

Voyager  
Launching into Christian Adulthood  
Leading Future Communities

The Voyager program has been designed to give young people a robust experience as they start on the path toward Christian adulthood. This is a program for students who are capable of much but unsure of the path that God has for them. The focus of the Voyager program is to help students who feel called to ministry determine their next steps. During nine months at the Voyager program located at Big Sandy Camp, students will gain experience in a ministry environment, receive education, and hopefully discover God's vision for their future, as well as uncover how they can lead the communities in which they will participate. During the program, students will earn college credit through Crown College, participate in a missions trip, and hear from speakers and community leaders. In addition, they will gain work experience in multiple practical fields including maintenance, food service, and camp programming.

#### Experience

##### Social Experiences

Students will get to go on many adventures together during their time at camp, including a camping trip, visiting historic sites around Minnesota, attending sporting events, spending time at other Christian camps, and having fun around Minnesota. Students will also get to attend multiple Christian Camp and Conference Association events including the Program Advance and the overnight Section Conference.

##### Work Experience

During the Voyager program, students will also gain work experience in three specific areas of camp. In food service, they will learn to cook on a large scale and gain experience with a variety of cooking techniques. They will serve in the maintenance department and learn safe operation of power tools, as well as help with projects around camp. Lastly, all participants will work in the program department and become certified to work on the camp's 750 foot zipline.

#### Education

##### Crown College

Students will participate in four courses through Crown College over the duration of the program. The students will meet together as a cohort to discuss the classes and topics covered during the classes, but will take tests and write papers individually. Students will earn a total of twelve credits during their time in the Voyager program which are transferable to Crown College.

##### Course Descriptions

Below are descriptions of the courses students will take during their time at Big Sandy Camp.

##### BIB 1520 - History of the Old Testament

This course examines a biblical interpretation of Old Testament literature with a view toward applying the teaching in contemporary ministry contexts.

##### BIB 1522 - History of the New Testament

A study of the historical background and general content of the New Testament books with a view to giving the students an overall perspective of the message of the New Testament in the light of its contemporary setting.

##### BIB 3520 - Interpreting the Bible

This course is designed to give the student practical experience in interpreting the Bible. A variety of observation and interpretation strategies are introduced in a discovery process with emphasis on the exegetical approach to Bible study. Several passages of Scripture are used to illustrate this approach.

#### CM 3520 - Spiritual Formation

This course focuses on spiritual formation as it relates to personal and corporate identification with Christ. In addition to addressing Biblical principles and spiritual disciplines that govern the character and conduct of Christians, this course provides an introduction to modern classics in spiritual formation.

#### Life Skills Learning Sessions

Most weeks, students will go through a life skill learning session with staff on site. Below is a list of some of the sessions covered.

- Clifford's Strength Finders
- Resume building and interview skills
- Using social media for your business
- CPR and first aid certification
- Self leadership
- Small group communications
- Cross cultural connections
- The art of networking
- Building a healthy team
- Basic vehicle care and maintenance
- How to read and study the Bible
- How to find and address hurt in your life

#### Christian Community Leaders

We recognize that Christians can spread the gospel in all walks of life. Christian community leaders will meet with the Voyager students during their time in the program. Each leader will share how they use their faith to lead their community. Some of the professions represented are:

#### Book Studies

Students will also participate in daily devotionals and book studies during their time in the Voyager program. The books below have been selected for the first year.

Grow Down - Ken Castor - Like a tree, a follower of Christ must root deeply into Jesus, find all nourishment to stand strongly through life in Him, and then naturally impact others with fruit and shade, protection and life-breathing air. As you grow down into Jesus, you'll draw up the resources you need to stand through any pressures, and then you'll overflow with an abundance of life that this grown-up world so desperately needs.

Lord Change My Attitude Before It's Too Late - James MacDonald - In *Lord, Change My Attitude*, James MacDonald shows us just how much our attitudes affect our lives. Drawing from the experience of the Israelites who grumbled through the wilderness, MacDonald shows how bad attitudes rob us of joy. Coveting, complaining, and being critical are not what our hearts were made for. They were made for thankfulness, contentment, and love.

**Soul Detox** - As standards of conduct continue to erode in our shock-proof world, we must fight the soul pollution threatening our health, our faith, and our witness to others. Without even knowing it, people willingly inhale second-hand toxins poisoning their relationship with God and stunting their spiritual growth. **Soul Detox** examines the toxins that assault us daily including: toxic influences, toxic emotions, and toxic behaviors. By examining the toxins that assault us daily, this book offers the ultimate spiritual intervention with ways to remain clean, pure, and focused on the standard of God's holiness.

