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TALES FROM THE CAMPSIDE

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WISH LIST

gravel

power washer

brooms

vinyl mattress covers

folding chairs

commercial door mats

indoor/outdoor

basketballs

REGISTER BY APRIL 30 AND SAVE!

Summer camp at Camp Challenge—it's the most wonderful time of the year!

Save money by registering early! The camp fee for registrations received by April 30 is \$199 (\$99 for Young Explorers). After April 30, the regular registration rate of \$225 applies (\$110 for Young Explorers). Registrations received within 2 weeks of the start of the session are subject to a \$20 late registration charge.

This year's camp theme is based on 1 Timothy 4:12: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

How to register:

- Register online at www.gocampchallenge.com/register
- Mail a registration form to Camp Challenge at 8914 US 50 E, Bedford, IN 47421. Forms are available at www.gocampchallenge.com/register.
- Request a registration form by calling 812.834.5159 or emailing us at info@gocampchallenge.com.

2014 Camp Schedule

- Senior High, June 15-20: Kim Schuessler, Laura Abner, Brandon Mott & Joel Hutton, directors
- Junior High, June 22-27: Kelli Willman, Melissa Chastain & Kodie Linger, directors
- Young Explorers, June 29-July 1: Stephenie Knoll, director
- 5th & 6th Grade, July 6-11: Josh and Abby Mifflin, directors
- 4th, 5th and 6th Grade, July 13-18: Tracy Elliott, director
- 3rd and 4th Grade, July 20-25: Tracy Elliott, director



MISSIONS EXPERIENCE CAMP

We LOVE hosting groups who want to do a service project for the camp! This year, in addition to groups coming on their own, we are offering Missions Experience camp! Missions Experience camp is a dedicated time for people to come and help us improve our facilities, PLUS relax in the outdoors, worship, and get to hear the testimonies of different ministry and missions workers from around the world. We will provide

meals and programming starting with breakfast **Friday, June 6th** through lunch on **Wednesday, June 11th**, but feel free to come earlier and/or stay longer on your own! This camp is come and go: come for a day or stay for the whole session—whatever your schedule allows! Because of the work nature of this camp and the subject matter of some of our speakers' ministries, we are recommending this camp

for ages 16+; however, younger kids may attend with an adult guardian. This camp is "name your own price"; our suggested donation is \$50/day to cover the cost of food, lodging, and work materials, but feel free to give whatever you are able. Skill or unskilled, fast or slow, the whole gang or flying solo—all are welcome at Missions Experience camp! Please register online now at www.gocampchallenge.com/register.

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-Logan Baker

COUNSELORS NEEDED!

Did you know that a camp counselor has more time with a young person in a week of summer camp than the average youth pastor gets in a whole year? You have the opportunity to make a SIGNIFICANT impact! Here's what our counselors have to say about serving at Camp Challenge.

“Beyond having an all around good time year after year, I also found myself making lifelong friends, learning about myself, and ultimately encountering the

life-changing presence of God. I want the kids that come to Camp Challenge to have the same transformative experience I have had, and that is why I serve. Playing a part in the work that God is doing at camp is an incredibly fulfilling experience.” - Logan Baker

“Camp Challenge is my favorite place in the world. To see life change in campers and counselors alike is amazing. I always say my week at camp is my spiritual boost that gets me through the year. I have

NEVER spent time there and not felt Him speak to me. If you can be a small part of someone else's story by being their cabin counselor, why wouldn't you? It has been one of my greatest joys to be a counselor to young ladies for 20+ years and I would do it for 20 more if God saw fit.”
 - Terri Shields

Contact us for more information on volunteering, or apply online at www.gocampchallenge/register.

PAINTBALL IS COMING!

We are in the process of clearing and constructing a paintball course on the northwest side of our property. We plan to complete the course in time to offer paintball at the Senior High and Junior High camps. Each

session of paintball includes use of equipment and safety gear, instruction on safety procedures, refereed games in the woods, and debriefings on how the games relate to our real-life Christian walk. Keep us in mind

for group activities outside of the camping season. Our paintball field and gear will be available for rental throughout the year for churches, work outings, and individual groups. Contact us for more information!

CAMP:YOUR ONE-TANK GETAWAY

We all need time to unplug, unwind, and take a break from regular life. Camp Challenge is a perfect destination for a day trip, an affordable, close-to-home vacation, a family reunion, or a group retreat! Enjoy some one-on-one time in His great outdoors on our hiking trails and hunting grounds, or check out the following nearby fresh-air attractions:

- Blue Springs Caverns & Myst'ry River
- Williams Covered Bridge (part of the Indiana Covered Bridge Loop)
- Lake Monroe
- Hoosier Nat'l Forest
- Laura Hare Nature Preserve
- Empire Quarry
- Little Grantville Bluegrass
- Spring Mill State Park
- Paoli Peaks

We offer several lodging options, including tent camping, rv sites with 30 amp electric, and private apartments in addition to our bunk-style cabins.

Contact us now for rates and availability!

“Malachi requested Camp Challenge instead of our condo in Florida for our family vacation; Naomi asked me if we could go live at Camp Challenge.”
-Carrie Henry

SO YOU'VE GOT SKILLZ...

Camp Challenge is in need of volunteers to help us better steward our resources by advising and assisting our board members in governance, finance, communications, fund raising, alumni relations, youth programming, hospitality, and buildings and grounds.



