



# CAMP NAWAKWA PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2026 Program Week 1 (June 13 – June 20)

If it is raining, we continue or reschedule our program activities. We will also postpone/cancel for thunder/lightening in the area.

## SATURDAY

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<b>5:00PM-8:30PM</b>	<b>Arrival—Camp Store</b> Welcome to Camp! Pick up your cabin key, program schedule, and grab your first ice cream to kick off your week at Nawakwa!
<b>5:00PM-8:30PM</b>	<b>Activity Sign Ups- Camp Store</b> Some activities require you to sign up as they are so popular! Sign up sheets will be available when the store is open. The rest of our offerings are open during the scheduled time range.  <b>Swim Evaluations –North Camp Beach</b> All children 12 & under will need to participate in a swim evaluation. Available upon request tonight! Any time a lifeguard is on duty & not too busy with swimmers, they can also conduct an evaluation.
<b>5:00PM-8:30PM</b>	<b>Rental Boat Pick Up- Camp Store</b> Pick up the key for your rented boat & receive a how to operate orientation. Any unrented rental boats are first come, first serve, so stop by if you'd like to add a rental boat to your tab!

## SUNDAY

**LIFEGUARD HOURS: 10:00AM-1:00PM CAMP STORE HOURS: 9:30AM-5:00PM**

## ALL WEEK

**Biggest Fish Contest**  
Get out there and find the biggest fish! Email your photos to [gpaul@ymcachicago.org](mailto:gpaul@ymcachicago.org) & compete against other campers. The biggest fish in each age group will be recognized at Closing Campfire! Age groups: 10 & under, 11-17, 18 & up

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<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Gaga Ball - Gaga Ball Pit</b> A camper-led game for all ages!
<b>10:00AM-11:00AM</b>	<b>Sailing Orientation—North Camp Beach</b> <b>You will get in the water!</b> You must attend this orientation & pass an evaluation to use the sailboats. <b>You must be 13 or older to sail alone.</b> If you sailed with us last year, you have a condensed orientation! After completion of the orientation, check out the sailboat in the Camp Store.
<b>11:00AM-12:00PM</b>	<b>Swim Evaluations—North Camp Beach</b> All children 12 & under will be evaluated to determine where they can swim without a lifejacket. Upon completion, you will receive a bracelet to wear while in/on the water.
<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Camper Orientation &amp; Waterfront Safety —North Camp Beach</b> We encourage campers to attend camper orientation to learn how to maximize your stay at Nawakwa. Children under the age of 12 are not allowed to use watercrafts without someone 18+ joining them. <b>All campers must wear life jackets on watercrafts- this is Wisconsin law!</b>
<b>12:00PM</b>	<b>Family Cookout &amp; Counselor Meet &amp; Greet! -North Camp Beach</b> What's camp without a charcoal grill? Bring lunch to grill and enjoy socializing with families and the counselors!

