

CAMP NAWAKWA PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2025 Program Week 7 (July 19– July 26)

If you arrive after 8:30pm on Saturday, your key & welcome packet will be in your cabin.

PLEASE check in with staff on Sunday morning so we know you arrived safely! 😊

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

SATURDAY

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| 5:00PM-8:30PM | Arrival—Camp Store Please check in with staff at the Camp Store. We are very excited to assist you & make sure your arrival goes smoothly. Please let staff know if you have any questions or if there is anything we can help you with. Your cabin has been cleaned but we encourage all campers to wash their dishes prior to cooking. |
| 5:00PM-8:30PM | Activity Sign Ups- Camp Store Boat-in-Breakfast, Archery, Tie Dying, & the Wildlife session requires you to sign up because they are so popular! Check availability in the Camp Store all week! |
| DAILY 9:30AM-5:30PM | Please be considerate of other families who want to participate in the activities, so avoid signing up for an activity twice until Nawakwa staff says it's OK- this is especially important during our busy weeks! Swim Evaluations are available upon request between 5-8pm tonight! Then any time a lifeguard is on duty & it's not too busy with swimmers. |
| 5:00PM-8:30PM | Rental Boat Pick Up- Camp Store Did you reserve a pontoon, motorboat, or the fishing boat? Stop by the Camp Store to pick up the key & for an orientation on how to operate the boat! If you did not reserve a boat prior to your arrival & are interested in reserving, ask Nawakwa staff because we may have some available! All available rental boats are first come, first serve, so stop by if you are interested! |
| DAILY 9:30AM-5:30PM | |

SUNDAY

LIFEGUARD HOURS: 12:00PM –2:00PM STORE HOURS: 9:30AM-5:30PM

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| ALL Week! | Make Your Own Bracelets – Camp Store We have so many beads and thread that we would love to use up! Drop in the camp store where Sara will pull out our options for you to pick and choose what type of bracelet you'd like to make. The options are endless! This craft costs \$1 per bracelet to cover materials. |
| 10:00AM-11:00AM | Sailing Orientation—North Camp Beach <u>You will get in the water! In order to use the sailboats, you must attend this orientation & pass an evaluation. You must be 13 & older to sail alone. If you sailed with us last year, you have a condensed orientation!</u> After completion of the orientation, your name will go on a list & you can check out the dagger boards in the Camp Store. You will only be able to check out a sailboat for 2 hours at a time. This helps make sure everyone who wants to sail gets a chance to sail! |
| 11:00AM-12:00PM | Swim Evaluations—North Camp Beach All children 12 & under will need to participate in a swim evaluation. The swim evaluation determines the areas your child can swim in without a lifejacket. Upon completing the swim evaluation, the Nawakwa staff will give your child a bracelet. This bracelet needs to be worn while participating in all swimming & boating activities, so lifeguards know who has been evaluated or not. |
| 12:00PM | Family Cookout -North Camp Beach Bring the family down to North Camp Beach for lunch! We will have the coals hot & ready by 12:00! Please bring your own meat &/or veggies to grill & any side dishes you may want. Please bring your own plates, silverware & drinks. Camp will set up a table to place food on & we will provide napkins. This is not a potluck, so you do not have to provide food for others but you're welcome to. |

