2021 SUMMER CAMPS & SCHOOL BREAK ADVENTURE DAYS

Canoe | Kayak | Water Trampoline | Swim | Fish | Nature Education | High & Low Ropes
Climbing Wall | Giant Swing | Challenge Course | Archery | Arts & Crafts | Outdoor Living Skills
Dear campers and your families,

Now more than ever, kids need nature. Since 1924, campers and summer camp counselors have gathered on the shores of Lake Minnewashta at Tanadoona for fun, friendship, and adventure – and to connect to the outdoors.

We are incredibly excited to welcome you to Tanadoona this summer. This year we are offering Day Camp and Leadership Development Programs only, and look forward to adding Resident Camps back in 2022.

At Tanadoona, you’ll spend the majority of your day in nature – fully unplugged! Catch butterflies in the Pollinator Garden. Reach new heights on the climbing wall and high ropes. Make a splash at the beach and water trampoline. Gather ‘round campfires for songs, s’mores, and stories.

Our camp counselors are among the best! They encourage campers to stretch their imaginations, challenge their fears, try new things, and cheer on fellow campers along the way.

Whether you’re looking for play, adventure, new experiences, or to grow as a young leader – we have it all and we’re glad you’re here!

We love the magic that camp brings to campers and your families – and cannot wait for you to show us what you most love about Tanadoona this summer!

Sincerely,

Tom
Outdoor Programs Manager

Jayna ‘Blue’
Outdoor Programs Coordinator

COVID-19 INFORMATION

The health and safety of campers, staff, and the community are always our first priority.

As we plan for School Break Adventure Days and Summer Camp, we closely monitor and follow guidelines from MN State Health Department. We are actively collaborating with National Camp Fire, American Camp Association, and camp and medical professionals to plan and train for safe programs.

This year, our camp offerings are limited to Day and Leadership programs only, with the expectation that Resident programs will resume in 2022. You’ll also see a slightly modified schedule, including not holding our traditional Friday Closing Ceremony. If we’re able to, we will add back the Closing Ceremony.

As we approach the start of summer camp, registered families will receive more information on how to arrive prepared for their week of summer camp.

Continue to watch our website for updates and contact us with any questions.

Thank you for your support and see you soon!

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NEW PREMIUM DAY CAMPS!
Culinary Creations at the Teaching Kitchen... Curious and creative chefs, be among the first to test the new Teaching Kitchen, using herbs and vegetables from the Tanadoona garden!

MORE ARCHERY & NEW TEAM-BUILDING CHALLENGES!
This year campers will see a second archery range and discover new elements in the team-building course tucked back in the woods.

JUNIOR COUNSELOR (JC) PROGRAM
Junior Counselors are key to carrying on Tanadoona traditions. That's why we are no longer charging for the program. Instead, Junior Counselor participants can earn volunteer service hours. More on page 12.

TANADOONA PICNICS & PLAY DAYS
No need to wait until the end of summer for the Tanadoona Picnic, now you can join us throughout the summer and bring the family. More on page 13.

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Tanadoona is an American Camp Association accredited camp; we follow strict guidelines and practices in our training and camp programming to provide a safe, fun, and educational summer camp experience.
PARENT INFORMATION

Registration opens Monday, January 4 at 7am CST

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: JANUARY 4-31, 2021
$15 off Day & Premium Day Camps

Full payment must be received by January 31, 2021 to receive discount.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Register online at tanadoona.org

Navigate to your selected camp and click on “Register”, which redirects you to our registration system, Activeworks.

- **Returning families**: Log in using your previous email username and password to avoid re-entering your information.
  - *Please check that all health & registration information is up-to-date.*
- **New families**: Create an account using your email address. You will be able to setup multiple campers, select camp sessions, and save payment information.

Complete all parts of registration, including:
- [ ] Submit your buddy request
- [ ] Complete Health Forms & COVID-19 Waiver *(you’ll need this information at time of registration)*
- [ ] Complete Participation & Photo Release Agreements
- [ ] Deposit money into your camper’s store account
- [ ] May 31: Tuition paid in full *(Note: Early Bird Discount requires payment by 1/31/2021)*
- [ ] Before camp: Review Family Handbook, FAQs, & Policies at tanadoona.org/parent-resources

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Camp Scholarships help make camp experiences available for all in need.

Apply for scholarships early at tanadoona.org/scholarship.
You can support the Camp Scholarship Fund with a tax-deductible donation during online registration or at the link above.
THEME OF THE WEEK & DRESS-UP WEDNESDAY

Themes create a fun, creative, and silly atmosphere showing up in all-camp games, dress-up days, and activities throughout the week.