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<b>1:00PM-3:00PM</b>	<b>Tie Dye #1—Loondry</b> One of our most popular activities, tie dye! Purchase your 2026 t-shirt in the camp store for only \$16.00!
<b>Shift 1: 1:00-1:20</b>	Bring your own item to dye for only \$5/item. We recommend items of 100% cotton.
<b>Shift 2: 1:20-1:40</b>	
<b>Shift 3: 1:40-2:00</b>	
<b>Shift 4: 2:00-2:20</b>	
<b>Shift 5: 2:20-2:40</b>	
<b>Shift 6: 2:40-3:00</b>	
<b>Shift 7: 3:00-3:20</b>	
<b>2:00PM</b>	<b>NEW** Learn to Play Disc-It —Athletic Field</b> A new large group game for all ages!
<b>3:00PM-4:00PM</b>	<b>NEW** Trip to Brazil Ice Cream Social—South Camp Lodge</b> Meet Fernanda to learn about Brazil and enjoy Wisconsin’s finest Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream! <b>Your first scoop is \$1.00 today!</b> Don’t mis out! (1 scoop=\$2.75 & 2 scoops=\$4.00)
<b>5:00PM</b>	<b>Family Volleyball- Volleyball Court</b> This session of family volleyball is for all ages & all skills. A more competitive game is later this week!
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Opening Campfire—North Camp Beach</b> One of Camp Nawakwa’s oldest traditions, gathering around the campfire! Kick off the week with songs, skits, and fellowship. We will postpone to Monday at 7:30pm if it's heavily raining. Staff will inform you if postponed.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>LIFEGUARD HOURS: 11:30AM-2:30PM CAMP STORE HOURS: 9:30AM-5:00PM</b>
<b>Grab a map from the Camp Store all week!</b>	<b>Big Crooked Regatta—Camp Store</b> Hidden around Big Crooked Lake are critters for you to find! Take a photo of each critter & stop by the Camp Store to show the photos you took. Staff will track who completes the regatta by 11:00AM Friday to be recognized at Closing Campfire. You cannot use a motorized boat to search. Good luck!
	<b>Little Sugarbush Regatta- Camp Store</b> Same regatta, new lake! You are looking for rocks 😊
<b>9:30AM-11:00AM</b>	<b>Kid’s Club —North Camp Playground</b> All campers aged 5 to 10 are invited to a morning of fun & games! Please send a bottle of water with their name on it! A guardian must be present to sign-in & sign-out their child.
<b>10:00AM-11:00AM</b>	<b>Learn to Play Pickleball —Basketball Court</b> Come learn how to play pickleball! Pickleball equipment will be available to check-out of the Camp Store.
<b>12:00PM-1:30PM</b>	<b>NEW! Paper Making— Craft Corner</b> Learn how to make your own paper!
<b>2:00PM-3:10PM</b>	<b>NEW! Northwoods Wildlife Center – South Camp Lodge</b> The Northwoods Wildlife Center returns with a new program; the American Kestrel! Come learn about the unique and beautiful adaptations that help this bird hunt and survive! We encourage you to visit the Center in Minocqua because they have more to offer! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up not necessary to attend, but helpful for seating arrangements.
<b>Shift 1: 2:00-2:30</b>	
<b>Shift 2: 2:40-3:10</b>	
<b>3:30PM – 4:30PM</b>	<b>Capture the Flag—Jordan’s Pavilion</b> A beloved game for those seeking competition!

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**6:00PM**      **Potluck- South Camp Lodge**  
A long-standing tradition of tasting delicious food from you! Please bring an entrée & a side dish/ dessert to serve 10 people. We have found that if everyone works together, everyone leaves with a full belly! **Please bring dinnerware & beverages for your family.**

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**7:15PM-7:45PM**      **Nawakwa Ice Cream Shoppe—South Camp Lodge**  
Wisconsin's finest Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream is ready for you! (1 scoop=\$2.75 & 2 scoops=\$4.00)

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**9:00PM-10:15PM**      **Teen Night—Meet at Ping Pong Pavilion**  
If you're going into 9<sup>th</sup> grade or under 21, this program is for you! Come for an exclusive night of fun!

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**TUESDAY**      **LIFEGUARD HOURS: 10AM-1PM CAMP STORE HOURS: 9:30AM-5:00PM**

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**Tie Dye Rinse Out for Sunday Shifts—Outside Loondry**  
Rinse out your impressive creations! Please rinse out your baggies & hang them on the fence so we can reuse them! **PLEASE DO NOT RINSE OUT DURING TIE DYE TODAY ☺**

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**9:30AM-11:00AM**      **NEW Basketing Weaving – Craft Corner**  
Choose from 2 sizes of baskets and create a souvenir to take home with you!

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**11:00AM-1:30PM**      **Archery #1—Athletic Field**  
This is the first archery session of the week, so staff will spend more time teaching how to use the equipment.