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| 2:00PM | Inclusive Kickball Game—Athletic Field It's a kickball mix-up! The traditional kickball rules have been thrown out the window & a set of inclusive rules have been invented by the Nawakwa staff. The staff will meet you at the Athletic Field for a game that can be played by everyone. This game is for ALL ages & abilities! Bring your lawn chairs, water bottles, sunscreen & all your excitement! 10 & under and 65+ have a special rule. |
| 3:00PM-4:00PM | Nawakwa Ice Cream Social—South Camp Lodge Come down to South Camp Lodge for Wisconsin's finest Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream! Your first scoop is free today! This is a great opportunity to catch up with all your camp friends & make new friends, all while eating ice cream! Don't miss out! (1 scoop=\$2.75 & 2 scoops=\$4.00) |
| 4:00PM | Bug and Critter Talk —Craft Corner Come learn what crawls, flies and slithers around you at Nawakwa! Take a deeper look at the critters native to the Northwoods and their importance around camp. New this year, come observe the Painted Lady Butterfly life cycle right here at camp with a butterfly hatch kit! |
| 5:00PM | Family Volleyball- Volleyball Court This session of family volleyball is for all ages & all skills. The more the merrier! A more competitive game is later this week! |
| 7:30PM | Opening Campfire—North Camp Beach Join us for one of Camp Nawakwa's oldest traditions. The Nawakwa staff have prepared an evening of fun entertainment including skits & songs. The more energy the campers have, the more fun the night will be — so come on down & let's kick off the week! If it's light rain we will still hold Opening Campfire outdoors. We will postpone it to Monday at 7:30pm if it rains heavily. Camp staff will inform you if it's postponed. |
| MONDAY | LIFEGUARD HOURS: 12:00PM –2:00PM STORE HOURS: 9:30AM-5:00PM |
| Grab a map from the Camp Store all week! | Big Crooked Regatta—Camp Store Hidden around Big Crooked Lake are painted rocks for you to find! Take a photo of each rock & stop by the Camp Store to show the photos you took. The staff will be keeping track of who completes the regatta by 11:00AM Friday to be recognized during Closing Campfire. You cannot use a motorized boat to search so hop in a kayak, canoe, rowboat, paddleboard, sailboat, or our new peddle boats! Good luck! |
| | ALL WEEK Biggest Fish Contest You have ALL week to catch the biggest fish caught in Big Crooked or Little Sugarbush Lakes! Email Gracie at gpaul@ymcachicago.org the picture of your biggest fish in order to compete against other campers. The biggest fish in each age group will be awarded at Closing Campfire! There are 3 age groups: 10 & under, 11-17, 18 & up |
| 9:30AM-11:00AM | Kid's Club —North Camp Playground All campers ages 5 to 10 are invited to a morning of fun & games! Kids should be dressed for the weather & prepared to be outdoors. Please send a bottle of water with their name on it! A guardian must be present to sign-in & sign-out their child. |
| 10:00AM | Learn to Play Pickleball —Basketball Court Come learn how to play pickleball! A counselor will be at the court to teach you the rules & some techniques of pickleball. The equipment is located at the court & available all week. Please put equipment back in the basket after playing. |
| 2:00PM-3:30PM | NEW! Air Dry Clay – Craft Corner Drop in and get creative with air dry clay from coasters to Dinasauro decor; the possibilities are endless! We will have clay available in 1lb lumps. There will be examples of the counsellors' creations available to view for inspiration. The cost for this craft including all materials is \$6. Extra clay is available in 1lb lumps for \$4 if you would like to make a bigger project. |

