

2026

CLEARWATER FOREST

CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER
ON CLEARWATER LAKE

Changing lives in God's woods and waters



Whether you're a camper, counselor, or guest, Clearwater Forest is a community where faith deepens, friendships grow, and nature restores. Nestled among towering pines and shimmering lakes, Clearwater Forest is where stillness, adventure, and spiritual renewal come naturally.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Presbyterian Clearwater Forest, Inc. is a ministry of Christ called to:

- Provide faith-building Christian programming
- Provide effective facilities and services to support conferencing
 - Nurture an active Christian community
- Be the faithful steward of God's creation at Clearwater Forest

SCAN TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN EXPERIENCE AT CAMP



2026 AT A GLANCE

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| <p>JANUARY Counselor Reunion Retreat and Snow Camp</p> | <p>FEBRUARY Winter Chrysalis Women's Retreat</p> | <p>MARCH</p> |
| <p>APRIL Seeds of Service</p> | <p>MAY Big Day Event and Day Camp Open House</p> | <p>JUNE Summer Camps!!</p> |
| <p>JULY Summer Camps!! Adventure-A-Thon and Forest Fest</p> | <p>AUGUST Endless Camp and Summer Chrysalis Women's Retreat</p> | <p>SEPTEMBER Ministry Leaders Retreat</p> |
| <p>OCTOBER Men's Retreat</p> | <p>NOVEMBER</p> | <p>DECEMBER Mom's Relax and Renew Retreat</p> |



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Please contact the Clearwater Forest Office:

218-678-2325 or office@clearwaterforest.org

COUNSELOR REUNION RETREAT

DATE: JANUARY 7–9

Price: \$100/person unless staying to help with Snow Camp!

Come reunite with past counselors while relaxing at Camp!



SNOW CAMP: SHINE IN THE SNOW!

DATE: JANUARY 9–11

Who: Any camper in grades 3–12 as well as adult chaperones

Cost: \$175/camper

We will be celebrating Matthew 5:14–16 and how even in the darkest and coldest seasons, God’s light shines through us! When we reflect His love—through kindness, courage, and faith—we bring warmth and hope to others. We will also have lots of fun activities including snowshoeing, snow Mighty, Mighty broomball, night games, worship, Quest, and so much more!



Winter Chrysalis WOMEN’S RETREAT

Our Daily Bread: What Do You “Knead”?

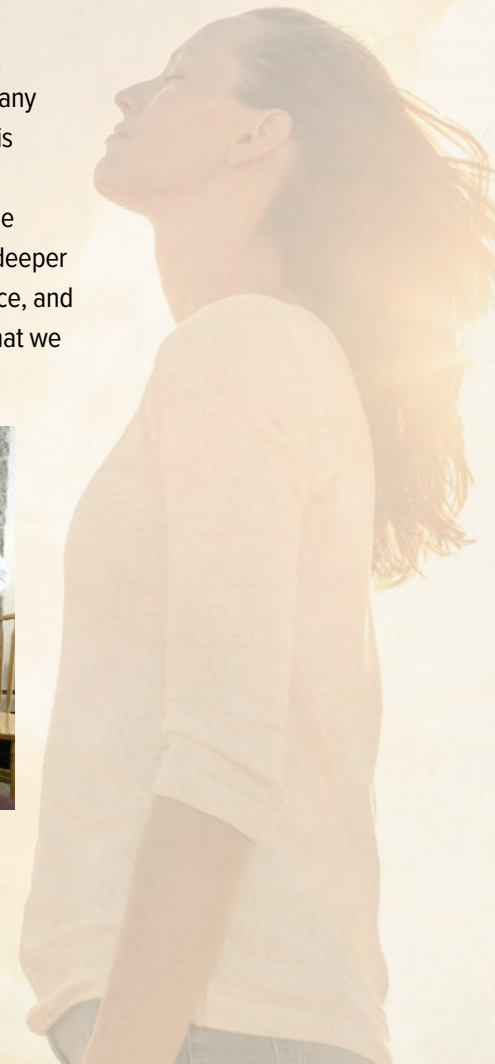
DATE: FEBRUARY 20–22

Who: Women of any age!

