

# Parish Camp 2025: What to Expect

Parish Camp is held at St. John's Ukrainian Camp, about an hour's drive from Ottawa.  
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It's beautiful, rustic and peaceful. There is a lake with a beach and dock, lots of green space and forest areas. There's also a dining hall, chapel, washrooms with running water and showers, two dormitory style cabins and a few rentable cottages scattered about. There is a large beach-side fire pit, picnic tables, and BBQs.

There are canoes, paddles, PFDs, and outdoor/beachy toys/activities for our use.

St. John's Camp, while renting to private groups like our church, also has members, so we may see other people using the beach and washrooms while we're there. We otherwise have exclusive access to the campgrounds including the dining hall, chapel and dorms.

There is no lifeguard on duty and as noted above, other people may be present. Adults are responsible for themselves, their belongings and for any children they bring with them at all times.

## HOW CAMP WORKS

**OFFICIAL CAMP WEEKEND** starts on Friday, August 22. Come as early as you like! Bring your own snacks/lunch if you need it. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

Camp meals are made and served by us registered campers. There will be a list posted in the dining hall of who's helping with what meals. For each meal, the cooks will clean the kitchen and diners will clean their own dishes.





The schedule is very relaxed, as we mostly just spend our time in fellowship, eating and hanging out at the beach! However, Jesse always runs Capture the Flag on Saturday afternoon, Adam may teach firebuilding, others may lead crafts/activities, and if we have clergy in attendance there will be a service or two. If no clergy is present we will do readers' services. If you'd like to run an activity, please let Kat know!

Before we go home, everyone helps to clean up the dining hall, chapel, dorms, etc. You can sign up for these activities which will be posted in the dining hall.

Camp ends after lunch and cleanup on Sunday August 24.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Here's an overly detailed list of all the things you may like to bring:

- tent if you're tenting
- sleeping bag if you're sleeping
- Clothes suitable to the forecast (check it ahead of time!)
- Bathing suit
- personal toiletries
- towel
- Water bottle
- Bugspray
- Sunscreen
- hat
- Raincoat
- Sneakers and sandals
- Beer, wine, etc.
- camping chairs or beach mats
- Outdoorsy games or sand toys
- Campy crafts
- Fishing rods
- BBQ charcoal if you feel the need to get your grill on
- There will be snacks for the weekend, but if you need something extra you may want to bring your own food. Please no tree nuts or peanuts allowed in the dining hall due to campers with severe allergies).

P.S. There is very limited cell service at camp. Come prepared to be offline.