kevin Ward or Bruce Fowler

Fees include:

Lodging (unless you are a day camper), meals, and Camp Tekoa recreational charges.

## **WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?**

Please complete **BOTH SIDES** of the separate Registration Form enclosed and return with a non-refundable deposit of 10% of cost per person to the church office or give to Bruce Fowler at Cokesbury or Kevin Ward at St. Andrews

- Make checks payable to your church (Cokesbury UMC or St. Andrew's UMC)
- Turn checks and forms to Bruce Fowler or Kevin Ward.
- Final registration deadline—July 7<sup>th</sup> (after this date, you can register only if there is space available)
- 50% of balance due by July 7<sup>th</sup> (non-refundable after 8/11/19)
- Full Balance Due by August 11<sup>th</sup>
- Scholarships are available but limited in numbers and payment plans can be set up; Contact Kevin Ward or Bruce Fowler

## **Fellowship Teams:**

**Each adult and high school youth** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) assists on one Fellowship Team. The following is a description of the responsibilities of each team and you mark your preferences on the Registration Form enclosed.

**Welcome** –Greet and welcome people as they arrive at camp on Friday night. They hand out nametags, cabin assignments, and free hugs! They also help with ice cream social and clean-up.

**Worship/Devotions** – The entire weekend in itself is meant to be a worship experience, so formal times of worship are kept simple. This committee plans and facilitates a Saturday and Monday morning devotion and a relaxed and meaningful Sunday morning worship experience.

**Recreation** – Coordinate activities for those energetic youth and adults to have something more to do during open times other than rock on the porch (volleyball, kickball, hikes, disc golf, hike on meditation trail, and more)

**Saturday Night Campfire** – Coordinate songs to sing, help prepare and serve s'mores, get fire started and put out

**Sunday Night Campfire** – What will we do as we watch the flames of our campfire? Listen to stories, sing or share what's on our hearts? This group also plans and coordinates Communion for Sunday night.

**Evening Babysitting**-Volunteer one 45 minutes to let our parents with young children enjoy the evening activities. Times are from 9:00-10:30 Saturday or Sunday night. If we do not have enough volunteer for babysitting, we will offer babysitting on Saturday night only. To volunteer for this committee, you must be safe sanctuary trained and approved.

**Tekoa Kids** – This committee will help facilitate preplanned activities for the children. If you are interested in helping plan these activities, see Sherry Jackson. If you sign up for this committee, you will help either Saturday morning or Monday morning. To volunteer for this activity, you must be safe sanctuary trained and approved.

**Meal Coordinators** – Assist in planning the menu. Direct assigned team for one meal in food preparations, serving, and clean – up.

**Snack Committee**-Assist with setting out and cleaning up snacks during the evening activities and assist with scheduled afternoon snacks on Saturday and Sunday.

## **TEKOA GUIDELINES**

- **Smoking and other use of tobacco products are permitted ONLY in the designated smoking area. Please see the Camp Tekoa weekend host for the designated smoking area.**
- **No Alcohol is permitted on camp grounds.**
- **All youth 17 and under should be under adult supervision at all times.**