Cost: \$300/person. Includes 2 nights lodging (double occupancy/shared rooms only), meals, and programming.

Speaker: Reverend Elaine Boyd

In recent years, bread has gotten a bad rap, but throughout the centuries, bread has been for many people their main source of sustenance. Bread is mentioned over 400 times in the Bible as a sign of both physical and spiritual nourishment. Come explore how this ancient symbol points us to a deeper understanding of God’s radical faithfulness, grace, and welcome for us, and encourages us to share what we receive with others.





CLEARWATER FOREST BIG DAY EVENT- MAY 16

DATE: MAY 16, 8am–Noon, with option to stay the weekend

Who: Anyone who loves birding or wants to learn more about birds!

Cost: \$100/per room/per night, or Saturday only programming (FREE)

Spend Saturday learning from experts about different birds and competing to find the most bird species. We will create teams, each with an expert birder, and spend the morning searching for feathered friends! Participants have the option of staying at Clearwater for the weekend or just coming for the Saturday event.

SEEDS OF SERVICE

DATE: APRIL 10–12

Who: Any camper in grades 6–12 as well as any adults and family members

Cost: \$100/per room/per night for weekend, or Saturday only programming (Free)

Come for the day or stay for the weekend. Seeds of Service is Clearwater’s yearly service retreat that allows youth and adults the opportunity to give back to Clearwater. Campers will stay in either Leaning Tree, Eagle Lodge, or the Carriage House and will help complete service projects around camp. This year we hope to create a rain garden/bioswale by the dining hall. We will also work at setting up camp for the summer season and learn about waste reduction strategies.



DAY CAMP OPEN HOUSE

DATE: MAY 26, 5–7pm

Come learn about Day Camp! Tour the facility and learn about the daily schedule of activities!

CLEARWATER FOREST SUMMER CAMP 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---------------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|---|
| | JUNE 1 | 2 | 3 FIRST DAY OF DAY CAMP | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| COUNSELOR IN TRAINING | | | | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| SESSION 1: GRANDS AND FAMILY CAMP | | | SESSION 1: DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, SENIOR HIGH CAMP | | | |
| COUNSELOR IN TRAINING | | | | | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | JULY 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| SESSION 2: GRANDS AND FAMILY CAMP | | | FIRST TIMERS CAMP | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| SESSION 3: GRANDS AND FAMILY CAMP | | | SESSION 2: DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, SENIOR HIGH CAMP ----- MOUNTAIN BIKE MANIA | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 FOREST FEST AND ADVENTURE-A-THON |
| SESSION 4: GRANDS AND FAMILY CAMP | | | SESSION 3: DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, SENIOR HIGH CAMP ----- TRIENNIAL REUNION WEEK! | | | 10-DAY SENIOR HIGH AND SAILING CAMP |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| SESSION 4: DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, SENIOR HIGH CAMP | | | 10-DAY SENIOR HIGH AND SAILING CAMP | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | AUGUST 1 |
| SESSION 5: DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, SENIOR HIGH CAMP | | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| SESSION 6: DISCOVERY, ADVENTURE, SENIOR HIGH CAMP ----- ENDLESS! | | | | | | |

DAY CAMP OPEN HOUSE

MAY 26, 5–7pm

DAY CAMP

DATE: JUNE 3–AUGUST 7, Day Camp Season, open Monday–Friday 7:30am–5:00pm

Who: Youth who have completed grades K-5

Cost: \$220/week or \$50/day. Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack included

Day camp is a summer long program that allows youth to interact and hang out with other youth doing numerous outdoor fun summer activities such as:

- Gaga Ball
- Archery
- Arts and Crafts (So many options!!)
- Biking
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Outdoor Games (Tag, Slip and Slide, Relays...)
- Sports (Soccer, Basketball, Kickball)
- Writing
- Climbing
- Music and Worship



DAY CAMP LOON PROGRAM

Leading Others Outwardly and Nobly

DATE: JUNE 3–AUGUST 7, Day Camp Season, open Monday–Friday 7:30am–5:00pm

Who: Youth who have completed 6th–8th grade

Cost: \$125/week or \$25/day (breakfast, and lunch included); \$25/day

The L.O.O.N. program is an opportunity for youth to gain and practice new leadership skills amongst their day camp peers. They will work with our Program Directors daily to learn new skills to better their communication, group games, time management, and more! They will still enjoy the great adventures and fun of day camp while building up and growing into a young leader.