**Shift 1: 11:00-11:25**

**Shift 2: 11:25-11:50**

**Shift 3: 11:50-12:15**

**Shift 4: 12:15-12:40**

**Shift 5: 12:40-1:05**

**Shift 6: 1:05-1:30**

Don't forget to wear close toe shoes for archery! **Campers 10 & under MUST be accompanied by an adult.**  
Archery is recommended for campers 10 & older.

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**1:00PM-3:20PM**      **Tie Dye #2 – Loondry**  
One of our most popular activities, tie dye! Purchase your 2026 t-shirt in the camp store for only \$16.00!

**Shift 1: 1:00-1:20**

**Shift 2 1:20-1:40**

**Shift 3 1:40-2:00**

**Shift 4 2:00-2:20**

**Shift 5 2:20-2:40**

**Shift 6 2:40-3:00**

**Shift 7 3:00- 3:20**

Bring your own item to dye for only \$5/item. We recommend items of 100% cotton.

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**3:30**      **NEW Horseshoe Tournament—Athletic Field**  
Bring your A-game for a new tournament!

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**7:30PM**      **Adult Trivia Night & Kid's Club— South Camp Lodge**  
IT'S BACK!!!! Drop kids 5-10 off at North Camp Playground and head down for a night with the adults.

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**7:30PM-8:00PM**      **Nawakwa Ice Cream Shoppe- South Camp Lodge**  
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**WEDNESDAY**      **LIFEGUARD HOURS: 12PM-2:30PM CAMP STORE HOURS: 9:30AM-5:00PM**

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<b>9:00AM</b>	<p><b>Boat-in-Breakfast—Boat-in-Breakfast Peninsula</b>  A long-standing tradition, Boat-in-Breakfast! The staff are up preparing pancakes, hash browns, eggs, bacon, &amp; coffee over campfires. We have orange juice, syrup, ketchup, butter, hot sauce, &amp; some coffee supplements. Bring cups, plates, silverware, &amp; anything else you need. <b>Please sign up by Tuesday 11:00 am. The cost is TBD per person &amp; will be added to your store tab.</b> Children 4 &amp; under are free. For directions, please stop by the Camp Store! If you can't boat, we have a hiking trail that begins by Craft Corner. For a heavy rain, staff will post signs by 7:30am stating we are moving to South Camp Lodge.</p>
<b>1:30PM-4:25PM</b>  Shift 1: 1:30-1:55 Shift 2: 1:55-2:20 Shift 3: 2:20-2:45 Shift 4: 2:45-3:05 Shift 5: 3:05-3:30 Shift 6: 3:30-3:55	<p><b>Archery #2—Athletic Field</b>  Friday is the archery competition, so today is a great opportunity to get a little more practice in! You choose which target to compete at, so we recommend practicing that target!  Don't forget to wear closed toe shoes for archery! Campers 10 &amp; under <b>MUST</b> be accompanied by an adult. Archery is recommended for campers 10 &amp; older.</p>
<b>2:00PM</b>	<p><b>Volleyball Tournament—Volleyball Courts</b>  Come with a premade team of 5 and good luck to all teams!</p>
<b>4:00PM</b>	<p><b>Chess Tournament - South Camp Lod <a href="mailto:benjenks@gmail.com">benjenks@gmail.com</a></b>  Let's find out who our chess champions are! We will break up into 3 categories: 13 &amp; under, 14-17,18 &amp; up</p>
<b>7:30PM</b>	<p><b>Open Jam Campfire – North Camp Beach</b>  Staff will light a fire for anyone interested in sitting around the campfire singing songs, telling stories, or simply taking in the night sky. If you have an instrument, please bring it as we will have a songbook with camp classics for you!</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<p><b>LIFEGUARD HOURS: 12:00PM-3:00PM CAMP STORE HOURS: 9:30AM-5:00PM</b></p>
	<p><b>Tie Dye Rinse Out for Tuesday Shifts—Outside Laundry</b>  Rinse out your impressive creations! Please rinse out your baggies &amp; hang them on the fence so we can reuse them! <b>PLEASE DO NOT RINSE OUT DURING TIE DYE TODAY ☺</b></p>
<b>9:30AM-11:00AM</b>	<p><b>Kid's Club —North Camp Playground</b>  All campers aged 5 to 10 are invited to a morning of fun &amp; games! Please send a bottle of water with their name on it! A guardian must be present to sign-in &amp; sign-out their child.</p>
<b>10:00AM</b>	<p><b>Pickleball Tournament- Basketball Court</b>  Who will be the pickleball champions this year!?</p>
<b>1:30PM</b>	<p><b>16" Softball Game—Athletic Field</b>  Come on over for an all-aged 16" softball game! We have some modified rules for an inclusive game. Bring your water, wear your sunscreen, wear a hat, &amp; get ready for a fun afternoon!</p>
<b>2:00PM-3:30PM</b>	<p><b>Open Craft/Paper Making Pick Up - Craft Corner</b>  Drop in to make a craft or pick up your paper making! Leather stamping, painting hike, bracelet making, birdhouses, and more to choose from!</p>
<b>3:30PM</b>	<p><b>Ping Pong Tournament- Ping Pong Pavilion</b>  Bring your A-game and compete in a camp-classic!</p>

