

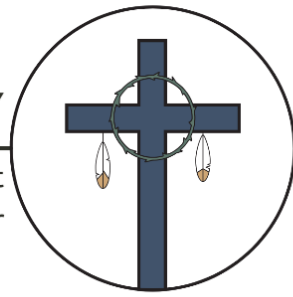


Chanjú Wašté Ranch

INFORMATION | 2026

LANES OF MINISTRY

Relational living is a compassionate approach to reflect the Lord's heart. God continues to provide new ways for us to walk with our community in the following areas...



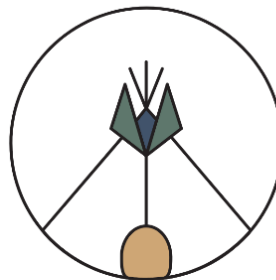
WELLNESS

Hope • Healing • Health



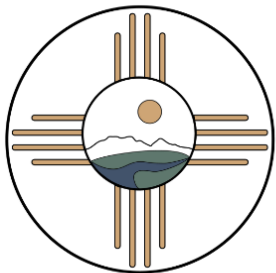
CAMP

Joy • Freedom • Safety



CONSTRUCTION

Security • Renewal • Refuge



FAMILY

Family • Advocacy • Ministry

You're coming to SUMMER CAMP!!!

We can't wait to serve alongside YOU and your team this summer at Camp! God has made a way for YOU to meet Him in this place, serve Him, and make much of the name of Jesus, AMAZING! Thank you for your sacrifice and investment to join us in how He is working in our community on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Our hope is that you will be as prepared as possible before you arrive so that you can simply be all in while you are onsite. You'll find a wealth of information here that serves to lay a foundation and equip you. While we are serving alongside one another and connecting with some incredible kids, our time at Čhanġku Wašté Ranch Summer Camp is ultimately a precious offering to the Lord; may we each be found faithful to no other name but **Jesus**.

WHEN DO WE GET THERE AND WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

We are pumped to serve with your team Saturday at 4:00PM to the following Saturday at 10:00AM! **It is important that your group ARRIVES NO LATER than 5:00PM** so we can enjoy a time of fellowship before the excitement begins! We will gather for supper at 6:00PM Saturday evening, followed immediately by **Orientation which is required for all serving able individuals, 16 and over, as well as the required Trauma Training which will take place Sunday evening**. The remaining weekend hours and evenings are free for your team to determine your activities. [Camp Schedules](#) and [Serving Spaces](#) are found on the Camp resources page. We can't wait to see what space God has for YOU!

WHO YA GONNA CALL!?

Please direct all questions to:

Sarah Deible | Camp Director : sarahd@chankuwaste.com (605)454-0087

Amanda Hadden | Operations Director : amanda@chankuwaste.com (605)407-0419

Matt Hadden | Executive Director : matt@chankuwaste.com (605)407-0416

Chad Deible | Campus Pastor : chad@chankuwaste.com (605)454-0088

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS PORCUPINE, SOUTH DAKOTA??

Čhaŋku Wašté Ranch : 118 Čhaŋku Wašté Dr. Porcupine, SD. 57772

From Rapid City Regional Airport:

From Airport Rd, turn left onto SD-44E

Drive 33 miles; turn right onto Main St. into Scenic SD

Drive 18 miles; turn right into Čhaŋkú Wašté Ranch

Traveling West on I-90:

Exit 131 (Cactus Flat); turn left (south)

Drive 8.6 miles (you will go through Badlands National Park); turn left on Hwy 377

Hwy 377 turns into Hwy 44, stay straight (west)

Drive 33 miles; turn left on Bombing Range Rd. (Scenic SD)

Drive 18 miles; turn right into Čhaŋkú Wašté Ranch

Traveling West on Hwy 18:

Turn right on BIA 27 (Bigfoot Trail) toward Wounded Knee.

Drive for 41 miles (12 miles past Common Cents gas station and Creator's Fellowship Church)

Turn left into Čhaŋkú Wašté Ranch

Coordinates: 43.529278, -102.483694

Own a smartphone?

Scan this QR code for GPS directly to our coordinates:



TANKA BUILDING & KITCHEN INFO

Camp Buildings - (64 available beds)

- Bunkhouse - **23 Male / 23 Female beds** and bathroom cubbies
- Three bunk rooms in cafeteria area, six beds in each, **18 beds**
- Team restroom & shower facilities
- Commercial kitchen with storage shelves and large walk in pantry
- Large pavilion with picnic tables
- Chapel area with sound and video equipment
- Large covered deck
- Separate camper restroom facilities
- Toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, cleaning supplies
- 3 Designated RV hookups

Camp Kitchen - (See the [Kitchen Reference Guide](#) for more detailed information)

- Two Commercial Refrigerators & Chest Freezer
- Commercial Dishwasher & Sinks
- Commercial Gas Oven & Grill
- Commercial Ice Maker
- Large Pots, Pans, & Mixing Bowls
- About 70 sets of cafeteria style plates, cups & silverware
- Paper plates, plastic cups, coffee cups, plasticware, paper towels, napkins, etc.
- Cleaning supplies
- Thirty-Cup Coffee Maker & Bunn Commercial Coffee Maker
- Movie Theater Style Popcorn Maker (Please provide the popcorn)
- Snow Cone Maker (Please provide the syrups)
- Cotton Candy Maker (Please provide the floss sugar & cones)
- Serving Utensils
- Large Roasters
- Salad Bar & Salad Dressing
- Basic Pantry items: S&P, Flour, Sugar, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Spices/Seasonings

WHAT DOES EVERYONE WANT TO KNOW?

