

Christikon 2026

Dear 10th grade students and parents,

It is so exciting to be heading to Christikon this summer June 20-28 (includes 2 travel days)! While I have spent time in some of the mountains nearby, this will be my first time to this legendary camp. This year, two Bethel young adults – Ingrid Rustad and Simon McDonald – are camp counselors. This year, 10th graders who didn't get to backpack last year are eligible both for this trip and the Lutheridge NC Trip July 26-31.

In this time of transition, the camp gave us an extension, but I hope to send in our youth registrations and secure our spots as soon as possible.

Follow this link: <https://christikon.org/onsite-camp-programs/>

You will be prompted to set up login credentials. **If you were a camper in 2024/25**, you will login with your login credentials. Then enter your Group Code –**BLCNORTHFIELD** when prompted (this is also on your contract). All continue:

Complete or update your medical and permission forms – items you will need for your medical forms before you get started if you did not attend in 2024/25; guardian and emergency contact information; medications you take, insurance information, a copy of your recent Dr's physical, sports physical or scout physical dated within 24 months of arriving at camp to upload.

When you get to the screen that shows downloadable forms – print out the ones you want before moving on. Also, the upload on this screen is where you will upload your Dr's physical. You can add a Dr's physical later but 2 weeks prior to arriving at camp.

If you need assistance, you can call tech support at 866-433-4548 (they are friendly and very helpful) during normal business hours – Eastern standard time.

Please be sure let me know as well! Bethel likes to have a copy of the forms. The \$150 non-refundable deposit is payable to Bethel Lutheran Church. I will send individualized update after Plant Sale Deliveries and Garage Sale fundraising efforts, and final payment is due June 1.

If you are still in discernment or want to be inspired, please come to a Christikon Trips Update Meeting on Wednesday, April 29, at 6:30 pm. One of our seniors, Fletcher Aylin, is going to share how special the backpacking trip was for him. I also hope Ingrid Rustad (who attends St. Olaf!) will be able to join us.

I also have some exciting news! The youth program has built up designated trip funds over the years, and upon the recommendation of Kristi and Barb Fowler (Bethel's treasurer), Council has approved a discount for this year's summer trips.

The Cost Breakdown

for Backpacking (Mountaineers)

Registration	\$520 / person
Transportation	\$100
Food (4 group meals)	\$40
Chaperone fee	\$150

Bethel 2026 Discount - \$300

Total **\$510 / person**

Fundraising Options:

- **Script – Ongoing**
www.raiseright.com
Bethel's Code: 59888B7F12926
- **Plant Sale Fundraiser:**
Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 Plant Sale Deliveries!
- **Garage Sale Cleanup**
Saturday, May 16

That's what I have for now!
The mountains are calling...

Pastor Inger