

Our Chamber business spotlight this month is...

Camp Luther

This month's Business Spotlight is Camp Luther, which is located at 1050 Road 4 in rural Schuyler!



Camp Luther is ran by Bruce Wall, Executive Director, Nicole Ripke, Program Director, and Rob Honken, Maintenance Director. Camp Luther's existence has been since 1967, come along with us to hear their story as told by Nicole.

My family is from Nebraska, so I claim it as my home! My husband and I moved to Schuyler just over a year ago to work at Camp Luther by caring for campers and guests, facilitating programs, scheduling groups, and supervising seasonal staff. We love the community, it is fantastic! Everyone who we have met has been kind and genuinely interested in our work and what happens here.

We are a ministry focused on offering a place of growth and renewal for everyone who attends. There are three full-time employees and one part-time employee year-round, and about 25 seasonal staff who work the summer or the fall and spring.

Our busiest time is the summer, where we run four main programs. The biggest is youth camp, where campers stay for two to five nights and experience the outdoors while growing in faith and fellowship with one another. We also provide specific weekends and one week for families to come do camp and relax together. This year, for the first time, we will be offering a day camp between 9 and 5 for local youth where they can experience camp during the day and go home each evening for a week at a time. Another important program is our His Kids summer camps which are for individuals with disabilities. During the rest of the year, we offer youth group retreats, facilities and activities for rental groups, and His Kids retreats for individuals with disabilities.

It's so fun to see the different groups of people that come through camp! Last summer we primarily ran family camp due to the pandemic. Families had a lot of fun, and it was

great to see adults getting excited about doing dances to silly songs and jumping off the dock. One of the best parts of my job is getting to see people be able to relax and be themselves in a unique environment.

We are continuing to expand and offer a variety of programming. We are hoping to add new cabins to accommodate more campers and families and to be able to provide many options of programming to meet all needs. Right now, we have guests coming from all over Nebraska, which is great! We want to also find ways to better partner with and serve the local community.

Come visit us this summer! We have many options to choose from and would love to see you out here. If you have ideas on how camp can better serve you, your business, your family, or your community, we want to know!

Our open house weekend is June 4-6 and is a great opportunity to come check out Camp Luther and see what we can do for you. You can find all of our summer options at camluther.org/summer