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| 2:00PM-3:10PM Shift 1: 2:00-2:30 Shift 2: 2:40-3:10 | NEW! Hawks of the Northwoods – South Camp Lodge The staff are very excited to have the Northwoods Wildlife Center returning with a new program; they are bringing an instructor out for Hawks of the Northwoods! Come learn about the unique and beautiful adaptations that help a red-tailed hawk hunt and survive! You are highly encouraged to find time later in the week to visit the Center in Minocqua because they have A LOT to offer! To ensure an enjoyable experience, please sign up! Children must be accompanied by an adult. |
| 3:30PM – 4:30PM | Capture the Flag—Jordan’s Pavilion This game involves plenty of hiding, sneaking, running & outsmarting the other team! Be prepared with long pants & good shoes- we will be playing in the woods! We will be using pool noodles to tag each other. |
| 6:00PM | Potluck- South Camp Lodge The potluck tradition began years ago & was held at the end of the week. Now, potluck is held on Monday night to encourage campers to come & make friends early. We begin at 6:05PM sharp , so don’t be late! We ask each family to please bring 2 dishes. <u>Bring an entrée & a side dish/ dessert (make enough to feed 10 people).</u> We have found that if everyone works together, everyone leaves with a full belly! Don’t forget your plates, cups, drinks, & utensils. You are encouraged to sit with another family to connect! |
| 7:15PM-7:45PM | Nawakwa Ice Cream Shoppe—South Camp Lodge Come on down & buy yourself a scoop (or two!) of Wisconsin’s finest Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream. Enjoy socializing with other campers & staff! Ice cream purchases will be put on your store tab, please do not bring cash! (1 scoop=\$2.75 & 2 scoops=\$4.00) |
| 9:00PM-10:15PM | Teen Night—Ping Pong Pavilion If you are going into 9 th grade or under 21, this program is for you! Come enjoy some games & hang out with the rest of the teens! |
| TUESDAY | LIFEGUARD HOURS: 12:00PM –2:00PM STORE HOURS: 9:30AM-5:30PM |
| 9:00AM | Coffee With Tyms – North Camp Beach Start your morning with a cup of coffee! Come by to chat with Alex about Camp, programs, the YMCA, World History, or the impact of the Southeastern Conference on the world of College Football! (In case of inclement weather, we’ll move inside the Welcome Center) |
| 9:30AM- 11:00AM | Leather Stamping Crafts- Craft Corner Stop by & stamp some leather! We have an assortment of stamps & items to stamp (there is an additional charge for this craft). Stamp “Nawakwa 2025” with some animals or create a unique pattern of your own! We will use mallets to stamp so young kids need guardian help. Guardians, we have colored dye so have your kids ready to get painted hands like at tie dye! FYI there is no bathroom here. Choices: Bookmarks \$3, key chains \$5, circles \$3, coin bag \$10, medium dog collar \$13, large dog collar \$15, billfold \$10, bracelet \$5, belt \$30-40 |
| 11:30AM | NEW! Painting Hike- Meet at Craft Corner New for 2025 is our painting hike, take a casual stroll along the Boat in Breakfast trail & find inspiration in your surroundings. We will be painting on canvases at the BNB peninsula, so wear appropriate footwear and bugspray! This activity will cost \$6 to cover the paint and canvas. |
| 1:00PM-3:00PM 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 | Tie Dye #1 – Loondry One of our most popular activities, tie dye! The 2025 t-shirt in adult & youth sizes is \$16.00, pillowcases are \$10.00, & tube socks are \$2. Previous year’s shirts are discounted to \$12 or \$5. You can bring your own garment to dye for only \$5/garment. We recommend items of 100% cotton. To provide an awesome creative environment, <u>please sign up for a time slot</u> & we need you to respect the sign-up & come at the time you signed up for. You rock ☺ ALL items to tie dye will be in the Camp Store for purchase to bring with you to your time slot! |

