



Mission
AKITA
FALL EDITION 2024



Welcome

ABOUT MISSION AKITA

Each year the Summer Camp and Retreat Center depend on faithful volunteers to help prepare for the Summer Camp season. Our 2024 Fall Mission Akita experience is fast approaching, and we invite you to join us for a time of meaningful work, special friendships, and spiritual renewal at our beautiful Camp Akita.



OCTOBER 16 - 23, 2024

DO I NEED A SPECIFIC SKILL?

There are jobs to fit your skill set! If you have a specialty or have experience in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, or other maintenance skills, we can use your assistance. If you enjoy grounds, landscaping, clearing/maintaining trails, or mowing, we have many opportunities for you as well. We will also need kitchen volunteers and those that have a love for organizing. There are lots of opportunities for the "unskilled" as well. Everyone can pitch in!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN I BRING MY FAMILY

This event is focused primarily on the volunteer participants. Our first appeal is to the adult volunteer. However, yes, we are happy for families, parents, and children to participate in this mission trip to Camp Akita.

WHAT KIND OF JOBS WILL WE BE DOING?

This fall, we have several projects to complete, including but not limited to:

- Rebuilding decks
- Finishing the remodel of the Firebowl
- Tree clean up from recent storms
- Reorganization projects
- Cleaning projects
- Landscaping projects

WHAT KIND OF JOBS WILL WE BE DOING?

Absolutely! For example, if you are an electrician – please bring the tools you are most comfortable with. If you have a mower for grass, or even taller grass, or a weedwhacker, be sure to bring it along. Other tools you can bring: wheelbarrow, pruners, broom, rake, or other tools. Please use a permanent marker or other method to identify all personal tools that you bring.

WHAT IF I CAN'T STAY ALL WEEK?

While we would love for you to stay all week, we understand that you have a busy schedule too! We are grateful for any time you are willing to dedicate to this mission. Please carefully note the days you are able to participate and the meals you will be present for on the registration form.

WHERE WILL I STAY?

During Mission Akita the camp will be available **ONLY** to our volunteers & camp staff. We will be utilizing the chalets, lodge, village cabins, and rustic cabins as space is needed. There is campsite availability for rustic camping and hook-ups for your personal tent, trailer, or motor home. ALL volunteers need to bring their own bedding, sleeping bag, pillow, towels, and personal supplies unless told otherwise.

Before leaving, a list of cleaning duties will be posted. We kindly request that our volunteers help by leaving their lodging area clean or even a bit better than when they were found.

****IF YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR SKILLSET: PLEASE MENTION IT ON THE REGISTRATION FORM****



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT AND WHERE WILL I EAT?

We are planning scrumptious breakfasts, lunches, and suppers for each full day. Please note on the application if you have any special needs (dairy free, vegan, gluten free, etc...), or food allergies. If you are camping in your own vehicle, you are welcome to fix your own meals. HOWEVER, we'd love to have the opportunity to eat together. If you prefer to fix your own meals, please clearly mark that on your application form so that we can plan appropriately. (Please complete the "MEALS" section of the registration form.) Meals will be served in the cafeteria at the Main Lodge.

WHEN WILL THE MEALS BE SERVED?

A regular meal schedule will be provided. To help us effectively organize our daily work plan, please be on time to each meal.

CAN I BRING MY PET?

No pets of any kind are allowed at Camp Akita. The only exception is for Service Animals. Pre-approval is required for a Service Animal during our Mission Akita event.

WHAT ABOUT FISHING?

Fishing at Camp Akita is permitted. Fish are NOT to be stored or cooked in the Camp Akita buildings.

CAN I HAVE A CAMPFIRE?

Fires are permitted in designated fire rings only, and only as approved by the Camp Manager.

IS THERE ANYTHING I SHOULD NOT BRING?

NO - firearms or fireworks are permitted.
NO - smoking or alcoholic beverages are permitted
NO - illegal substances or drugs.

WHAT IF I HAVE A MEDICAL EMERGENCY?

Camp Akita has regular safety protocols. It is requested that each volunteer plan for their own first aid needs, including bandaids, blister care, allergy and personal medications.

Nearest Immediate Care & Hospital: Galesburg OSF

OTHER CONCERNS?

The Camp Manager will keep us posted as to specific concerns at our general meetings and meals. If necessary, items will be posted. Please note that there are activity areas that must be supervised to be used. The Camp Manager will provide a list of activity options for each day. Please do not enter the pastures. The horses are friendly, but for your safety & theirs please do not feed them. By entering their space, they may assume you are providing a treat. Please be safe.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you still have questions that are not answered in this packet, please contact Matt Healy (Property Manager) or Tim Pittenger (Camp Manager) for camp or work site questions. If you need assistance with your Mission Akita reservation, please contact Claudya Barrientos, Assistant to the Youth Department.

See the last page for contact info.

Packing List

-Mission Akita 2024: Fall Edition

- Shoes
- Bedding & pillow (sheets/blankets or sleeping bag)
- Bath towel/ Toiletries
- Personal Hygiene/Hair supplies
- Glasses/contacts
- Personal Medications
- Sunscreen/insect repellent
- Swim suit/towel
- Jacket, sweatshirt, hat (think to wear layers)
- Rain gear
- Other camping gear: tent etc
- Work clothes
- shoes (close-toed)
- Gloves Protective glasses (may be necessary)
- Casual clothes (camp casual for worship too)



*Don't forget your "can-do" attitude
and that charming smile!*



Schedule

WEDNESDAY | OCT 16

- 5:00pm Check in
- 6:00pm Supper

THURSDAY | OCT 17

- *Check in upon arrival
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:00 am Work/Projects
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00pm Work /Recreation time.
- 4:30 pm Camp Activities Open
- 6:00pm Supper

FRIDAY | OCT 18

- *Check in upon arrival
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:00 am Work/Projects
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00pm Work /Recreation time.
- 4:00 pm Sabbath Prep
- 6:00pm Supper
- 7:30 pm Vespers

SATURDAY | OCT 19

Saturday is a free day for you to enjoy Sabbath at Camp. You may also visit some of our churches in the area:

Peoria SDA Church:

4019 N Knoxville Ave Peoria IL

Galesburg SDA Church:

1626 W Losey St Galesburg IL

Meals:

- Breakfast 8:45 am
- Lunch 12:30 pm
- Supper 6:00 pm

SUNDAY | OCT 20

- *Check in upon arrival
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:00 am Work/Projects
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00pm Work /Recreation time.
- 4:30 pm Camp Activities Open
- 6:00pm Supper

MONDAY | OCT 21

- *Check in upon arrival
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:00 am Work/Projects
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00pm Work /Recreation time.
- 4:30 pm Camp Activities Open
- 6:00pm Supper

TUESDAY | OCT 22

- *Check in upon arrival
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:00 am Work/Projects
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00pm Work /Recreation time.
- 4:30 pm Camp Activities Open
- 6:00pm Supper

WEDNESDAY | OCT 23

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:00 am Work/Projects
- 12:30 pm Lunch

Departure after lunch

****Be prepared for a few special events happening throughout the week after dinner****

Contact Info

CAMP MANAGER

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PROPERTY MANAGER

Matt Healy
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YOUTH DIRECTOR

Josant Barrientos
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SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR

Stacey DePluzer
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Anything else

If there is anything else you may need during your time at Mission Akita, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We're happy to help. Please know that we are grateful for the time you've taken to serve alongside us here at our beautiful camp. You are the very best part of Camp Akita. God bless you!