

Wisconsin Camp Meeting A Foretaste of Heaven

Since 1867, Wisconsin Adventists have eagerly anticipated our yearly camp meeting. All ages come together from every walk of life to share rich fellowship and draw near to God for nine glorious days.

Before camp meeting officially begins, cars, campers and motorhomes from over 20 states begin arriving at Camp Wakonda, our 220-acre pine forested summer camp, and settle in to over 750 cabins and campsites nestled between two small lakes.

Most visitors love to walk the grounds and trails, enjoying wildflowers, sandhill cranes, white-tailed deer, raccoons, foxes and an occasional bear.

Each year we are deeply nourished by a variety of guest speakers such as U.S. Senate Chaplain Barry Black, Mark Finley, Neil Nedley, Jan Paulsen, and David Ascherick. Music has included the King's Herald's, the Emmanuel Quartet, Michael Harris, and a wide variety of mini-concerts.

Every day is filled with children and youth Bible lessons, games, crafts, community outreach projects, Pathfinder classes, swimming, a gigantic sand box, unicycling, and an ever-busy outdoor basketball court.

Campers enjoy browsing through our 8,000-square-foot Adventist Book Center and tasting food samples from the market.



Mealtime options include the Fireside Lodge Cafeteria, Snack Shack, or relishing a relaxing picnic under shade trees with family, friends, or former classmates.

Throughout the week, you may visit the Nature Center, run or walk in the annual 5K Hallelujah Hustle, or get involved in a variety of community service projects. The highlight as camp meeting concludes each year is seeing 20-30 individuals commit their lives completely to Jesus Christ and be baptized in the waters of our lake.

The first Wisconsin camp meeting in 1867 was held in a cow pasture east of Janesville, with a big meeting tent ordered for \$16. About 1,200 people attended. Since that first pioneer camp meeting,

we have met in 52 different Wisconsin locations. From 1927-1977 camp meeting remained in Portage, and now we meet at Camp Wakonda in Westfield.

Many people have come to Wisconsin camp meeting over the last 152 years, each with similar aspirations; to grow stronger in the Lord, fellowship with other Christians, and delight in a foretaste of heaven's joys.

Why don't you visit Wisconsin camp meeting this year for a day, weekend, or even the full nine days!



Juanita Edge
Communication Director



From the President's Desk

Church Signs

It's a welcome sight on a Sabbath morning to see a nicely maintained sign that clearly says "Seventh-day Adventist Church." And as I walk into the church it is also nice to see other signs that say "You're welcome here," "I'm glad you are here," "We were hoping you would come today."

Those signs don't often have neatly scripted letters, but instead are in the faces and actions of the members, at the entrance door, the Sabbath School room, the hallways, the sanctuary, and even the fellowship hall.

When I make that all too often visit to a hospital I see signs everywhere letting me know how I can get to the department I am seeking. I can ask for help from any employee whether they are on the elevator, or sitting behind the "Help Desk." Some hospitals even have special "greeters" who are there to hold the door open, to offer a wheelchair, or other assistance. From the activity tables in the waiting rooms for kids,

to the literature in the racks, the sign is clear. We are here for you.

Churches are called to be hospitals for the spiritually hurting people of our communities. I would encourage you as a member of your church, as a Christian who is called to represent Jesus, to look at your sign. What are you telling the church guest, the elderly member, the young person at Sabbath School, or the youth who is just coming back one more time to see if their church believes in them? Maybe your sign needs cleaned up or repainted. Maybe it needs to have a different message. May your sign clearly read, "Jesus is alive. Welcome to His house! We're glad you are here. Our family isn't complete without you."

Wisconsin Conference President



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The President's Sabbath Schedule

May

- 4 Vacation
- 11 Hispanic Brotherhood
- 18 Sparta Hispanic
- 25 WA Graduation

June

- 1 Stevens Point
- 15 Camp Meeting
- 22 Camp Meeting

July

- 13 Vacation
- 20 Vacation

August

- 3 ASI
- 10 Hispanic Camp Meeting
- 17 Oshkosh Camporee
- 24 Green Bay
- 31 Coulee Region

To request speaking appointments contact Mike Edge at mgedge@wi.adventist.org.