**Soul Care** - Brokenness grasps for the soul of humanity. We are broken body, soul, and spirit, and we need the healing touch of Jesus. **Soul Care** explores seven principles that are profound healing tools of God: securing your identity, repentance, breaking family sin patterns, forgiving others, healing wounds, overcoming fears, and deliverance.

Dr. Rob Reimer challenges readers to engage in an interactive, roll-up-your-sleeves and get messy process -- a journey of self-reflection, Holy Spirit inspiration, deep wrestling, and surrender. It is a process of discovering yourself in true community and discovering God as He pierces through the layers of your heart.

### Envision

We are the body of Christ. Voyager students will get to see that body in full force as they support the camp ministry at Big Sandy Camp. They will get to visit multiple churches in Minnesota and connect to pastors and professors at Crown College. God often calls people to missions when they are introduced to the need in the world. Voyager students will be introduced to mission-focused communities through Envision, the missional arm of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. For the first year, students will attend Envision Twin Cities. The Twin Cities team is led by Rick and Kirsten Wallace. "The purpose of Envision Twin Cities is "To equip and to assist district churches in reaching out to the refugee and immigrant communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the goal of planting churches in the refugee and immigrant communities as people come to faith and are disciplined." ([www.weareenvision.com/twin-cities](http://www.weareenvision.com/twin-cities))

### Housing

Renovations on the Voyager building are being completed in 2020. This living area is located near Big Sandy Camp's main property and overlooks the Prairie River. The upstairs of the building serves as the dorm area for the Voyager program. It is divided into a guys' and girls' section, each with laundry facilities and bathrooms. The rooms can sleep up to three students and contain a bed and some storage space for each student. Downstairs is a kitchen, as well as a large living area where students will meet for devotions and training seminars.

### Who is the Voyager program for?

The Voyager program is for recent high school graduates who have completed one year or less of college. Students must be between the ages of 18 and 21 on or before September 1st of their Voyager year.

#### Students must:

- Believe that the Bible is true and be ready to live in a faith based educational community for nine months.
- Be willing to sign our lifestyle agreement and adhere to it for the duration of the program.
- Understand that this program provides greater accountability and supervision, and at the same time more responsibility than a traditional college environment.
- Be able to live and operate in the Voyager building without special assistance.
- Be able to read, write, and speak fluent English.

- Be able to pass a background check and complete the Ministry Safe training.

#### Dates, Cost, and Application

##### Dates

Application period opens - February 20 2020

Application period closes - June 2020, or when all 12 positions are filled

Preview Dates - March 14, 2020; April 18, 2020; May 16, 2020

Move in Day - August 24, 2020

Family Visit Weekend - TBD

Thanksgiving Break - November 24-30, 2020

Christmas Break - December 22, 2020-January 3, 2021

Easter Break - March 30-April 6, 2021

Farewell Ceremony - May 20, 2021, 4:00 pm - Immediate families invited - record for extended families?

Move out Day - May 26, 2021

##### Cost

Big Sandy Camp and Crown College have done everything we can to limit the financial cost to students. The Voyager payment plan is set up in such a way that there are no hidden costs to students during their time at the program. All of their meals and lodging are provided for the entire year. All of their official off site trips, experiences, and excursions are paid for through this structure. The total cost of the Voyager program is \$9,290. This is distributed over three payments.

\$890 - Non-refundable deposit due - June 30, 2020. This holds your spot for the program

\$4,200 - Primary payment due - August 31, 2020

\$4,200 - Final payment due - December 1, 2020

##### Where does it all go?

\$2,400 - Crown College tuition

\$4,360 - Food costs

\$500 - Envision trip

\$175 - BSC gear, books/Bible studies

\$495 - Off site experiences

\$1,360 - Utilities, building expenses, fuel, staff salaries

For questions or concerns regarding payment, please contact our Voyager program director, Maggie Painting, at 218-460-7966, or our site director, Dave Toth, at 218-460-7959.

Early Bird Discount - If you pay \$3,000 or more before July 1st, you will qualify for a \$250 discount.

Apply

Apply at [bigsandycamp.com/voyager](https://bigsandycamp.com/voyager) to be considered for the 2020 Voyager program. Please allow up to one hour to apply and allow for two weeks as we review your application. After review of the application, we will schedule a date for an interview. Our preference is a live interview, however students who are not Minnesota residents may schedule a Skype interview to take the place of the live interview.