

TALES FROM THE CAMPSIDE

Sharing the latest news, info, and updates from Camp Challenge



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 20-21 Staff and Volunteer Retreat
- Jun 2-5 [Mission Camp](#)
- Jun 3-Jun 12 [Indiana South Youth Choir Tour](#)
- Jun 9-Jul 28 [Summer Camps](#) (see full schedule on page 2)
- Jul 28-Jul 30 [DistinXion Basketball Camp](#)

2016 REGISTRATION OPEN!

It's that time of year again—registration for summer camp at Camp Challenge has begun! How to register:

- Submit your info online at <http://gocampchallenge.com/register>
- Download a form at <http://gocampchallenge.com/register> and mail it to Camp Challenge at 8914 US HWY 50 E, Bedford, IN 47421
- Request a registration form by calling us at 812.834.5159 or emailing us at info@gocampchallenge.com

This year's camp theme is HYDRATE, based on [John 7:37-38](#): ““Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”” We invite all 1st-12th grade students to explore this truth through an awesome week of fun activities, engaging worship, and real community.



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2016 CAMP SCHEDULE

Jun 2-5: Mission Camp
Brian & Maria Klein, directors

Jun 9-11: Young Explorers
Stephenie Knoll, director

Jun 12-17: Senior High
Jyllian Kegley, director

Jun 19-24: 7th & 8th Grade
Kelli & Travis Willman, directors

Jun 26-Jul 1: 4th/5th/6th Grade
Tracy Elliott, director

Jul 10-15: 3rd & 4th Grade
Angie McCullough, director

July 17-22: 5th & 6th Grade
Josh Mifflin & Abby Hart,
directors

Jul 24-28: Adventure Camp
Director TBD

Jul 28-30: DistinXion Basketball
Camp

CAMP ON ANY BUDGET

Summer camp is a can't-miss experience for all kids! Here are steps you can take to make sure your kids can attend no matter what your family budget!

1) Register early! Save up to 40% by registering by 3/31. Extra-earlybirds registering by 1/31 receive a bonus \$5 canteen credit!

2) Check with your church! Many of our partner churches offer assistance with registration fees.

3) Invite your friends! Camp Challenge offers a \$25 credit for each 1st time paid attendee registered by 3/31 referred by you, up to the full cost of camp!

3) Come back for a sequel! Campers attending a 2nd session receive a 50% discount on the 2nd session of equal/lesser value.

4) Apply for a scholarship! Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to assist families who would not otherwise be able to send their children to Camp Challenge.

5) Keep perspective! For about \$50 a day, campers not only get food, lodging, activities, and care, but also invaluable spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical development. How does that compare to the daily cost of your last vacation?

2016 CAMP FEES

		EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION 1/1/16 – 3/31/16	REGULAR REGISTRATION 4/1/16-2 weeks of camp start date	LATE REGISTRATION within 2 weeks of camp start date
June 2-5	Mission Camp	*	*	*
June 9-11	Young Explorers	\$110	\$125	\$155
June 12-17	Senior High	\$220	\$250	\$280
June 19-24	7 th & 8 th Grade	\$220	\$250	\$280
June 26-July 1	4 th , 5 th , & 6 th Grade	\$220	\$250	\$280
July 10-15	3 rd & 4 th Grade	\$220	\$250	\$280
July 17-22	5 th & 6 th Grade	\$220	\$250	\$280
July 24-28	Adventure Camp	\$270	\$300	\$330

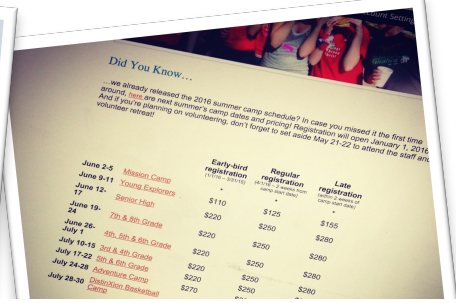
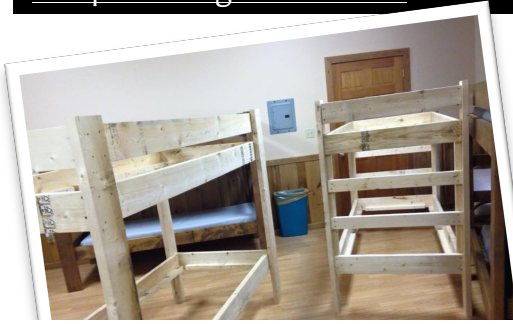
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU!