Mike Tucker
Speaker/Director for Faith for Today
1st Sabbath and Sunday 7:30 pm



Ken Denslow
Assistant to the President North American Division
Mon. - Thurs. 7:30 pm



Richard P. Choi
Professor/Chair of the New Testament Department, Andrews University
Sun. - Tue. 2:15 pm



Joy Kauffman
Founder/President of Farm Stew International
Sun. - Fri. 2:15 pm



Jim Hoffer
Retired Pastor & Author Mysteries of the Lost Ark
Sun. - Fri. 4:00 pm



Sarah McDugal
Project Safe Church
Tue. - Wed. 2:15 pm



Mike Edge
Wisconsin Conference President
1st Friday 7:30 pm and "Ask Your Leaders" Sunday 2:15 pm



Julian Archer
Author & Inter. Speaker Faith vs Finance
Mon. - Fri. 11:00 am
Mon. - Fri. 4:00 pm



Dennis Carlson
General Conference Planned Giving & Trust Services Director
Tue. - Thur. 2:15 pm



Dr. David DeRose
Internal and Preventive Medicine
Sun. - Fri. 2:15 pm



Jennifer Jill Schwirzer
Project Safe Church
Sun. - Mon. 2:15 pm



The Emmanuel Quartet

1st Sabbath Afternoon Concert



Shawn Boonstra
Speaker/Director The Voice of Prophecy
Friday 7:30 pm and 2nd Sabbath



Carlos Muñoz
AFCOE Director/Speaker Amazing Facts International
Mon. - Fri. 9:30 am
Sun. - Fri. 4:00 pm



Daniel Hudgens & Carlos Muñoz (pictured above)
AFCO of Amazing Facts Amazing Disciples Evangelism Training
Sun. - Fri. 4:00 pm



Glynn Scott
Lake Union Treasurer
Sun. - Tue. 4:00 pm

More Information

More camp meeting speakers, division leaders, policies, classes, & activities listed on the conference website at wi.adventist.org.

ACS Camp Meeting Community Project

Adventist Community Services will be collecting non-perishable and personal items for the Marquette County Food Shelf in Montello. Bring donations to the ACS cabin from 9-11:30 am or 2-5 pm through Sunday - Thursday of camp meeting. Remember items should not be outdated. A partial list of items to donate include:

Peanut Butter	Shampoo/Conditioner
Jelly/Jam	Lotion/Deodorant
Soups/Cereals	Hand Sanitizer/Razors
Crackers/Chips	Tooth Brush/Paste
Rice/Pasta	Kleenex/Toilet Paper
Canned Veg./Fruit	Laundry Soap/Softener
Mac & Cheese	Paper Towels (2-pk)

Camp Wakonda Work Bee May 19-24

The Wakonda Work Bee is just around the corner and we're hoping that you will be a part of it! The work bee will begin on Sunday, May 19, at 9:00 am through Friday morning May 24. Plan to come for a day, two days or stay for the whole time! Meals and housing, in cabins, will be provided for those helping with camp projects.

There are projects for everyone! From the most skilled craftsman to those eager to help. If you have a specialty, bring your equipment. Projects include:

Painting	Landscaping
Carpentry	General Repairs
Vehicle Mechanics	Power Washing
Meal Preparation	Flowerbed TLC
Stick Removal	Ground Projects
Deep Cleaning	Clean Cabin Roofs
Install Metal Roofs	Plumbing Jobs
Install Steel Siding	Install Shingles

Come enjoy fun, making new friends, fellowship, and fresh air! Optional evening activities are planned. Learn more and make your reservation by calling camp at 608-296-2126.

Camp Meeting Notices

Choir & Orchestra: Consider serving our Savior with your musical abilities! Our camp meeting choir and orchestra will be bringing the special music anthem to our camp meeting congregation on Sabbath, June 22, 2019, at 11:00 am.

Camp Meeting Kindergarten Department needs 100 white standard size good quality, cotton, white, pillow cases. To make a donation contact Tammy Elmer 607-868-9760 (evenings) or telmer66@icloud.com.

ACS Classes: 1) learn how to make a hand braided rug! *Bring an old pair of jeans for this.* 2) learn how to make a nine-patch quilt on Monday, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm!