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| 1:00PM-2:55PM | Archery #1—Athletic Field This is the first archery session of the week, so staff will spend more time at this session discussing how to hold the bows & knock the arrows. |
| Shift 1: 1:00-1:25 Shift 2: 1:30-1:55 Shift 3: 2:00-2:25 Shift 4: 2:30-2:55 | Don't forget to wear closed toe shoes for archery!! Sunglasses or a hat are recommended! Campers 10 & under MUST be accompanied by an adult. Archery is recommended for campers 10 & older. |
| 4:30PM-5:00PM | Counselors-in-Training #1 (Kick-Off) —Jordan's Pavilion (North Camp parking lot) All campers aged 11-17 are invited to attend this session to learn more about working at Nawakwa all summer long. This is a great opportunity to meet other campers & counselors. Campers who participate will receive a special award at Closing Campfire! |
| 7:30PM | Movie Night — South Camp Lodge Join us at the South Camp Lodge for a cozy movie night! Look for the movie of the week to be posted in the Camp Store. Feel free to bring your own seating and sleeping bags! Kids aged 5-10 may be dropped off for movie night but will need to be signed in & out by a guardian. |
| 7:30PM-8:30PM | Nawakwa Ice Cream Shoppe- South Camp Lodge Drop in for a camp favorite! Ice cream purchases will be put on your store tab. (1 scoop=\$2.75 & 2 scoops=\$4.00) |
| WEDNESDAY | LIFEGUARD HOURS: 12:00PM –2:00PM STORE HOURS: 9:30AM-5:30PM |
| 9:00AM | Boat-in-Breakfast—Boat-in-Breakfast Peninsula Another long-standing tradition is Boat-in-Breakfast! The Nawakwa staff is up early preparing pancakes, hash browns, eggs, bacon, coffee & orange juice. We will have syrup, ketchup, butter, hot sauce, & some coffee supplements. Please bring cups, plates, silverware, & anything else you need, like water! The staff will be cooking over open fires on a peninsula of Big Crooked Lake. <u>Please sign up by Tuesday 11:00 am</u> , the staff needs a headcount. The cost is \$9.00 per person & will be added to your store tab. Children 4 & under are free. If you are uncertain where the location is, please stop by the Camp Store for directions! If you can't boat, we have a hiking trail that begins by Craft Corner. If there is heavy rain or storm, staff will post signs by 7:45am stating we are moving to South Camp Lodge. |
| 1:00PM-3:25PM Shift 1: 1:00-1:25 Shift 2: 1:30-1:55 Shift 3: 2:00-2:25 Shift 4: 2:30-2:55 Shift 5: 3:00-3:25 | Archery #2—Athletic Field Come use the archery range! 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 on that target! Don't forget to wear closed toe shoes for archery!! Sunglasses or a hat are recommended! Campers 10 & under MUST be accompanied by an adult. Archery is recommended for campers 10 & older. |
| 2:00PM-3:40PM Shift 1: 2:00-2:20 Shift 2: 2:20-2:40 Shift 3: 2:40-3:00 Shift 4: 3:00-3:20 Shift 5: 3:20-3:40 | Tie Dye #2—Loondry One of our most popular activities, tie dye! The 2025 t-shirt in adult & youth sizes is \$16.00, pillowcases are \$10.00, & tube socks are \$2. Previous year's shirts are discounted to \$12 or \$5. You can bring your own garment to dye for only \$5/garment. We recommend items of 100% cotton. To provide an awesome creative environment, <u>please sign up for a time slot</u> & we need you to respect the sign-up & come at the time you signed up for. You rock 😊 ALL items to tie dye will be in the Camp Store for purchase to bring with you to your time slot! |
| 2:00PM | Volleyball Tournament—Volleyball Courts Who is going to dominate the courts this year? Come with a premade team of 5! Even though this is a competitive game, we will be encouraging a family-friendly atmosphere & good sportsmanship. Good luck to all teams! |

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| 4:00PM | Chess Tournament - South Camp Lodge For all you avid chess players, join in on a friendly competition! We have 3 chess boards & will break it up into 3 categories: 13 & under, 14-17, & 18 & up |
| 5:00PM | Snakes Meet and Greet — Craft Corner Get up close and personal with live snakes at camp! Come meet, learn about and even hold three domesticated snakes. Ellie is eager to share her interest in these unique animals with everyone! Small medium and large, which will you be brave enough to pet? |
| THURSDAY | LIFEGUARD HOURS: 12:00PM –2:00PM STORE HOURS: 9:30AM-5:30PM |
| | Tie Dye Rinse Out for Tuesday Shifts—Outside Loondry Rinse out your impressive tie dye creations! Instructions will be posted at the Loondry & you can drop in as you wish. Get excited to unveil your creations! Please rinse out your baggies & leave them in the sink so we can reuse them! |
| 9:00AM-10:15AM | Coffee With Alex – South Camp Lodge Porch A chance for Coffee with Alex on the porch of South Camp Lodge. Start your morning with a cup of coffee! |
| 9:30AM-11:00AM | Kid’s Club —North Camp Playground All campers ages 5 to 10 are invited to a morning of fun & games! Kids should be dressed for the weather & prepared to be outdoors. Please send a bottle of water with their name on it! A guardian must be present to sign-in & sign-out their child. |
| 10:00AM | Pickleball Tournament- Basketball Court Who will be the pickleball champions this year!? Spectators are welcome! |
| 11:30AM-12:30PM | Air Dry Clay Finishing Session - Craft Corner This second air dry clay session is for painting and sealing your creations from Tuesday with mod podge. These will then be left to dry overnight and can be picked up Anytime Friday/ Saturday morning from craft corner. You must have made your creation at Monday’s session to attend this session. |
| 1:00PM-2:00PM | 16” Softball Game—Athletic Field 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, & get ready for a fun afternoon! |
| 2:30PM | Ping Pong Tournament—Ping Pong Pavilion Bring your A-game & meet us in the Ping Pong Pavilion. There will be a “14 & under” group & a “15 & up” group. Be sure to practice ahead of time! Good luck to everyone! |
| 3:30PM | Bags Tournament- North Camp Playground Also known as “Cornhole”, whatever the name it’s a fun competition! It takes a few minutes to learn but a long time to master! Grab a partner & show up to compete in this traditional summer pastime. |
| 5:00PM- 5:30PM | Counselors-in-Training #2 —Jordan’s Pavilion (NC parking lot) We will be working on something special for Closing Campfire during this time ! |
| 7:00PM-8:15PM | Candy Bingo—South Camp Lodge Play a favorite program, Candy Bingo! Bring a bag or two of individually wrapped candy in order to play. For every bingo board you have, you will put a piece of candy in the jackpot. The first camper(s) to yell BINGO gets the candy jackpot! We’ll play a lot of games so come test your luck! |
| 9:00PM-10:15PM | Mission Impossible—Meet at Jordan’s Pavilion (NC parking lot) Enjoy one of Camp’s favorite activities, MISSION IMPOSSIBLE! Glow sticks are hidden in the wooded area between the Welcome Center & Bridge Builder Road for campers to find & avoid being found by the counselors. This game is like Capture the Flag but played at night & campers vs staff! 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! |