**WEEK 1:** Backwards
**WEEK 2:** Under the Big Top!
**WEEK 3:** Animal Planet
**WEEK 4:** Movin’ and Groovin’
**WEEK 5:** Pathfinders
**WEEK 6:** Under the Sea

**WEEK 7:** Harry Potter Madness
**WEEK 8:** Olympic Fanfare
**WEEK 9:** Beach Party
**WEEK 10:** Summer Holidays
**WEEK 11:** Time Travelers
**WEEK 12:** Across the Seven Seas
“When I come to Tanadoona, it’s a time where I can be without stress and technology. It’s a safe space for me.”
-Thea, camper
“At Tanadoona, I’m able to do things I typically wouldn’t do at home like archery, rock climbing, canoeing, and kayaking – it helps take my mind off worries and stress.”
-Logan, camper
Every season brings new activities and experiences outdoors. When school is out, camp is in session! Come to Tanadoona for community building, archery, arts and crafts, fort building, nature lessons, camp games, and snowshoeing.

Registration is open: tanadoona.org/school-break

SCHOOL BREAK ADVENTURE DAYS

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY: January 18, 2021  
COST: $75

PRESIDENTS’ DAY: February 15, 2021  
COST: $75

SPRING BREAK: March 29-April 2, 2021, full-week registration only  
COST: $255

“Nature has always been important to me, but during this year, it has become especially critical to my well-being.”

- SAVANNA, camper
Tanadoona Day Camp is your outdoor adventure just down the road! Each day is full of exploration and fun in a well-structured schedule. Day Camp programs encourage campers to learn new skills, build confidence, create new friendships, and explore the natural world.

Groups are kept small and led by trained counselors who are dedicated and passionate about helping youth create a week of endless adventures and fun.

With easy check-in and check-out, Tanadoona Day Camp is convenient for parents and campers.

Check-in: 7:45-8:30am
Check-out: M-Th 4:30-5:15pm
NEW Friday check-out: 1-2pm

**DAY CAMP**

**AGES:** 5-14

**COST:** $315
  - **Week 3**: $252

**DAY CAMP SCHEDULE**

**WEEK 1:** June 14-18
**WEEK 2:** June 21-25
**WEEK 3:** June 28-July 1
**WEEK 4:** July 5-9
**WEEK 5:** July 12-16
**WEEK 6:** July 19-23
**WEEK 7:** July 26-30
**WEEK 8:** August 2-6
**WEEK 9:** August 9-13
**WEEK 10:** August 16-20
**WEEK 11:** August 23-27
**WEEK 12:** August 30-September 3

*Week 3 is a short week: Monday-Thursday

**DAY CAMP EXTRAS**

Add during online registration.

**Before/After Care**

**COST:** $45/wk or $5/session

Options for before, after, or before/after combo.
Extends program time to 7:15am-6pm (no after care on Fridays)

Please note, we will not have lunch available for purchase this year. We expect that Extra to return in 2022 with the return of Resident Camps.
PREMIUM DAY CAMPS

COST: $345

Monday-Friday

Premium Day Camps allow campers to take a deeper look at one specific topic, and develop a spark into a full-fledged passion! Campers will have dedicated time each day to enjoy their Premium Day Camp activities in addition to the traditional Tanadoona Day Camp activities.

MINNEWASHTA ADVENTURES

Ages 5-7 | Weeks 4, 5, 6, 10
Ages 8-10 | Weeks 2, 8
Ages 11-14 | Weeks 1, 7, 11

Enjoy extra time at the waterfront, jumping on the water trampoline, perfecting your canoeing skills, fishing, swimming, learning water safety, and more! The week caps off with a special trip to Lake Minnewashta Regional Park.

BULLSEYE

Ages 5-7 | Weeks 2, 9
Ages 8-10 | Weeks 1, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11
Ages 11-14 | Weeks 4, 8

Build skill and precision at the archery range. Bullseye campers get time at the range every day! Our trained counselors will teach you the proper technique and safety to become an expert archer. Participate in fun archery games and special challenges that will test your skills and drive your progress.

SKY HIGH

Ages 8-10 | Weeks 1, 4, 5, 7, 9
Ages 10-12 | Weeks 8, 10
Ages 11-14 | Weeks 2, 6

Challenge yourself to climb a little higher every day at the climbing area! As a Sky High camper, you will get the chance to soar on the giant swing, brave the high ropes course, and build your confidence on the rock wall. This is a great fit for any camper who is ready to take their courage to new heights.
CULINARY CREATIONS
Ages 5-7 | Weeks 7, 8
Ages 8-10 | Week 2
Ages 10-12 | Week 9
Ages 11-14 | Weeks 5, 10
Be among the first campers to test our brand-new teaching kitchen! In Culinary Creations, you will learn how to harvest food from the garden and turn it into a delicious masterpiece. Whether you’re inventing a new side dish, salsa, or taste-testing the dessert, you’re guaranteed to build your skills as a young chef.

SPORTS GALORE
Ages 5-7 | Weeks 1, 11
Ages 8-10 | Weeks 4, 6
Ages 11-14 | Week 9
Calling all athletes! Learn about a wide variety of sports and engage in friendly competitions facilitated by our amazing counselors. If you are high-energy and love taking on fun challenges with your team, Sports Galore is for you.

