



# WAKONSE

## Information for the Wakonse Conference

**Clothes** The dress for the entire conference is very casual: jeans, sweatshirts, sandals, tennis shoes are very appropriate. Expect to get sand in all footwear. Plan on layering your clothing. Jackets over sweatshirts for early morning and evening wear, but be ready to peel off, one layer at a time, for the warmer late morning and afternoon hours. The average daily temperatures are in the mid-80's for highs and mid-50's for lows; but it is about 10 degrees cooler on the beach of Lake Michigan.

**Meals** There will be three substantive Camp meals each day. Breakfasts are served from a cafeteria line; cold cereal and fruit are always available. Lunches and suppers are served family style with food served by representatives from each table. If you have special dietary needs (vegetarian, low fat, etc) please inform the Wakonse staff before the conference.

**Accommodations** You will share a dorm/cabin room with another Wakonse fellow. The room will have two single beds and small dressers. You will be furnished with sheets, a thin pillow and one wool blanket. You are encouraged to bring a sleeping bag and sleep in that. There are two women's and two men's rest rooms in each dorm; each has two showers. Slippers/sandals are encouraged to keep sand off your feet after showering. Bring your own shampoo, hair dryer, etc. Soap will be furnished. You will also be provided a towel and washcloth. There is often not an abundance of hot water for showers; you will want to stagger showers. A washer and dryer are available. We will provide detergent for your use.

**Chataqua** A tradition of the Wakonse conference is the chataqua, a time to share your hidden talents (talent being defined in the loosest and kindest manner imaginable). Please come prepared to share your talents with us - as musician, as thespian, as comic, as storyteller, or be ready and willing to join or organize a chataqua ensemble for our enjoyment.

**Other Activities** During breaks at the conference, you will have opportunities to enjoy the beautiful environment. Activities include communal hikes in the woods and through the sand dunes, climbing a large sand dune (Old Baldy), walking the miles of sandy beaches, time to visit the lighthouse and Claybanks Pottery Studio, canoeing on Stony Lake (in

favorable weather), horseback riding, golf (we will have an early morning round of golf on Sunday), a non-denominational service at the Chapel of the Dunes, evening quests to the Stony Lake Yacht Club (a five-minute walk with a flashlight). There is a local grocery store next to the Yacht Club for any additional needs (and they have some of the best ice cream cones!).

**Smoking Policy** Smoking is not allowed on the premises of Camp Miniwanca. It is about a four minute walk to get off camp grounds.

**Telephones** There are pay phones in the dorms/cabins and at the Four Seasons Conference Center. The telephone number at Camp Miniwanca for emergencies is 231-861-2262. This number is only operative until 5 pm Michigan time.

**Cleanliness** It is important that we keep the campsite and the beaches litter free. Please be extremely conscious of this courtesy to our hosts.

**Suggestions** Here is a list of some additional items to bring with you (courtesy of past Wakonse Fellows): alarm clock; sleeping bag; camera; wool socks; ear plugs; umbrella and/or poncho; sunglasses; suntan lotion; pillow; flashlight (a necessity); extra batteries; sweatshirt and jacket; binoculars; hat; kite; fanny pack; covered travel mug; copy of favorite poem/reading; field identification guide for birds, plants, stars, etc.