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### SAVE THE DATES

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Mission Camp June 4-7, 2015

### Summer Camps June 11-July 23, 2015 (see full schedule at right)

Indiana South Youth Choir Tour July 10-July 19, 2015

DistinXion Camp July 23-25, 2015

CWC Prayer Retreat September 11-12, 2015

Men's Retreat September 25-26, 2015

## TALES FROM THE CAMPSIDE

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### SUMMER 2015—REGISTER NOW!

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

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 <u>www.gocampchallenge.com/</u> <u>register</u>.

• Request a registration form by emailing us at info@gocampchallenge.com or calling 812.834.5159.

### **REGISTRATION RATES**

Young Explorers Week-long camps Adventure Camp Save by registering early! After 3/31, regular rates apply until two weeks before camp start date. Want more ways to save? For each firsttime attender you refer to camp, receive a \$25 credit, up to your full camp fee. Plus, register for a second camp session and get 50% off the second registration rate!



Earlybird	Regular	Late
\$99	\$110	\$150
\$199	\$225	\$265
\$299	\$325	\$365

### 2015 CAMP SCHEDULE

- Young Explorers, June 11-13: Stephenie Knoll, director
- Senior High, June 14-19: Brandon Mott, Joel Hutton, & Becca Reynolds, directors
- 7th & 8th Grade, June 21-26: Kelli Willman, Melissa Chastain & Kodie Liniger, directors
- 3rd & 4th Grade, June 28-July 3: Tracy Elliott, director
- 4th, 5th & 6th Grade, July 5-10: Tracy Elliott, director
- 5th & 6th Grade, July 12-17: Josh Mifflin and Abby Hart, directors
- Adventure Camp, July 19-23: Hayden Linville, director

## ALL NEW ADVENTURE CAMP!

This year we will host the first ever Adventure Camp at Camp Challenge! This 5 day/4 night camp is for 6th-12th graders. From paintball to archery, strategybased games and teamwork challenges, we will test your heart, soul, strength, and mind. Be ready for outdoor discovery activities designed to experience God's creation while navigating the wilderness of Camp Challenge.

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And as always, our activities will encourage growth of your faith in Jesus Christ. Will we hammock under the stars? Cook our meal over an open fire? Hike to the unseen corners of

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**NOW HIRING!** 

**Camp Challenge is in** 

search of spiritually-

mature, outdoor

ministry-minded staff

and volunteers to serve

our summer campers in

the following positions:

Summer Staff

Lifeguard

Nurse

Counselor (volunteer)

Counselor-in-Training

(volunteer)

Read the full job

descriptions and apply online at gocampchallenge.com/ jobs

WISH LIST

summer staff sponsors (select operating fund) camp scholarships

(select scholarship fund) sidewalk lighting

(select building/grounds fund)

outdoor basketballs

### A WORD FROM OUR CAMPERS...

Ever wonder what our campers think about their time at camp? Here are some of their responses to questions we asked them at the end of camp last summer:

### What was your favorite thing about camp?

- Free time with Jesus

- The worship times—because of them, I learned much more about having a relationship with God, and so I was able to deepen it

- Getting to learn about God and making new friends

### What was your least favorite thing about camp?

- None of it ... I loved everything
- The day we have to leave
- It had to end

### What was the most important thing you learned at Camp this week?

- Learning more about God's nature, and experiencing him in a much deeper way than ever before

- God is always there for us
- I can be an example in faith, speech, conduct, and purity

- I am not alone
- I am beautiful & I am loved
- God is truly our Lord & Savior
- Jesus is the hero of heroes
- Even though I'm young I can live for Jesus
- Jesus loves me

WOW! What a wonderful privilege and responsibility we have to serve and minister to our young people at Camp Challenge. If you'd like to be a part of the transformation that happens here, apply to volunteer today!

- It's too hard to decide!

# **RESERVEYOUR DATE TODAY!**

Thinking about holding a church event, group gathering, or family retreat at Camp

Challenge this year? Our rental calendar is filling up fast—call Brian at (812)

834-5159 to make sure you get your first choice of dates and lodging options!

# **SAY HELLO TO HAYDEN!**

Camp Challenge is excited to introduce you to our newest staff member, Hayden Linville!



Hayden hails from Anderson, Indiana, where he is a student at Anderson University, majoring in Social Work. He has

7 years of experience working in camp ministry, 6 of which have been at Camp Challenge. In addition to his camp work,

he has also been a Sunday school teacher at his home church of Madison Park for 6 years, working with 3rd grade through for junior high students.

Hayden is life-guard, CPR, and first aid certified, and teaches swim lessons for kids ages 5 to 13. When he graduates, he hopes to do some counseling work but his dream job is to be a camp director and run his own camp.

As Camp Challenge's seasonal program administrator, his main responsibilities will include managing summer staff and overseeing camp's field programming.