ABC Sunday Sale

Take advantage of some great buys on Sunday, June 1, at 9:00 am in Pioneer Pavilion. Prices good only during this limited time sale.

Hallelujah Hustle

Run/walk event begins Sunday, June 16, 7:40 am. Open to all ages. Free kid's run ages 11 & under, 7:30 am.

Policy Notice: There will be a \$50 per night charge for camp meeting arrivals spending the night prior to opening night, Friday. Danger risk for accidents is very high prior to Friday due to grounds preparation, working vehicles, etc.

Hispanic Camp Meeting will be held on the grounds of Camp Wakonda August 7-11. For more information contact Evelio Miranda, at 414-446-5964, or eveliomiranda@msn.com.

Meal Tickets

Tickets are available during camp meeting at the locating office, or may be purchased early by contacting LaQuita Anderson at 920-484-6555, and mailed prior to June 6. Tickets are not available during camp meeting Sabbath hours.

	Adult	Child	Senior
Ages	11-64	4-10	65+
Breakfast	\$7.50	\$6.50	\$6.50
Lunch	\$7.50	\$6.50	\$6.50
Supper	\$7.50	\$6.50	\$6.50

Complete menu at wi.adventist.org

Register for Camp Meeting Online

Link to reservations on the conference website. Use your email address to log on. If you have any problems or questions contact campmeeting@wi.adventist.org. Site payments are now due in full.

Lighthouse Thrift Store Donations

A trailer to collect donations will be parked behind Apple Valley Market. Needed items include clothing, books, furniture, toys, housewares, etc. No TVs. For questions email lighthousestore@gmail.com, or call 920-623-0031.

ACS Leaders: Bring a display board of pictures to inspire others!

ACS Free Daily Drawing at Cabin

ACS Pincushion Project: Bring a "found object" like a teacup, little bowl, or olive can and join the fun!

ACS Classes: Monday - Friday 9:00 - noon meet at ACS cabin for knitting & crocheting class. Make a stocking hat, granny squares for lap robe, or bring your own project.

Retiring Education Superintendent



Linda Rosen, Wisconsin Conference Superintendent for Education, has announced her retirement effective August 1, 2019.

Some of Linda's contributions as Education Superintendent for the past nine years include establishing our Outdoor Education program for 5th and 6th graders, starting the annual Spelling Bee for 3rd and 4th graders, restructuring the Education Fair, and developing a Science Expo for 7th-10th graders. Linda has expanded the use of technology to aid teachers with reports and resources, launched literacy testing for students, began the process of Professional Learning Communities for teachers in Wisconsin, and provided mentorship for those aspiring to be in educational leadership.

Linda has taught at Sunnyside SDA School here in Wisconsin. Her experience also includes teaching in public school, tutoring, serving on North American Division and Lake Union committees, and teaching at the Lake Union Small Schools Workshop.

"I sincerely appreciate the many blessings and opportunities given me while working for the Wisconsin Conference both as a teacher and superintendent," said Linda. "It has truly been a blessing to work with the teachers, school personnel, and office team. I have appreciated the friendship many of you have extended to me. While I look forward to enjoying my retirement, I will miss being part of our team. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this conference." Linda will be deeply missed. As a dedicated, loving, and skilled educational leader, many students and teachers have benefited from her innovative teaching style, practical wisdom and years of experience. We wish her, and her husband Dwight, all the best in retirement.

Laurella Case New Communication Assist.



Laurella Case has accepted a part-time position at the Wisconsin Conference office as Administrative Assistant for the

Communications Department. Laurella holds a B.S. in Family Life from Southern Adventist University, and is a Certified Dental Assistant. Laurella and her husband, Adam, are no strangers to Wisconsin as they have lived in our state for 15 of the last 18 years. They have one son named Joshua who is in 7th grade at Three Angels Christian School in Madison. In her free time, Laurella enjoys baking, scrapbooking, playing music and camping. Laurella says, "I am blessed to be able to be a part of the Wisconsin Conference office team!"

Lay Pastor Program

Spring cohort training is offered May 17-19, 2019, at the conference office. Check Personal Ministries web page at wi.adventist.org for schedule. For more information, contact Personal Ministries Coordinator Titus Naftanaila, at titusnft@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

It's hard to believe we are already more than a third of the way through 2019. Though it has been slow in coming, it now appears spring has arrived to stay. What a blessing this time of year is.

