

TALES FROM THE CAMPSIDE

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



YOU'RE INVITED!!

Now - May	Camp reps at your church! Call to schedule!
March 16	Work day (sponsor – New Albany FCOG Youth)
April 5-7	Spring Clean-Up at Camp Challenge!
May 2-5	Work camp (sponsor – Church at the Crossing)
May 13-17	Work camp (sponsor – Campers on Mission)
May 17-18	Staff and Volunteer Retreat
Jun 6-Jul 19	Summer Camps (full schedule on page 4)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We invite all 1st-12th graders to join us this summer for a can't-miss adventure! This year's camp theme is EVERLASTING, based on Isaiah 40:28-31: "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Save by registering early! Registrations received by 3/31 are \$280 (\$140 for Young Explorers). After 3/31, the regular registration rate of \$300 applies (\$150 for Young Explorers). Registrations received within 2 weeks of the start of the session are subject to a \$20 late registration charge. Refer a first-time attender to camp and receive a \$25 Canteen credit!



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How to Register:

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



ANNUAL REPORT!

In January we released our 2018 annual report, summarizing how your support was used to impact the people and places of Camp Challenge last year, and to fill you in on what's coming next!

The report includes updates on programming, staff and volunteers, buildings and grounds, rental use, financials, recent progress, and future plans.

Find the full report online at gocampchallenge.com/enews. We look forward to continuing to partner with you in developing followers of and leaders for Jesus Christ through outdoor ministry in 2019!

Financial Report

We are so thankful that the financial stability of the camp continues to improve and camper numbers continue to increase and that helps tremendously especially to specific projects, continue to be strong. When considering a designated funds for new and big projects.

	2013	2014	2018
Summer Camp Registrations			8,111
Facility Use			
Unrestricted Donations	75,526		
Designated Donations	8,108		
Other			
Total Income			
Donations Above			

Excellent Staff and Volunteers

In 2018, 12 seasonal staff and 120 volunteers assisted our full-time summer camp. Camp staff received additional training retreat in June, including a week of June, including development and American Camping Conference.

High Quality Programming

Summer camp enrollment continues to trend upward. Over 95% of campers responding said their time at camp improved their relationship with God, and 114 told us they committed to following Jesus while at camp.

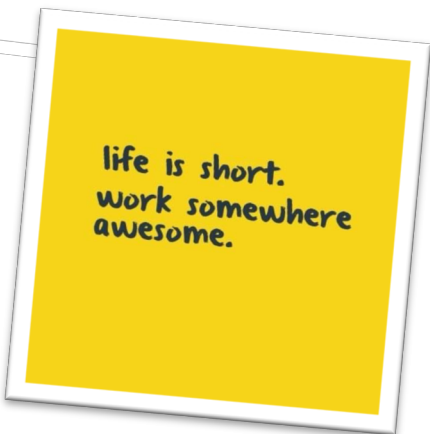
Summer Camp Enrollment

Year	Enrollment
2013	441
2014	492
2015	508
2016	514
2017	537
2018	584

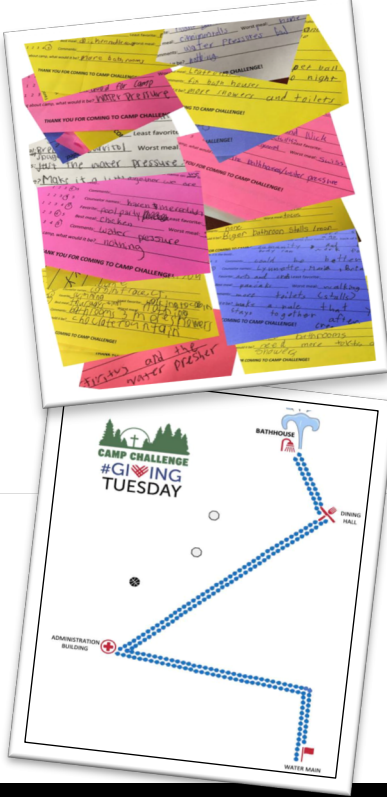
HELP WANTED – NOW HIRING!!