CAMP PRICING

At Clearwater, we believe that every youth should have the opportunity to experience summer camp, regardless of their family's situation. For this reason, we provide an opportunity for scholarship money for up to 1/2 the price of camp based on a scholarship application. We are so thankful for our generous donors who make this possible! During the registration process, just click on the link for the scholarship application to make your scholarship request. Almost all requests are granted. Please contact our office with any questions.

Pricing shown below is representative of one week of camp. Camps shorter or longer than one week are priced proportionally to the rates listed for full-week camps.

Price for One Week of Camp \$650

Early Bird Special – Register before April 15, 2026 and get \$25 off camp!

Summer Camp Season is June 14–August 7th! Campers check in on Sunday at 3pm. First Timers and Grands/Family Campers will check out at 3pm on Wednesday. Discovery, Adventure, and Senior High will check out at 3pm on Friday.

While all ages attend camp together, we divide into programs based on grade level. This helps give appropriate programming to all ages!



DISCOVERY CAMP

Who: Going into 3rd–6th Grade

Discovery camp is all about discovering Clearwater Forest and the activities and friendships that come along with it. Our amazing and compassionate counselors will be in their cabins to guide them throughout an entire week of memorable experiences and activities!

ADVENTURE CAMP

Who: Going into 6th–9th Grade

Adventure camp is all about engaging in new experiences and adventures at Clearwater Forest! Adventure campers get to experience mountain biking, pirating, and the many awesome night games (including the camp favorite “Hogwarts”).

SENIOR HIGH CAMP

Who: Going into 9th to just completed 12th Grade

Come for a week, 10 days, or 2 weeks! We have several options for High School students, including Counselor in Training, Classic Camp, Senior High 10-day, and Senior High Sailing Camp. Each offers the campers the ability to participate in all the classics such as morning and evening worship, Quest, cabin time, campers choice, all camp games, night games, and more!

FIRST TIMERS CAMP

Who: Going into 3rd–6th grade

WHEN: JUNE 28–JULY 1

Cost: \$475/camper

First Timers Camp is designed for campers who may never have been to camp before or have never been away from home! We make it a short week to allow for them to get all of the amazing camp experiences, but not be gone for too long. During First Timers week, there are no “big kids” at camp, so they get to have the place all to themselves! Our amazing counselors (who receive homesickness training) will be in their cabins to guide them through a memorable first (or second, or third!) camp experience.

2026 SUMMER THEME: FRUITFULL FAITH!

We will dive into the Fruits of the Spirit—Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Faithfulness, Goodness, Gentleness, and Self-Control!



COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)

DATE: JUNE 14-26

Cost: \$650/camper

Campers who are age 16 and up can participate in our Counselor in Training Program! This two week program involves training that will prepare them for leadership and development as a counselor. CIT's will be paired with a counselor and assigned to a cabin to help co-lead that cabin!

SENIOR HIGH 10-DAY CAMP

DATE: JULY 15-24

Cost: \$950

When 7 days is just not enough time at camp! Arrive Wednesday at 3pm and stay until the following Friday! Saturday is spent enjoying the festivities of Forest Fest and Adventure-A-Thon.

SENIOR HIGH SAILING CAMP

DATE: JULY 15-24

Cost: \$950

This 10-day camp is filled with time on the lake! No sailing experience is required as campers are taught everything they need to know. Campers then put their knowledge to the test by sailing around Clearwater Lake!

Sailing Camp is for 7th-12th Grade Campers



SPECIAL WEEKS

MOUNTAIN BIKE MANIA! SESSION 2: JULY 5-10

Extra time will be spent on the trails this week! Daily rides will be offered as part of campers choice time as well as extra lessons for beginners.

