



# Camp Kateri Tekakwitha

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## WELCOME TO SKY!

We are excited to welcome you and your child to Camp Kateri Tekakwitha. Here at Kateri, we strive to bring campers into a relationship with God through an encounter with nature. We provide a much sought after opportunity for campers to get away from their daily routine and "unplug." Each activity that we participate in helps us to learn more about ourselves, but most importantly our Father in Heaven. We hope this information packet helps in preparation for this wonderful faith-filled experience.



## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Check-in begins at 2:00 pm for all SKY sessions. Please be sure to arrive no later than 2:30 pm. If a late arrival or early departure is necessary, please communicate this with the camp director.

On Closing Day, families are welcome to join us for Mass at 10:00 am. Closing Ceremonies are at 10:45 am, followed by check out (11:00 am). Each camper is required to have an adult sign them in and out of camp. Your child will be permitted to ride home from camp ONLY with an authorized person.

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Camp Kateri Tekakwitha combines outdoor activities with powerful spiritual instruction to provide unique encounters with God. Campers have the opportunity to experience Adoration, Benediction, Reconciliation, and Mass. The schedule is designed to connect campers with God, through nature.

## CONTACT US

### Contact Person at Camp:

Russell Koos, Executive Director

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**Facebook:** Camp Kateri Tekakwitha

## SAFETY

Ensuring that all campers and volunteers are physically and emotionally safe is our number one priority. Our staff and volunteers complete a careful screening process and receive training in their responsibilities. Additionally, all staff are "Safe and Sacred" trained. We have a 1:4 adult-to-camper ratio.

## CABIN MATES

Bunkmate requests should be made online during registration. Each camper may request one child to bunk with at camp. We can only ensure that mutual requests are fulfilled (i.e. Sally must request Suzy AND Suzy must request Sally for the request to be honored). Please coordinate this with your child's friend before registering online.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE

Although each SKY Camp session is only a few days long, we manage to squeeze in a lot of faith and fun! Below is a glimpse into a day in the life of a SKY camper.

- 7:00 Rise & Shine
- 7:30 Morning Games
- 8:00 Breakfast & Chores
- 9:00 Faith Teaching
- 9:30 Activity Rotations  
Gaga, Archery, Big Games etc.
- 11:00 Mass
- 12:00 Lunch & Chores
- 1:00 Nature Hike
- 2:00 Free Time
- 2:30 Faith Teaching
- 3:00 Nature Craft
- 4:00 Water Games
- 6:00 Supper & Chores
- 7:00 Adoration & Reconciliation
- 8:00 Kateri Procession
- 8:30 Campfire & Chaplet
- 10:00 Bed Prep
- 10:30 Lights Out

To live some of these experiences through pictures, please Like Camp Kateri Tekakwitha on Facebook.

## SESSION DATES

### SKY Camp (entering 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>)

- Session 1: May 30-June 1
- Session 2: June 1-3
- Session 3: June 4-6
- Session 5: June 11-13
- Session 7: June 18-20

### SKY Teens (entering 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>)

- Session 4: June 7-10
- Session 6: June 14-17
- Session 8: June 21-24

### Leadership Camp

- Camp 1: July 9-15
- Camp 2: July 16-22

## MEDICATIONS

Upon arrival campers are required to check in all medications in original containers. Please ensure that everything is properly labeled for the health staff. Any allergies or special dietary needs should be indicated online during registration. Shortly before your session a medical information form will be sent to you. Please complete it and bring with you on opening day.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Kateri has adult volunteers each session to help with a variety of camp activities. These positions include:

**Camp Nurse:** A registered nurse to help administer prescribed medications to campers and offer basic First Aid and CPR.

**Assistant Cooks:** Help prepare and serve the daily meals and snacks.

**Program Volunteer:** Help the Camp Kateri staff implement the daily program and schedule. The individual must be a former counselor or camp volunteer.

If you are interested in any of these positions for a session, please contact the camp director.



## PAYMENT

Full payment for camp is due upon registration; failure to make full payment may result in the loss of your child's spot in their session. If your parish is contributing to the final balance, it is your responsibility to ensure they make the final payment. Refund claims and session change requests must be made by May 1. After May 1 the registration fee is non-refundable and session change requests will incur a \$20 transfer fee.

## DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

If coming on Interstate 80, take the York exit (Highway 81). Drive south on Highway 81 and continue past McCool Junction. Turn left on County Road 3 (approximately 1 mile south of McCool Junction). There will be a sign for Camp Kateri. Continue east on the gravel road; Camp's entrance is 1/4 mile further on the south side of the road.



## PACKING LIST

### WHAT TO BRING

- Shorts (must be at least fingertip length when hands are at your side)
- Shirts (must have sleeves; all images and writing should be camp appropriate)
- Sweatshirt/light jacket for evenings
- Jeans/pants for evenings
- One-piece bathing suit/swimming trunks (Ladies will need to bring shorts to wear over swim suit)
- Sunglasses and/or hat
- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- Twin-size sheets/blanket/pillow OR sleeping bag/pillow
- Towels
- Bug repellent & Sunscreen
- Medications in original containers (must be checked in)
- Flashlight
- Reusable water bottle
- Bible
- Rosary
- Shoes & Socks
  - One pair closed-toe tennis shoes
  - One pair closed-toe WATER shoes (can be old tennis shoes)
  - One pair shower shoes (can be flip flops)
- SKY TEENS (campers entering 7-9 grade) Please bring both RED and BLUE clothing (t-shirts, socks, bandanas, shorts, etc.) for the Tekakwitha Games.



## RULES ON MODESTY

At Camp Kateri, we require everyone to respect their own bodies and those of others. We require all campers and adults to adhere to our modesty guidelines. Below are the rules for the sake of comfort, safety and modesty.

- No tank tops or crop-tops – Shirts must cover your shoulders and chest. Please make sure your shirt covers your entire stomach and back while sitting and with your arms raised above your head.
- No short shorts –If you place your hands at your sides, your shorts should be at least as long as your fingertips.
- Please do not wear tights, leggings or any style of form-fitting workout pants.
- Ladies swim attire is a one-piece bathing suit (a tankini that covers the entire stomach is ok) and shorts. If you wear a two-piece bathing suit you will be asked to wear a t-shirt as well.
- Clothing that promotes non-Christian values is not permitted.

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Technology (cell phones, iPad/iPod/tablets, computers, portable gaming devices, etc.)
- Tobacco products, illegal drugs, alcohol
- Weapons or fireworks
- Knives or tools
- Lighters
- Food (including gum or candy)
- Money
- Valuable Items

