



Camp is a place for kids, teens, and adults to get away from the daily routine that can be so stifling to growth and spiritual development. New experiences, friends, challenges, and glimpses of God's glory are the norm at camp. What value should be placed on an opportunity to step outside of the ordinary and evaluate how well you are serving your creator?

Camp is a place for breathing in all of God's amazing creation. Going to camp for a week, a weekend, or even a day takes you outside of four walls to where God's creation shouts his name! See him as you walk in the shade of green leafy trees, hear him in the soft rippling of water around your canoe, feel him in the heat of an evening fire as you sing praises to his name, and taste him in the coolness of water after hiking to the top of a lofty overlook. Witness his majesty in the infinite stars of a calm summer night, understand more fully his forgiveness in the pure white covering of a winter snow storm, and learn to trust in him while hanging from a rope on a rocky cliff. All of this awaits at camp . . . what is it worth?



Camp is a place where connections and life-long relationships are formed. Living alongside friends and strangers in the temporary camp community will deepen existing friendships and create many new ones. These peer-to-peer relationships are forged on the challenge course, in the darkness of a mission impossible night game, or around a glowing fire. They are friendships that touch a deeper level than most and may indeed last for a lifetime. Also lasting for a lifetime are the mentor relationships formed between campers and counselors; counselors who are truly living their relationship with God and modeling that relationship for all to see. Campers see that "cool" people think that it's "cool" to live as a follower of Jesus. These earthly connections are signposts on the journey leading to true connection with God — and that is truly what camp is all about. Knowing that kids are shaped by their peers and mentors — how expensive is the alternative of not exposing a child to these positive relationships?



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Camp is a place where foundations, roots, are formed. Decisions are made and life courses are charted and set. The number of people in full-time ministry who made a formative decision for Christ at camp is astounding . . . ask a few of these dedicated ones and see for yourself. When the storms of life are raging, camp provides a beacon for the drowning soul to look back upon and exclaim, "God was real then, and he is real today!" The camp experience can direct the path of a person's entire life. What is the cost of not providing that experience for a child? For your child?

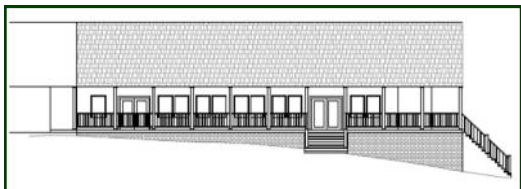


Yes, this year has been a tough one, and if camp is simply a way to keep the kids busy and give parents some free time, it may not fit the budget. But, camp is so much more than that! The Wall Street Journal missed on it's definition. Given the more full definition above, camp is a non-negotiable. After all, how can you cut life formation out of the budget? Whether it's for a week long summer camp, or a weekend winter retreat, camp provides a truly authentic, life shaping experience . . . **PRICELESS!**



Building Update

We are still waiting on God's timing, as the building permit has not yet been approved. Pray with us that approval will happen in the next few months as we would love to begin construction in late August, right after our summer camps end.



Prayer Requests

Camp Finances: April and May are low-giving months, yet we have the greatest need while preparing for summer camp.

Summer Staff Needs: Nurse for Senior High and Explorer Weeks and two bus drivers for Explorer Week

Spring/Summer Events

- Saxton Youth Thursday evenings in April & May
- April 10-11 Cedar Crest Church Family Retreat
- April 18 Martinsburg MOPS Camp Cleanup
- April 24-26 Leamersville GBC Youth Retreat
- May 1-3 Eastern Dist. MMI Men's Retreat
- May 8-9 MGBC Junior High Retreat
- May 15-17 Immanuel Bible Youth Retreat
- May 23 Camp Workday 9:00am.-1:00pm.
- May 29-31 Nazarene Church Youth Retreat
- June 12-14 Staff Training Weekend
- June 15-20 Sr. High Camp
- June 22-26 Jr. High Camp
- June 29-July 1 Pioneer Camp
- July 1-3 High school Sports Camp
- July 6-10 Adventurer Camp
- July 13-17 Explorer Camp
- July 19-24 Happy Haven Bible Camp
- July 26-31 Cromwell United Youth Camp
- July 31-Aug. 2 The BIG Weekend
- Aug. 3-7 Cedar Crest Youth Camp
- Aug. 9-14 The Door Youth Camp
- Aug. 15-20 PA Christian Camp for the Deaf