TANADOONA COUNSELORS
Our counselors are the heart of the Tanadoona summer camp experience. Some were even once campers who have come up through the Leadership Development Program—and ensure the continuation of unique Tanadoona traditions. All staff complete a comprehensive training and evaluation before camp to ensure a safe and fun experience for all. Our counselors, activity specialists, leadership staff, and health team come together every year to share a love of nature and build a strong sense of community at Tanadoona. Their collective goal is to make camp a special home away from home for each and every one of our campers.

We’re hiring! Do you know someone who would make an outstanding camp counselor? Encourage them to explore our open positions and apply early. We are also hiring leadership staff, health staff, and activity specialists! Apply at campfiremn.org/work-at-camp
Tanadoona’s Leadership Development Program is designed to progressively transform campers into counselors. At each level, two dedicated and trained counselors guide our budding leaders in activity planning, group management, skill facilitation, and more! This progressive program instills confidence, inspires courage and kindness, and develops empathy and leadership.

More information and to apply: tanadoona.org/leadership

**DAY CAMP ASSISTANT (DCA)**

**Age:** 14 years old

**Cost:** $215

**Dates:** Week 2 (June 21-25) or Week 6 (July 19-23)

Register just as you would for any camp session; no additional application required.

During your 1-week program, DCAs spend the first half of the week in team-building activities and interactive leadership training with lead camp staff. Trainings include first aid, behavior management, lesson planning, and basic counselor skills.

In the second part of the week, DCAs partner with camp counselors to apply their leadership skills by assisting with day camp groups. 

*There is not an overnight on Thursday with this program in 2021.*
COUNSELOR- IN-TRAINING (CIT)
Ages: 15-16 years old

**Cost:** $315

**Dates:** Weeks 8 (August 2-6) and 9 (August 9-13)

**Apply at tanadoona.org/leadership.** Upon review of your application, we’ll help you register for the program.

Become a great leader and future camp counselor! This 2-week progression prepares you to work with campers and to run activity areas.

**First week:** Work with and learn from lead staff about the various areas of camp, including health and wellness, leadership and team-building, activity planning, promoting positive behavior, and more. This week is full of fun, team-building, and interactive learning!

**Second week:** Now is your chance to put everything you learned to use. You’ll work side-by-side with a Tanadoona counselor, implementing and leading a group of Day Camp campers! CITs in their second year may be given the chance to shadow an activity specialist, rather than a general counselor.

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JUNIOR COUNSELOR (JC) volunteer program
Ages: 17 years old or entering 12th grade

**Dates:** choose from Weeks 4-6, Weeks 7-9, Weeks 10-12

**Apply at tanadoona.org/leadership**

Spend the summer growing as a leader. In this 3-week volunteer program, JCs help in all aspects of camp... and have a blast! If you completed the CIT program in the past or have other applicable experience, join us this year as an outstanding example for our next generation of campers. JC responsibilities include:

- Collaborate with and support camp counselors and program specialists. One of your three weeks will be spent with a program specialist to build specific skills!
- Assist in creating, planning, and implementing camp activities
- Help families check-in/out
- Assist leading all-camp games and activities

JCs will earn service hours and build invaluable leadership skills.


- DREW, CIT

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Please note: CIT and JC are both day programs for the 2021 season. We expect they will return to resident programs in 2022.
2021 EVENTS

Open House
April 24 | 9:00am-Noon
New to Tanadoona or simply eager to visit again?! Join us for an Open House - we’d love to show you around on a tour of camp and answer any questions you have before your week of summer camp!
RSVP online to receive reminder emails: tanadoona.org/open-house

Meet the Counselors
June 10 | 4:30-6:30pm
Come meet the summer 2021 staff! Stop in for a quick “Hi” or stay for the whole time. Get to know who will be hanging out with and leading your campers this summer!

Tanadoona Picnics & Play Days
June 24, July 22, August 19
4:30-6:30pm
Campers, bring your families to Tanadoona. Show them your favorite spots, explore the woods, and enjoy some of our favorites activities like archery, team-building course, high ropes and more, all led by Tanadoona camp counselors! Adults, you get to play too! Camp Store will be open and food available for purchase.
Cost: Free
RSVP to help us plan!
tanadoona.org/picnics
A beautiful natural setting for events – year-round!

meetings - weddings - overnight lodging
corporate events & retreats - other special events

Whether you’re simply looking for a beautiful setting in nature or you’re looking to include team-building activities led by our staff, Tanadoona is sure to “wow” your guests. Seating for up to 200 on each level, plus AV in the Community & Dining Center. Select from a variety of spaces for your outdoor wedding.

Your rental helps even more youth explore nature and discover their unique sparks so their futures glow brighter.

campfiremn.org/host
AN OUTDOOR ESCAPE THAT’S JUST DOWN THE ROAD!

3300 Tanadoona Drive, Excelsior, MN 55331

Just minutes from the Twin Cities, Tanadoona is nestled between Chanhassen and Excelsior.

West of I-494. Just off Highway 41 between Hwy 7 and Hwy 5. Take Hwy 41 to Tanadoona Drive.