Hayden says, "I have attended Camp Challenge for 13 summers and I enjoyed every one! I am excited about coming back to Camp Challenge this summer because it is my second home." Welcome back to Camp Challenge, Hayden!

# **YOU SHOP, CAMP BENEFITS!**

Did you know many retailers will donate to the charity of your choice? Get something you need and help Camp Challenge at the same time!

### **AMAZON**

Log into Amazon using smile.amazon.com, choose Camp Challenge Indiana as your charity, and we'll receive a percentage of your total purchase!

#### **KROGER**

a donation to:

Indiana Inc

Get started

amazonsmile

Go to krogercommunityrewards.com, link your Kroger Plus card to Camp Challenge using the number 38068, and we'll

receive a Shop at AmazonSmile percentage and Amazon will make of your Camp Challenge grocery purchases!

rewards

### **H&R BLOCK**

Tired of doing community your own taxes? For each new #38068 client using our referral number 40010001082434, we will receive \$20. Go to H&R

> Block's web site to print a referral form before your visit.

# **CAMP COURT CHALLENGE!**

Ahh, March: the best time of the year for college basketball lovers! This year, as you fill out your bracket

and watch your favorite teams play on their courts, help Camp replace its court by taking part in our Camp Court Challenge!

freezes have

As you can see, many summers of hard fun and many winters of hard

> left our basketball court crumbling and unsafe. Additional repairs are not recommended (yes, we've checked). This is where your bracket



in...make a donation to Camp Challenge in the name of

your fa-

vored team, and if your team wins, your name (or a name of your choosing) goes on the court! More information will be available soon at www.gocampchallenge.com!

### **INTRODUCING DISTINXION!**

Camp Challenge is excited to announce we are hosting DistinXion's Overnight Basketball Camp Xperience, July 23-25, 2015. Campers will train at Bedford North Lawrence High School each day, and be housed at Camp Challenge each evening. DistinXion is a non-profit organization

founded by the Zeller family as a way to provide elite basketball and cheerleading training, while also building family relationships through character training. DistinXion is dedicated to not only developing better athletes, but better people and stronger families through summer camps, private

training, speaking engage-

ments, and tournaments. If your 3rd-12th grade student is interested in attending this training camp, please visit the DistinXion web site at www.distinxion.org for more information.

### SPRING PROJECTS

We'd love assistance completing these spring work projects:

- **Painting exterior** retreat center doors
- **Repairs and im**provements to cabins 6, 9, 10, and **Princeton** (patch holes, insulate, repair/replace doors)
- Trim branches, cut down dead trees. split and stack firewood
- Stain back deck on dining hall
- **Trail repair and** maintenance
- **Paintball field work** (build bunkers, clear brush)
- Window screen repair

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



### CAMP CHALLENGE

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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! **f** gocampchallenge 🖲 @gocampchallenge 🔰 @gocampchallenge

# **MISSION CAMP 2015!**

Join us at Mission Camp June 4-7, 2015. 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 staining the dining



hall and retreat center decks, repairing the fire pit, remodel cabins 3 and 4, and general camp cleaning! Come for a few hours, the day, or the full session! Register

yourself or your whole group at www.gocampchallenge.com/register!

## **HE'S FOUND "THE ONE"**

After a thorough search of dealerships, classified ads, and online postings, Camp has a lawn mower! This nearly-new John Deere Z950A has a 72" deck which will substantially



'cut" down on mowing time! Many thanks to all who donated, and to the good people at Deere Country Equipment in Orleans, Indiana, who gave us a great deal!

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK**

Greetings from Camp Challenge! The winter is moving along so quickly at camp. After last year, I hoped we might

get through the winter without a major snow storm, extremely cold temperatures, or frozen pipes. We didn't quite make it!

Believe it or not, people are already using the retreat center! We have booked many retreats for the spring and fall but we still have open dates. Please con-



**Brian Klein** 

**Executive Director** 

tact us if you would like to have an outing at Camp Challenge. We love to host youth groups, elder & staff re-

and around the world, and we

treats, men's groups, women's groups, business outings, personal prayer retreats, family outings (large or small), and

weekend getaways.

Our summer is also looking very full. Please consider coming to Mission Camp this year June 4 to 7. We had a great time at Mission Camp last year and this year can be even better. We get large and small projects done around the camp, we get to hear from others that have served in many different ways both locally

get to eat excellent food! Come for one or all of the days of Mission Camp.

At the end of the summer we have two new opportunities. One is Adventure Camp, July 19-23, which will be filled with activities that challenge body, mind, and spirit. The other is a basketball camp organized by DistinXion from July 23-25. Campers will be training at Bedford North Lawrence High School and using the camp for lodging and activities. If you have a budding basketball star, make sure they get to this camp which emphasizes skills AND character!

Finally, as always, we have needs for this summer for volunteer counselors. Please consider giving a week of your time to serve as a counselor. We love the energy of our student volunteers, but counselors with a bit more life experience are so valuable too. Consider serving!