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| FRIDAY | LIFEGUARD HOURS: 12:00PM –2:00PM STORE HOURS: 9:30AM-5:30PM |
| ALL DAY | Tie Dye Rinse Out for Wednesday Shifts—Outside Loondry Rinse out your impressive tie dye creations! Instructions will be posted at the Loondry & you can drop in as you wish. Get excited to unveil your creations! Please rinse out your baggies & leave them in the sink so we can reuse them! |
| 9:30AM | Archery Competition for All Ages—Athletic Field You have practiced all week & now it is time to compete! We will have a competition for each target range so practice on the target you'd like to compete at! |
| 10:30AM | Triathlon Check In—North Camp Beach Staff will be at North Camp Beach for your team to check in so we can begin on time. <u>Your team is responsible for bringing a canoe to North Camp Beach.</u> Please have 2 lifejackets & 1throwable PDF in your canoe to compete. Let's get ready! |
| 11:00AM | Triathlon—North Camp Beach Organize your team of 3 people (OR do it Solo) & meet at North Camp beach for the traditional triathlon competition! One person will run 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! Your team will need to bring a canoe to North Camp beach in order to compete. |
| 2:00PM | Water Carnival—North Camp Beach Get ready to have fun in the crystal-clear waters of Big Crooked Lake for the traditional Friday Water Carnival! Be prepared for activities for all ages, including but not limited to a mini triathlon, sandcastle building contests, greasy watermelon, & the beloved balloon toss! |
| 4:00PM | Packing for Home & Campfire Preparations—Your Cabin Please take this time to begin packing & getting your cabin ready for the next visitors. We ask that you take this time to tidy up the cabin & place all your equipment back in the appropriate places. Please clean cabins according to the posted cabin cleaning procedures, so staff are able to spend more time disinfecting the cabin upon your departure. Thanks for all your help! Also, use this time to prepare for Closing Campfire. We love it when families share a song, skit, story or special talent with camp! |
| 7:30PM | Closing Campfire—North Camp Beach The closing campfire is the last chance for family & friends to share their Nawakwa experience with fellow campers. The evening begins with a few songs from the staff & then it is time for the campers to shine. Feel free to prepare a song, skit, dance, magic show, poem, etc. Families enjoy listening & laughing with other campers through this memorable camp experience. If it's light rain we will still hold Closing Campfire outdoors, but you might want to bring your rain gear! We will move to South Camp Lodge if it's heavy rain or storming. Signs will be posted if we move! |
| SATURDAY | |
| 8:00AM-10:00AM | Checkout—Camp Store Please help us get ready for our next guests by returning all camp equipment to their appropriate places. 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! |