TRIENNIUM REUNION! SESSION 3: JULY 12-17

Did you go to Triennium last summer?? Come to camp and reunite with everyone this summer!



GRANDS AND FAMILY CAMP

Who: Grands and Family Camp is for campers of any age who want to bring their grandkids, children, nieces/nephews to Clearwater for a couple of days to experience the fun of Summer Camp! Grands and Family campers will stay in Eagle Lodge and will have their own assigned counselors who will create an itinerary of FUN for all ages!

Cost: \$315 for adults, \$300 for youth (age 4–18)

When: Grands and Family camp runs from Sunday at 3pm until Wednesday at 3pm starting June 21st. There are 4 sessions available.

CLEARWATER FOREST FEST AND ADVENTURE-A-THON

DATE: JULY 18

Join us for a day full of adventure, live music, great food, and fun! Adventure-a-thon is a triathlon (kayak/canoe, bike, run/walk) that is open to all! Register either as an individual, relay, or make a team! Then hang around camp, listen to live music, and enjoy free dinner!



SUMMER CHRYSALIS WOMEN'S RETREAT

DATE: AUGUST 13–16

Speaker: Anna Kendig Flores

More information will be available on the website in the spring!



MINISTRY LEADERSHIP RETREAT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20–23

Cost: \$430 single occupancy, \$325 double occupancy

Goals of the retreat: Join us for high-quality, meaningful learning and reflection, connecting with others while networking, and rest and renewal in God's creation.

More information to come!

MEN'S RETREAT

DATE: OCTOBER 9–11

Theme: Elemental Faith

Cost: \$325 single occupancy, \$225 double occupancy

Leaders: Pastor Hans Anderson (First Lutheran Church in Pine River, MN) and Pastor Scott Thompson (First Presbyterian Church in Willmar, MN)

A weekend just for the men - Fishing, hiking, photography, bonfires, worship, and fellowship.

MOMS RELAX AND RENEW

DATE: DECEMBER 4–6

Theme: Breathe again!

Cost: \$325 single occupancy, \$225 double occupancy

A weekend focused on deep rest, quiet spaces, gentle movement, and unplugging from daily demands. We will have time to wrap presents, make gifts, bake, hike/snowshoe, or just lounge around in fellowship with other moms!

FAN THE FLAME!

At Clearwater Forest, we strive to provide 5 key elements to all of our Programming:

Faith Formation – worship, Quest, and adult retreats

Leadership & Character Development – skill-building and teamwork activities

Adventure Experiences – archery, low-ropes, kayaking, canoeing, mountain biking, and more!

Mission and Service – quilting, local outreach, and preparing/storing relief kits


Environmental Education & Stewardship – pollinator gardens, waste education, and exploring the outdoors!

We are raising money to build a new Programs Building that will allow us to expand our FLAME offerings! This building will provide an all-season indoor space for worship, large-group gatherings, and recreation. It will expand our capacity for year-round programming, including retreats, leadership development, education, and adventure experiences.



HOW TO REGISTER FOR CAMP

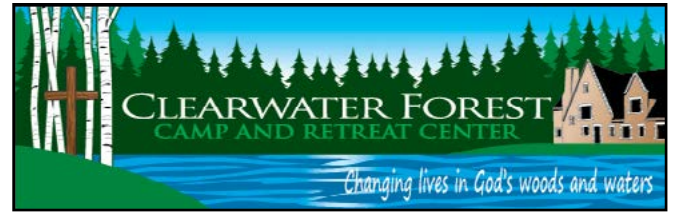
All camps end on Friday at 3 pm.

1. Go to clearwaterforest.org or scan QR code 
2. Click on one of the top buttons that ask you to register.
3. Scroll down the page to the 'Register Now!' button and click on it.
4. Login to your existing account or create a new account.
5. Select the camp session that is right for you!
6. For help or to answer questions, please contact the Clearwater Forest office: 218-678-2325 or office@clearwaterforest.org



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for up to 50% of the cost of camp. To request a scholarship, follow the scholarships link in the registration website. Exceptions to this amount can be made for unique needs. Please contact Lara at Programs@clearwaterforest.org if more than 50% is needed.



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