Did you know that more than 100 people volunteered their time and talents at Camp Challenge last summer?? In addition to the dozens of counselors that come each year, we also had cooks, nurses, grounds workers, musicians, speakers, amateur astronomers, photographers, grillers, and check-in helpers that volunteered their time and talent. THANK YOU! Volunteers are vitally important to our ministry; Camp Challenge would not be

able to offer the camp experience to hundreds of young people each year without their act of service. It's not too early to start thinking about joining us for a bit this summer. No matter your particular skill set, if you can find the time, we can find a place for you! This year we are in particular need of male summer staff, camp nurses, and male and female volunteer counselors. Job descriptions and application forms are available at <http://gocampchallenge.com/jobs/>



No counselors were harmed taking this photo



THE “OFF-SEASON” AND OTHER FAIRY-TALES

You may think that once campers return home we go into hibernation mode here at Camp Challenge, but the “off-season” is a busy time for us! We have a thriving retreat schedule during the spring and fall, leaving about a 10-week window to complete any major improvements or repairs. We also do the bulk of our staff hiring and volunteer recruitment;

internal assessment and program improvements; fundraising, marketing, and communications planning; budgeting; contract review and service procurement; networking and partnership building; and general “strategery” during the fall, winter, and spring months. Before you feel too sorry for us, we did travel to Phoenix for the [Christian Camping and](#)

[Conference Association’s](#) national conference, thanks to a grant from the [Indiana Youth Institute!](#) Yes, the labor is year-round, but so is the fruit of that labor. If you’d like to support the ministry of Camp Challenge year-round, consider an automatic monthly contribution as a Fire Circle donor. Sign up today at gocampchallenge.com/give.



ANNUAL PROJECT UPDATE

Each year we identify a special project to improve the camp’s programming or facilities so we can better serve our purpose. In 2013, we built a [paintball course](#), creating a new activity for our campers and a rental revenue stream. In 2014, we replaced [Nora’s leaking asphalt-shingle roof with energy-efficient metal](#), keeping our campers and retreat users comfortable and dry. In 2015, we [resurfaced our aged](#)

[basketball court](#), attracting our first basketball camp in the process (which will be returning again this summer). In 2016, we hope to refurbish the dining hall. The roof needs to be repaired and fitted with metal sheeting, tables and chairs need to be replaced, and we need to make some kitchen updates to meet current health and safety standards. The total cost will be around \$30,000. These special



projects are possible because of the generous support of those who value the mission of Camp Challenge. To give to this year’s project, go to gocampchallenge.com/give, click one-time gift, and then select Buildings and Grounds.



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Camp Challenge exists to develop followers of and leaders for Jesus Christ by encouraging disconnection from everyday distractions and reconnection to God through His creation.

MISSION CAMP 2016!

Help strengthen the ministry of Camp Challenge by working to improve camp facilities and grounds alongside camp staff and ministry workers from around the world. It's the perfect opportunity to experience a mission trip without the time commitment and finances required to go abroad! Some projects slated for this year's



camp include a refresh of the dining hall and general camp

cleaning. Come for a few hours, a whole day, or the whole session June 2-5.

Register yourself or your whole group by filling out our online form at <http://gocampchallenge.com/mission-camp/>

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Hello from Camp Challenge! The plans for 2016 are well underway. Registration for summer camps has begun, so be sure to take advantage of the early bird discount. Retreat groups are filling the calendar, so be sure to get in touch with me if you would like to host a retreat, business meeting, family getaway, or other event. The year round use of the camp is growing extremely quickly. It is very exciting to watch the changes. This camp is here for you to use; while I enjoy the solitude during the quiet times at the camp I also enjoy seeing the camp come alive when people are here being refreshed, renewed and growing in their faith in God. A huge benefit

of the growth in year- round use of the camp is that we generate more revenue to help fund our ministry, but with added usage comes added expense. I am so thankful that individuals and churches donate to Camp Challenge. The camp could not thrive without that support. Special fundraising efforts have made it possible to put a new roof on the retreat center, purchase a needed mower, add paintball as an activity, and improve several cabins. I would like to invite you to join in as a partner in seeing the next big things happen at Camp Challenge. If you are wondering what it might mean to partner with Camp Challenge, please feel free to reach out to me. We can talk about what

the needs of the camp are, what is next for the camp, and how best you and/or your church may get involved. Our current tangible area of focus is the Dining Hall. The roof needs to be repaired and fitted with metal sheeting, tables and chairs need to be replaced, and we need to make some kitchen updates to meet current health and safety standards. The estimated cost of all of this will be \$30,000. The dining hall is one of the activity hubs of Camp Challenge and we want to make sure it can be used by our campers for years to come. Will you consider partnering with us to move this forward before the summer camp season begins?