Can we attend your local church services?

We encourage you to have your own Sunday morning service at Čhaŋkú Wašté Ranch. We do have services at Creator's Fellowship Church, however we ask that no more than five volunteers attend each week. This allows our church family to worship and fellowship together comfortably without large groups of unknown visitors attending throughout the summer. We do welcome your team to join our Wednesday night prayer services at Creator's Fellowship if your schedule allows.

Are there any sightseeing opportunities in the area?

Yes, very many! Here are a few suggestions within a 2-hour drive: The Badlands National Park (Red Shirt Overlook, Sheep Mountain Overlook), Wounded Knee Massacre Sight, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monument & Museum, Custer State Park Wildlife Loop, & Wall Drug.

How many kids will attend, and how many people do we need to feed?

Over the years, we've ranged from 30-150+ kids daily, with our most recent average as 110 campers a day in 2025. We recommend planning for 200 people (campers, your team, & CWR staff) each day for lunch. We will inform you if we are averaging more or less than the recommended number of people, but your team leaders will also have access to real time numbers each day to help plan prior to your arrival. We are a day camp, and don't know how many kids will choose to attend until the buses arrive each morning. Thank you for your flexibility, we know this is the most challenging part of planning.

What is the weather like?

Unpredictable. It is typically hot during the day and cool at night, but this is not always the case. It is, however, always dry and can be very windy. A light jacket, hats, and sunscreen are always recommended. Please keep an eye on the weather in Porcupine, South Dakota to help in planning what to pack.

What kind of food should we prepare for the kids?

The same things kids in your community would like! We want to provide them with healthy food, but also food that they are going to eat. Please do not do hotdogs or sandwiches every day, mix it up! Keep in mind, for some children, this could be the meal they get for the day. We want to feed them a good hot meal - and expect them to want seconds. Please see the [Kitchen Reference Guide](#) for more detailed information.

What are the camper's ages and can my kids attend camp?

Camp is for children ages 5-17, and your children are welcome to attend if your church leadership also agrees. Team campers are asked to follow the same rules & expectations and are included in activities just as the children from our community are.

Where is the closest place to pick up supplies?

There is a convenience store 11 miles away for small items. The closest Sam's Club or Walmart is about 70 miles away in Rapid City.

Will I have cell phone & data service?

Most major carriers work.

Where can we rent a vehicle?

If you are flying in or just need extra vehicles, all major rental agencies for vans or cars are located at Rapid City Airport. Additional rental locations are available in Rapid City.

How can I partner with CWR financially?

If you would like to donate to our ministry, visit our website at www.chankuwaste.com or scan this barcode with your phone:



MUSIC

We LOVE music and hope that you spend much time in worship while you're here, filling your hearts with melodies you want to overflow through your actions. Music played during chapel, games, or any other public part of your time with us must NOT contain anything vulgar, provocative, or explicit in nature, this includes sexual, drug, or alcohol references. If you would like some suggestions, contact one of our staff members.

DONATIONS

We ask that ALL donations brought by your church group or individuals be approved by our staff PRIOR to your arrival. With limited storage space, we would like to have a plan before donations arrive as we desire to be good stewards of all that is given. In order to do that, we want to be sure it is something that can go to a family, or can be useful at one of our facilities. **Donations without prior approval may be sent back with your team - including bedding and pillows brought to use while you are serving here.**

TOILETS, TOILET PAPER & SEPTIC

Our septic system can only handle single ply toilet paper, which we provide. Do NOT flush feminine products, ANY kind of "flushable wipe", or any other items in any of our toilets. Failure to follow these requests has caused plumbing issues, which makes it very difficult for everyone, but especially our guys who have to fix it. Please ensure all team members are aware so the facilities remain available / usable for everyone.

FIRE SAFETY

We do have a firepit available for your team, however ALL campfires, bonfires, and other burning activities are to be approved by the Executive Director.

INHALANT ABUSE PREVENTION

Hand sanitizer, Sharpies, medicine, or ANY aerosol must never be available to our youth unsupervised. This includes any toiletries or cleaning supplies in the bathrooms.

