

BAYSIDE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAMILY CAMP



Hello Baysiders of the past, present, and maybe future,

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart! Why? Because after a two year pause due to COVID, Bayside has resumed! I am proud of this group for weathering the storm that caused many volunteer-led organizations like ours to just call it quits during the pandemic. Special thanks to Luke Brooks-Shesler and Regina Landor, who volunteered to lead Bayside 2020 and not only held the plans together for 3 years but facilitated the transition to a new physical location that supports our sustainability into the future.

Bayside 2022 was a small but magical group that gathered on the shores of the Lauderdale Lakes at Lutherdale, Bayside's new home. Lutherdale has been a great partner this year and we look forward to continuing holding camp on their beautiful property.



Most campers stayed in the Watson Retreat Center, which offered 3 meeting spaces along with a kitchen and was surrounded by ample outdoor space, a playground, a soccer field, softball/kickball field, volleyball court, and beautiful walking trails. Lutherdale also offers more hotel-like accommodations, and in future years it may also be possible to tent or camper camp on the property as well. This variety will allow people to choose lodging that fits their family's comfort and financial preferences.



We were able to have the waterfront open every day in the afternoon, and our campers enjoyed swimming, playing in the sand, canoeing, kayaking, and the big water slide that lands in the lake! And, of course, there was LOTS of fishing. Since the dock is located away from the swimming area, we can fish all day long. But the Bayside tradition of kids fishing before breakfast continued. Big thanks to John Lanaghan for organizing and accompanying even more fishing trips this year!

We held Morning Celebration each day, sang together at Vespers each night, played improv games, watched fireworks over the lake, told stories, played board games, took a bike ride, had a campfire, played Dungeons and Dragons, wrote micro memoirs, baked bread, learned about Bitcoin, discussed Baysides of the past and future, and many more fun and community building activities that fed our hearts, minds, and souls. Many led a morning celebration, evening intergenerational activities (Intergen), or pieces of evening vespers. Thank you to all who shared your gifts this way!

We missed those of you we were used to seeing in Baysides past. While many Baysiders continue to come years after their children have grown, we know some have come to a point where Bayside might not fit their family's summer plans anymore. To these families - we continue to cherish our memories with you, and we hope you send people in your home congregations or other friends our way if they would enjoy Bayside. We also hope to see many of our past Baysiders back next year.



Please save the date for the week of July 2nd-8th for Bayside 2023 at Lutherdale!

Be well,
Alyssa Ryanjoy, 2023 Bayside Registrar

*** If you are receiving this, you have either been to Bayside, expressed interest, or a Baysider thought you may want to follow our community and possibly attend in the future. Please share with anyone who may be interested and encourage them to join our mailing list. We send an email newsletter 6-7 times per year along with information about registration. If you no longer want to receive emails from Bayside, reply to this email with "please remove" in the subject line. Feel free to share significant life events that you would like this community to know about and we will add them to the next newsletter. ***



baysideuu.org

[Join our mailing list!](#)

