

TALES FROM THE CAMPSIDE

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 19-20 | Staff and Volunteer Retreat |
| Jun 1-4 | Mission Camp |
| Jun 8-Jul 14 | Summer Camps (see full schedule on page 4) |
| Jul 7-Jul 16 | Indiana South Youth Choir Tour |
| Jul 20-Jul 22 | DistinXion Basketball Camp |

SUMMER CAMP RECAP!

What an amazing summer! During Mission Camp in early June, more than 40 people helped us prepare the facilities and grounds for the summer camp season. Over the rest of June and July, over 130 staff and volunteers welcomed 514 campers during our 7 youth camp sessions, an increase of 17% since summer 2013. We are especially thankful for the opportunity to minister to the 36 campers who did not have a home church, a number which has nearly quadrupled since 2013. Also, through our scholarship fund, our generous donors and church partners were able to provide registration fee assistance to 62 campers who otherwise would not have been able to attend camp.

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Our theme this year was HYDRATE, based on John 7:37-38: “On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘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.’”



Our fantastic weekly program directors emphasized that only Jesus satisfies our true need, and He meets our need so abundantly that it pours out of us and can bless others.



Although we loving having fun and experiencing new things, our ultimate goal is for our campers to experience the life change possible through Jesus Christ. 97% of campers reported their relationship improved because of camp, and 88 campers made first time decisions to follow Jesus. We are excitedly looking forward to how God may continue this work in 2017!





#GIVINGTUESDAY AND YEAR-END MATCH!

We are wrapping up our effort to replace our dining hall tables and chairs, but there is still time to give! See our progress toward the \$6,000 goal and provide a camper with a seat at the table by November 29 at gocampchallenge.com/givingtuesday.

We also are thrilled to announce a special year-end

giving opportunity. A generous donor has agreed to make a significant matching donation of individual gifts made between now and the end of the year, up to the donor's gift ceiling:

- Donations up to \$1,000 will receive a **50% match**
- Donations of \$1,000 - \$2,000 will receive a **100% match**

- Donations of \$2,000 - \$5,000 will receive a **150% match**
- Donations of \$5,000 - \$10,000 will receive a **200% match**

Please help us maximize this offered blessing by making your gift today at gocampchallenge.com/give!

CAMP CHAMP: KIM DUNCAN

What is your role at Camp Challenge? Food Service Manager & Cook

What kind of things does that entail? I cook, make menus, order all food & supplies, work with food and equipment vendors, & contact businesses for food & equipment donations.

How did you originally get involved with Camp? My daughter's aunt, Karen Corbin, had cooked at camp for many years. When my daughter started going to camp I would help in the kitchen when I could. Once I retired I was able to assist in the kitchen for full weeks & available to cook for retreats. That led into me being asked to take over food inventory &

ordering, which led into the position being established!

Why do you choose to stay involved at camp? Many reasons but... the Boss(es) are pretty awesome!

What is your favorite thing about working here? I have met the best people here at camp--staff, volunteers, retreat groups, mission groups--all who love Christ & Camp. I love the fact that we have kids whose parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. came to camp here, or helped build the camp... seems like everyone has a connection in some way! I love that Brian, Maria, Larry, the board are always trying to find ways to improve the camp to make this the best



Meet some of the folks that make Camp Challenge go!

Christian camping experience for the kids so that they want to come back.

What is your best memory at Camp? The day the 5 gal milk bag busted on Alex--milk waterfall right in the dining hall! Hahaha!!!

What would you say to other people considering getting involved in camp ministry? You will never find a better place to get involved than Camp Challenge!!!



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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.

2017 CAMP DATES!

Registration opens
January 1, 2017!

May 19-20, 2017: Staff & Volunteer
Retreat

June 1-4, 2017: Mission Camp

June 8-10, 2017: Young Explorers

June 11-16, 2017: Senior High

June 18-23, 2017: 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

June 25-30, 2017: 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade

July 9-14, 2017: 4th, 5th, 6th Grade

July 20-22, 2017: DistinXion Basketball Camp



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

This has been a great year at Camp Challenge. I'm encouraged each time I hear stories of growth in faith and first time commitments to follow Jesus. I am convinced now more than ever that God uses the unique environment at Camp Challenge to grow His kingdom. I am thankful to everyone that made this year a success. Larry Kurtz likes to be behind the scenes, but he does so much to help that goes unrecognized. He mows, takes out trash, and unloads food trucks, just to name a few things. Kim Duncan spends countless hours ensuring our food service is excellent and always looks for ways to make it even better. Kelli and Travis Willman worked to make

summer camp a great experience for every camper. Those are just a few of the many people that make Camp Challenge go! We are working to make the environment even better at the camp. This past year we finished a second family cabin, made improvements to the birdhouse cabins and cabin #16, fixed the A/C in upper amity, and improved our paintball field. We also added carpetball this year and it instantly became a camp favorite for campers (and adults)! We did have some challenges this year. Several paths washed out because of some intense days of rain. The trail to the east hill and the path to our camp store are in very poor condition. If you would like to volunteer in a way that will really matter as we prepare for summer

2017, please reach out. We will have planned times for volunteers, but individuals and groups can set up other times to work. I am energized and excited as I look toward 2017. Please contact me to find out how you can have a direct impact at Camp Challenge. We need people to work with campers, people to prepare the buildings and grounds, people to serve on governance committees, and people to partner with us through financial contributions. We rely on these gifts of time, talent, and treasure to accomplish our mission of developing followers of and leaders for Jesus Christ! Thanks for reading our newsletter and God Bless!