As we look at our offerings for 2019 we find a tithe loss of -3.07% (\$-67,012) through March. Wisconsin Budget also shows a loss through March of -12.03% (\$-8,126). While numbers are obviously down, they are compared to last year that started out extra strong.

While we have a decrease of income we are also experiencing a decrease in expenses. It's amazing how God takes care of our budget both in good times and more difficult times.

I was encouraged last week as I attended week of prayer at Wisconsin Academy and witnessed several students rededicate their life to Jesus. Changing lives for a closer walk with Jesus is the reason Wisconsin Academy exists. Thank you for your support of our Academy.

I was also excited to hear that our evangelist Tom Michalski has several guests asking for baptism and attending church even before the series is over. We praise God once again for lives being changed. That too is why our churches exist, to change lives and bring others to Jesus.



Brian Stephan
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	2019	2018	% Change
March Tithe Income:	\$688,549	\$710,323	-3.07%
YTD Tithe Income:	\$1,569,521 <small>(13 wks)</small>	\$1,636,534 <small>(13 wks)</small>	-4.09%
March Wisc. Budget:	\$24,760	\$25,988	-4.73%
YTD Wisconsin Budget:	\$59,437 <small>(13 wks)</small>	\$67,564 <small>(13 wks)</small>	-12.03%



from the principal's desk:

Springtime Inside & Out

Outside my office window the daffodils are just opening, and across campus there are crocuses and tulips popping up in the flower beds. Although I really enjoyed winter and the piles of snow that accompanied its stay, it is a real blessing to welcome spring to our beautiful campus. It reminds me that when I allow Jesus' "white robe of righteousness" to cover me, a new life can spring forth in me. The "old dead leaves and weeds" from before winter need to be disposed of, and His life in me can come forth new and fresh. Unless I cultivate, water and feed the new plants that grow, they won't thrive and grow properly. Likewise, I need to make the time for Bible study and prayer, allowing the Holy Spirit to cultivate a Christ-like image in me.

Our desire for the young people God has placed in our path here at Wisconsin Academy is for them to experience this new life in and through Jesus. We seek to plant the seeds of faith, and water them as we give our young men and women the opportunity to learn about God through worship, Bible studies and classes, Weeks of Prayer and Weekends of Spiritual Emphasis. It is so exciting to watch and be a part of this amazing process.

With spring comes a very busy time of the year for us. Among the many events that take

place was the Wisconsin Conference Music Festival where over 200 students learned more about singing and making music to praise God. We had a full house for their presentation on Sabbath afternoon.

Recently the school hosted Pastor Mark Howard who shared about Bible prophecy, as well as Pastor Karl Tsalabasis who encouraged us to dig deeper into the many facets of the biblical Sanctuary. At these spiritual revivals, many students recommitted their lives to Jesus, or made a decision to follow Him for the first time.

Throughout this school year a central theme of all our speakers has been a challenge to spend time with God through Bible study and prayer. We want to thank you for continuing to pray for the Holy Spirit to be on our campus working with each heart, preparing us to spread God's message to the world.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit." Psalm 51:10-12

Rosalie Rasmussen, principal
Wisconsin Academy

Lawrence New English Teacher



We are happy to announce that Danielle Lawrence will be our new English teacher. Danielle comes to us from Bethel Junior Academy. She graduated with a B.S. in Communication and a minor in History from Southwestern Adventist University, then went on to earn a B.S. in English from Viterbo University.

"What an awesome responsibility we have to communicate Christ's love to a desperate world whether by speaking, writing, or listening," says Danielle. "I look forward to sharing this passion with my students, co-workers, and church family."

Danielle and her husband, Andrew, who is a professional floor installer, have a cat named Grrr. In Danielle's free time she enjoys singing, playing guitar and piano, camping, hiking, dirt biking, writing, wild mushroom hunting, swimming, board games, thrifting, reading, and loves spending time with family.