<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>Bags Tournament- North Camp Playground</b> Also known as “Cornhole”! Grab a partner & show up to compete in this traditional summer pastime.
<b>7:00PM-8:15PM</b>	<b>Candy Bingo—South Camp Lodge</b> A family favorite, Candy Bingo! Bring a bag of individually wrapped candy and get ready to yell BINGO!
<b>9:00PM-10:15PM</b>	<b>Mission Impossible—Meet at Jordan’s Pavilion (NC parking lot)</b> A camper favorite, MISSION IMPOSSIBLE! Glow sticks are hidden in the woods for you to find & avoid being found by the counselors. Wear good running shoes & camo/dark clothing to fool the counselors! Open to all campers! The staff have determined this activity is more suitable for children 13 years or older. Children under the age of 13 years of age can play as long as they are able to be alone in the dark! You will need to sign in & out of this activity, so please make sure you see the staff working!
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>LIFEGUARD HOURS: 11:00AM-3:00PM CAMP STORE HOURS: 9:30AM-5:00PM</b>
<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Archery Competition for All Ages—Athletic Field</b> You have practiced all week, now it’s time to compete!
<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>Triathlon Check In—North Camp Beach</b> <b>Your team is responsible for bringing a canoe to North Camp Beach.</b> Please have 2 lifejackets & 1 throwable PFD in your canoe.
<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Triathlon—North Camp Beach</b> <b>Meet at North Camp Beach!</b> One person runs from South Camp to North Camp on the road, another will row a canoe to the island, & the final person will swim back to the North Camp raft. Recognition to the winning team & solo competitor is given at the Closing Campfire & will be written on the record board!
<b>2:00PM-3:00PM</b>	<b>Water Carnival—North Camp Beach</b> A long-standing tradition for all ages! Be ready for a mini triathlon, sandcastle building contests, greasy watermelon, the beloved balloon toss, & more!
	<b>Campfire Prep—Your Cabin</b> We love it when families share a song, skit, story or special talent with at closing campfire! For ideas on what you can do, please ask the camp staff!
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Closing Campfire—North Camp Beach</b> Closing campfire is our final night together. We reflect on the week, share our favorite memories, & look forward to next year! We will move to South Camp Lodge if it’s raining heavily or storming.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>8:00AM-10:00AM</b>	<b>Checkout—Camp Store</b> Please help us get ready for our next guests by returning all camp equipment to their appropriate places and tidying up your cabin area. Please follow the posted check-out instructions in your cabin & <u>check out no later than 10:00 a.m.</u> Thank you for your assistance! We look forward to seeing you next year!