You'll never find a harder-working, closer-knit team than camp staff! We are currently accepting applications for housekeeping staff (part-time, seasonal) and summer staff (full-time, seasonal) positions. Job descriptions and online application available at gocampchallenge.com/jobs. Interviews in progress...get your application in ASAP!



WATER LINE REPLACEMENT!



Our campers are BEGGING (just take a look at these surveys!) for more showers and toilets, but bad water pressure (if you've stayed here, you know EXACTLY what we're talking about!) divided by more bathroom facilities equals even worse water pressure!

We've consulted with our local water authority and multiple contractors, and they all say the first step is to install larger-diameter pipe between the water main and our water-using facilities.

Our fall #GivingTuesday project focused on connecting our campers the water they need, and you guys showed up in a big way, giving over \$7,800!!

We are so thankful for God's provision through Camp's many friends and supporters, and so appreciative of your commitment to providing our campers, staff, and guests a safe, inviting, and well-cared-for environment to discover, develop, and disciple...we can't wait to get this project rolling!!

CAMP CHAMP: KAITIE FERRELL

Meet some of the folks that make Camp Challenge go!

What is your role at Camp Challenge? I am the year-round program manager.

What kind of things does that entail? As a part of my job, I work with directors, summer staff, and volunteers to create an environment where students can build lifelong friendships, dig deeper in their faith, and learn more about God.

How did you originally get involved with Camp? I originally got involved with Camp Challenge as a camper in the 3rd grade and went every summer after that! Once I graduated, I stayed involved as a volunteer counselor, worship leader, and last year I was a co-director.

Why do you choose to stay involved at camp? Camp

Challenge has had such a huge impact on my life.

What is your favorite thing about working here? My favorite part about working for Camp is being able to help cultivate the environment that makes that same impact for current and future campers.

What is your best memory at Camp? I have so many amazing memories from Camp! One of my favorites was when I was sitting outside of Amity talking with one of my campers. As we were talking, the band started playing the perfect song that matched what we were talking about; singing words that were so much needed. It was so cool to see God show up in such a tangible way for this camper!



What would you say to other people considering getting involved in camp ministry? Getting involved in camp ministry could be one of the best choices you make! As crazy as the world is today, campers come needing rest and refuge from their everyday lives, whether they realize it or not. They need adults that can pour into their lives, helping them grow in their faith and realizing what it is that God wants to show them. You go into camp to help campers grow and you leave being more blessed that you could ever think possible.



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2019 CAMP SCHEDULE!

Register by last grade completed by the time camp starts!



May 17-18, 2019: Staff & Volunteer Retreat

June 6-8, 2019: Young Explorers Katie Mezo & Maggi Snack

June 9-14, 2019: Senior High Jyllian Kegley & Brandon Mott

June 16-21, 2019: 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Laura Abner & Zach Chapman

June 23-28, 2019: 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Angie McCullough

July 7-12, 2019: 5th, 6th, & 7th Grade Kelli Willman

July 14-19, 2019: 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Jon Yaney

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

It seems like the 2018 camp season just ended and yet we are already in our busy preparation time for the summer of 2019!

This year I want to invite you to partner with us as we move toward significant changes at Camp Challenge. We are in the permitting process for our new bathhouse. Please pray that the permit comes through quickly! We are also working on plans to upgrade some of the cabins and dreaming about other big things in the future, too.

I'm so thankful that many of you reading this article give throughout the year whenever we share a need or an upcoming

project. Did you know that there is an opportunity to help Camp Challenge on a regular basis? We call it the Fire Circle; it is a group of people that choose to donate monthly to help us meet our general budget needs. People donate between \$10 and \$250 per month, but a monthly donation of ANY amount would be greatly appreciated. Join the Fire Circle today at gocampchallenge.com/fire-circle/

If you have any questions about how donations are used at Camp Challenge, please request a copy of our [annual report](#) or reach out to me--I would be happy to talk with you. I also love to give tours of Camp Challenge and share about the facilities and the



mission of Camp Challenge. If you want to come and tour the camp, please ask me about setting up a time for a visit.

I'm looking forward to 2019 and beyond at Camp Challenge! YOU are invited to partner with us and develop followers of and leaders for Jesus Christ through outdoor ministry!