Helping at Pregnancy Sharing Center



On Monday, March 4, students helped out at the Pregnancy Call Line Sharing Center in Madison. The Sharing Center provides free baby items such as diapers, formula, books, toys, and other equipment for women and families. Students helped by organizing boxes of cute baby clothes by size and season, disinfecting donated toys, hanging up clothes on racks, checking donated books for ripped or damaged pages, and cleaning the distribution room. We had a lot of fun and it was a privilege to help those in need.

Music Groups Tour Four States



In early March, students in Choralaires and Belissimi Cerchi (our bell choir) visited six schools, five churches, and a nursing home on a four-state tour including Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. In addition to performances, they worked with students in Adventist schools, preparing them for MusicFest. In Kentucky, they visited the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. These sites promote a biblical perspective of origins. The students were also able to sing briefly at Holy Hill, a large basilica and pilgrimage site.

Fun at Junior Benefit Talent Show



This spring, the Juniors presented an entertaining program of songs, skits, and "talent" to help raise money for their senior year. Dressed as elementary school children, they served pizza and soda to their family and friends. Entertainment included special songs, poetry recitals, storytelling, an eating contest, a rubik's cube race, a dramatic musical presentation of "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," and "synchronized swimming." It was a very fun time. Thank you family and friends for coming out to support the juniors!

Register Today for Academy Days!

May 5-6 - NEW! An Overnight Experience



**ENROLLMENT
IS OPEN!**

BEGIN NOW AT
www.wisacad.org

OR CALL
920-623-3300

Is Wisconsin Academy the right fit for you? Give it a test-drive. Academy Days is designed to give prospective 7-11th grade students the opportunity to visit classes, talk with teachers, spend a night in the dorm, eat "cafe" food, tour the campus, make new friends and just "get a feel" for academy life. The fun begins at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday and continues through 1:00 p.m. on Monday. Everything, including meals, is free. See you there!

REGISTER for this FREE event at: www.wisacad.org

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Return Service Requested

Calendar of Events

May

- 5 Adventurer Fun
- 11 Hispanic Brotherhood
- 14 Board of Education
- 15 Executive Committee
- 17-19 Lay Pastor Cohort
- 17-19 Pathfinder Fair
- 19-24 Wakonda Work Bee
- 24 Elementary School Ends
- 24-25 Wisconsin Academy Graduation
- 27 Conference Office Closed
- 31-6/2 Hispanic Women's Retreat
- 31 Teacher In-Service

June

- 10-14 Camp Pitch
- 14-22 Camp Meeting
- 23 Camp Strike
- 24 Conference Office Closed
- 26-30 Specialty Camp
- 30-7/7 Junior Camp

July

- 6/30-7 Junior Camp
- 4 Conference Office Closed
- 7 JAHWI Sports Day
- 7-14 Tween Camp
- 14-21 Teen Camp
- 21-28 Family Camp I
- 28 Hispanic Children's Sports Day
- 28-8/4 Family Camp II
- 30 Board of Education
- 31 Executive Committee

August

- 4-6 Hispanic Camp Pitch
- 5-7 Teacher In-Service
- 7-11 Hispanic Family Camp
- 12-17 Oshkosh Inter. Camporee
- 21 Pastors Meetings
- 22 New in Ministry Meeting
- 23-25 Public Campus Ministry Retreat
- 27 Board of Education
- 28 Executive Committee

New Sheboygan Hispanic District Pastor



Pastor Danilo Colindres has accepted a call to pastor the Sheboygan Hispanic District. Originally from Honduras, Colindres graduated from the Adventist University in Costa Rica, Central America. He, his wife, Nancy, and their children, Ricardo and Dana, have lived in Wisconsin for the past nine years. In his free time, Pastor Colindres likes to read, play soccer, and go camping.



Deidra Roat, has transferred responsibilities from working in the Communications Department to working with camp meeting registration. She continues to serve as Conference Clerk.

Justin Spady, Portage District pastor, has accepted a call to serve in the Wausau District. He and his wife Jennifer began their new responsibilities in April.

Stauffer Superior District Interim Pastor



Pastor Bob Stauffer is no stranger to Wisconsin. He served for many years as a pastor in Wisconsin, and many remember and love him from his faithful ministry in the primary division at camp meeting. We are excited to have Pastor Stauffer and his wife, Alma, back in Wisconsin, serving as interim pastor in the Superior District. He began his service on April 1.