If you are willing to share your expertise for an average of 1-2 hours per month in any of the following areas, please contact us so we can further discuss how we might best serve each other:

- Strategic planning, evaluation, nonprofit management
- Budgeting, auditing, investing
- Capital campaigns, planned giving, annual campaigns, grant writing
- Branding, graphic design, message framing, video production
- Construction, contracting, campus planning, skilled trades
- Food service, hospitality and tourism management
- Student ministry, recreation, outdoor programming, spiritual development

WHY A SUNDAY START?

Wait, what? You're starting on Sundays now? Why the change?

We're glad you asked!

There are 2 main reasons we decided to move the start of camp from Monday morning to Sunday evening.

1) Moving check-in allows

parents working traditional business hours to bring their kids to camp without having taking time off work.

2) The extra time allows us to invite parents to meet the counselors and experience a bit of camp for themselves without cutting

into our regular camp time.

We know that as we try something new we may experience some kinks, so we appreciate your patience as we address any unanticipated issues. We welcome feedback at info@gocampchallenge.com

CAMP DIRECTOR CALLOUT!

Have you ever...

...wondered who's behind planning all of our great camp activities?

...thought to yourself, "Wouldn't it be fun if campers could...?"

...said to yourself, "I might like to lead a camp one day...how do I land one of those awesome gigs?"

Are you...

...passionate about student ministry?

...fabulous at finding creative, active, and inexpensive ways to engage kids (I'm looking at you, teachers and VBS coordinators!)

...willing to eat lots of s'mores?

If you're interested in significantly impacting the spiritual development of young people by directing a camp at Camp Challenge, contact us...we will match you up with a current director so you can ask questions, share ideas, and learn exactly what goes into planning a week of camp!



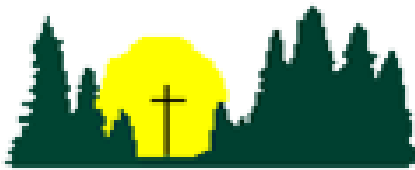
HELP WANTED!

We'd love assistance completing these work projects before the start of summer camp:

- Installing privacy doors in the bathhouse
- Clearing wood and brush
- Rebuilding fire pit
- Insulating east hill cabins
- Powerwashing retreat center stairs
- Painting exterior retreat center doors
- Restaining wood on administration building

Individuals or groups; skilled or unskilled, contact Brian at 812.834.5159 or brian@gocampchallenge.com for details!

Who has even more fun at Camp Challenge than our campers? Our weekly program directors!



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Camp Challenge is a non-denominational, multipurpose facility that accommodates retreats for all types of Christian groups. The camp's main goal is to create summer camping adventures for youth to have fun, enjoy nature, and experience God's love.

Stay in the loop...

follow us online!

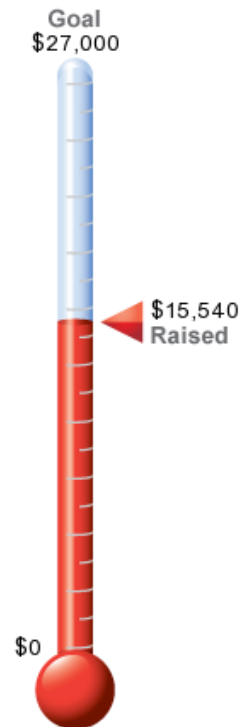
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HALFWAY THERE!

Two of our five Nora Hunter Retreat Center cabin roofs are leaking during hard rains! We made it through the 2013 camp season with some tarps and temporary repairs, but upon further inspection, it appears that roof replacement is necessary. We are raising funds to replace the asphalt shingle roof with a metal roof. Metal is more expensive, but no tear off of old shingles reduces the labor cost, making the total cost of a metal roof comparable to a shingle roof. Considering that metal roofs last 2 to 3 times longer than traditional roofs, we felt the benefits of metal outweighed the drawback of a slightly higher cost. The lowest of the bids we received was \$27,000; we have \$15,540 pledged to the project to date. If you or your church can help fund the Nora roof replacement and keep our campers dry, contact Camp or donate to the Capital Improvement fund online at www.gocampchallenge.com/donate.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Six months have gone by quickly since we started this adventure at Camp Challenge in early October! We have met so many wonderful people and learned so many new things about Christian camping and Camp Challenge.

As we all experienced, this winter was crazy cold. The camp made it through with only minor problems. We had a water pipe break in the nurse's station and it made a pretty big mess. Two other sinks had minor



**Executive Director
Brian Klein**

leaks. Also, several trees and branches fell down this winter. I am thankful that these seem to have been the worst of the problems this winter.

The preparations are now underway for the camping season. We are very excited to see what God has planned for this summer. We believe that lives will be changed this summer. If you are on the fence about coming to camp this summer or sending your kids to camp this summer, please think about the impact a week a camp will have compared to other summer activities. During camp weeks we unplug the from the typical distractions of life. We have awesome worship services, pray together, eat together,

experience new & fun activities together, and we grow together. Campers learn to work with teams, gain self-confidence, have freedom (with supervision) to take chances they wouldn't normally take, all while hearing spiritual truths spoken into their lives about who God is and who they are in relationship to Him and to each other. Consider allowing your children or grandchildren to spend a week at Camp Challenge this summer.

Always feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback (negative or positive) about Camp Challenge. My cell phone number is 317-774-4441 and my e-mail is Brian@gocampchallenge.com. God Bless.