HEAD LICE PROCEDURE

Lice is inevitable with children and is difficult to manage. Here are some precautions for you to follow:

- Wear a baseball cap or keep hair in a braid
- Avoid head-to-head contact
- Check nightly for nits / lice
- No swapping hats with kids or sharing hair accessories
- Be aware, but NEVER let it affect the way you interact or minister to a child
- Never make a child feel weird or dirty if they have lice
- NEVER call a child out openly. If you notice a child that may have it, please let a staff member know so that we can move forward appropriately

CLEANING PROCEDURES:

Daily Cleanup

- Clean up any trash around the camp property
- Put away all games / supplies / equipment
- Wipe down bathrooms after each day immediately after camp is over
- Sweep Floors in Tanka Building Chapel & Cafeteria, mop as needed
- Clean out ALL trash and/or belongings on buses and vans when exiting. Please do not leave personal items, food, drinks, trash, etc. in CWR ministry vehicles

End of Week Cleanup

- All of the above listed
- Sweep and mop floors
- Wipe down all mattresses with Lysol and leave standing up
- Hang chairs on racks in the Chapel area
- Clean the kitchen, **including refrigerators of partial or personal items**
- If you are leaving any supplies at the end of your week, please communicate with the Camp Director so that we are aware and can organize them prior to the next team's arrival

You're a long way from home and we're an hour from town, so be sure to remember these important items!

TEAM LEADER CHECKLIST:

- Current year Background Check for every adult on your team (Please review the policy, **this is non negotiable**)
- Volunteer Participant Release form for each participant - make copies as needed
- Plans for one CDL Class B Driver with Passenger Endorsement
- Funds to cover fuel if using our buses / vans for your team's personal use
- Plans for all meals and food supplies
- Preapproval for any donations being brought here
- Confirmation that the Kitchen, Bible, Craft, & Rec leaders have had one on one calls with the Camp Director during your planning process
- Material & equipment for all games and activities that we do not already have

EVERYBODY CHECKLIST:

- Athletic Shoes
- Bible
- Sunscreen / Hat / Sunglasses
- Water Bottle
- Bug Spray
- Flashlight
- Extra Prescription Medications & Allergy Medications
- Light Jacket
- Rain Jacket
- Earplugs (for sleeping)
- Shower Items (Flip-Flops, Shampoo, Soap, Towel, etc.)
- Feminine Products
- Twin Bedding (Pillow, Sheets or Sleeping Bag)
- Clothes/Shoes for Water Days

A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR WEEK AT CAMP

Schedules and structure are two ways Čhaṅkú Wašté Ranch promotes FELT SAFETY for our campers, but also for anyone else participating - including you! Knowing what to expect throughout the day allows everyone to settle into all the joy and beauty camp holds. We ask that you follow the Schedule provided, including adhering to the transition times and scheduled bathroom stops. The Schedule allows our campers to maintain a predictable daily routine throughout the entire summer.

Camp is Monday through Thursday beginning at 9:00AM with buses departing at 3:00PM each day. There is no camp on Fridays. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday all have the same Schedule, but it is adapted for Water Day on Thursdays to coordinate water slide times for each age group. Please review the Schedules provided and look for them posted all around the property when you're here.

The weather can be very unpredictable, so there is an Alternate Schedule in the event of rain or extreme heat that is used as a last resort. We realize going from spread out across our entire property, to everyone inside, can be quite a significant adjustment for everyone to make. Please keep in mind if the Alternate Schedule is implemented, it is done so with safety as our top priority for our campers and your team, and may not have much notice prior to the change.

LET THE **FUN** BEGIN!!!

There is fun to be had all over our property! Here's what's available - note that many areas are specific to a time slot on the Schedule, and others need to be coordinated. Please review the [Rec Resource List](#) for additional game equipment.

- Full Size Basketball Court
- Four Square Court
- Nine Square in The Air Court
- Ga-Ga Ball
- Sand Volleyball Court
- 2 Sand Boxes
- Soccer / Kickball Field with Goals, Bases, & Cones
- Playground - 9 & Under
- Archery Range (10 & Up, confirm with Camp Director to schedule)
- Shooting Range (10 & Up, confirm with Camp Director to schedule)
- Walking Trail
- Carpet Ball Table
- Corn-hole Set
- Low Ropes Obstacle Course (10 & Up)
- Water Slide (Thursdays only)
- Splash pools, blow up sprinklers, water sponges, etc. (Thursdays only)

HOSPITALS & EMERGENCY SERVICES

The nearest hospital is an hour drive from the Ranch.
Please keep this contact information in case of an emergency:

Ambulance or Police

Oglala Sioux Tribe Emergency Dispatch
605-867-5111

Non-Tribal Member

Monument Heath Hospital Emergency
353 Fairmont Boulevard
Rapid City, SD 57701
605-755-1000

Walgreens Pharmacy

540 Mountain View Drive
Rapid City SD 57702
605-342-6010
Pharmacy Hours: 7AM – 11PM
Store Hours – 24HR

Tribal Member

Pine Ridge Hospital & Pharmacy
East Highway 18
Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770
605-867-5131