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TALES FROM THE CAMPSIDE

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FALL 2014

SUMMER CAMP RECAP!

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WISH LIST

table saw

brooms

30X74X5 vinyl
mattress covers

folding chairs

commercial door
mats

indoor/outdoor
basketballs

truckloads of gravel



Summer 2014 is in the books! 492 kids (a 12% increase over last year) from Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Colorado attended a camp session, including a record-breaking 99 1st-3rd graders at Young Explorers!



Our theme for 2014 was "Heroes" and was 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." Our youngest camps memorized this verse with the help of "Young" by Seeds Family Worship.

2014 was also the first year for our Sunday night start. Parent feedback was extremely positive, with many parents able to attend check-in and tour the camp for the first time. We even had many parents make the trek back to the fabled East Hill!

Watch for our 2015 theme and schedule to be announced this fall, and registration to open January 1st!



SURVEY SAYS...

UPCOMING EVENTS @ CAMP C!

CWC Women's Retreat

September 5-6, 2014

\$40/person including meals
and lodging
(open to all women)

Paintball Saturday

September 20, 2014

\$20/person for 2 sessions
of paintball and lunch
(open to 6th grade - adult)

Men's Retreat

October 10-11, 2014

\$30/person including meals
and lodging
(open to all men)

Paintball Camp

10.18-10.20

\$200/person including 6
paintball sessions, meals,
lodging, and t-shirt
(open to 6th grade - adult)

Contact us at

812-834-5159

or [visit our web site for
registration information!](#)

We asked all of our week-long campers fill out a short survey about their camp experience this summer to better understand how to improve our programming and demonstrate impact to our supporters.

When asked what was their favorite thing about camp was, the top 3 responses were a specific activity (like octoball or night games), a social element (like meeting new people), or a spiritual element (like worship).

When asked what was their least favorite thing about camp, the top 3 responses were a specific activity (like a

certain game), a facilities issue (like being housed on the East Hill), or they reported no least favorite thing about camp.

When asked what was the most important thing they learned at camp, the top 3 responses mentioned something related to the summer's theme or verse, some type of knowledge about God (like God's sovereignty or God's desire for a relationship with me), or some type of knowledge about themselves (like I am loved or I have value).

When asked how they would change or improve

camp, the top 3 responses were something specific about the programming of the camp session (like more free time), something related to the bath facilities (like poor water pressure), or a recreational element (like requesting a specific activity).

On a scale of 1-5 (1 being worst and 5 being best), campers ranked our counselors 4.9, program directors 4.7, food 4.5, activities, 4.3, and facilities 4.2.

Most importantly, 99% of campers responding reported growing closer to God as a result of the week they spent at camp!

FALL ADVENTURES AWAIT!

We all need time to unplug, unwind, and take a break from regular life. Camp Challenge is a perfect destination for a day trip, a close-to-home vacation, a family reunion, or a group retreat!

In addition to our bunk-style cabins, we offer tent camping, rv sites with 30 amp electric and water, and private apartments with fully-equipped kitchens and linens provided.

Enjoy His great outdoors on our hiking trails and hunting grounds, or check out the following nearby fresh-air attractions:

- Mitchell Persimmon Festival, Sept 20-27
- Blue Springs Caverns &

Myst'ry River (part of the Indiana Cave Trail)

- Williams Covered Bridge (part of Indiana's Covered Bridge Loop)
- Indiana Limestone Heritage Trail
- Horseback riding at Midwest Trail Ride
- Free monthly jamborees at Little Grantville Bluegrass
- Boating at Lake Monroe
- Fishing, hiking, and exploring at Spring Mill State Park or Hoosier National Forest
- Empire Quarry
- West Baden/French Lick Hot Springs

- Sugar Creek Shooting Sports and Hunting Preserve
- Motorcycle and ATV trails at Lawrence County Recreational Park
- Canoeing, kayaking, and bike rentals at Most High Adventure Outfitters
- Holiday Drive-In Movie Theater
- Skiing at Paoli Peaks
- IU sporting and special events

[Check our web site for rates, availability, and more information on area attractions](#), or call 812-834-5159!

SO YOU'VE GOT SKILLZ...

Camp Challenge is in need of volunteers to help us better steward our resources by assisting our board members

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 plan-

ning, skilled trades

- Food service, hospitality and tourism management
- Student ministry, recreation, outdoor programming, spiritual development



OUR VOLUNTEERS ROCK!

Did you know that more than 100 people volunteered their time and talents at Camp Challenge this summer?? In addition to the dozens of counselors that come each year, we also had cooks, nurses, grounds assistance, musicians, speakers, dance instructors, firefighters, photographers, audio-visual techs, and check-in helpers that volun-

teered 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 next summer. No

matter your particular skill set, if you can find the time, we can find a place for you! Volunteer applications will be available on our web site beginning January 1!



UPDATE: NORA ROOF PROJECT

The Nora Hunter Retreat Center has a new roof!

Installation began on June 13 and was completed on June 21. The original project was quoted at \$27,000,



but with some negotiating and some unexpected additional discounting by the

contractor after the project was finished, the bill came in at just over \$21,000. As of mid-August, we have a little over \$19,000 pledged from several churches, organizations, and individuals. We are still working to raise the remaining \$2,000 to finish out the project. If

you'd like to be one who helps us close this final gap with a tax-deductible gift, please donate online at www.gocampchallenge.com/give, click on one-time gifts, then select the Capital Improvement Fund. Thank you to all who have already donated!



FALL PROJECTS

We'd love assistance completing these fall work projects:

- Painting exterior retreat center doors
- Repairs and improvements 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!



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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.

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MISSION CAMP RECAP!

With the help of over 70 volunteers, we were able to build a new stage and sound booth in Upper Amity, repair the dining hall exterior, install toilet stall doors in the bathhouse, begin a new deck outside of the retreat center, power wash our concrete, seal and stain many of our exposed wood surfaces, and clean and



prepare our cabins and grounds for camp season! During our meals and evening worship, we were also blessed to

hear about the mission and ministry work of Redeem the Dream, Christian Student Fellowship, World Gospel Mission, Three

Nails Project, Church on the Street, Campers on Mission, Triple C School, New Mission Systems International, Village Project Africa, and the Indiana South Youth Choir.



Please consider joining us at next year's 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!



SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 4-7, 2015!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Greetings from Camp Challenge! The summer was a great success. 99% of our campers reported growing closer to the Lord as a result of spending time at camp this summer! We are so thankful for all of the campers, volunteers, and summer staff that were a part of Camp Challenge's ministry this summer. We are also encouraged by the kind words and feedback we have received from parents & campers after



**Executive Director
Brian Klein**

the summer camping season. It is an amazing feeling to hear that Camp Challenge is the favorite place in the world for many of our campers!

Maria and I learned so many things about Christian camping this summer and now we look forward to the fall season, which is booking fast! If you have a group that might want to have a retreat this fall please let me know and we can talk through all we have to offer for groups of any size. Consider using Camp Challenge as your family get-away, or as the loca-

tion for your family Thanksgiving or Christmas gathering. What better place could you be for a few days?!

We'd also love the opportunity to come talk to your group or congregation about Camp Challenge and the life change that happens here, or just sit down one on one to discuss how we can better serve our campers, guests, and churches. Contact us to schedule a date!

Again, thank you to the many who give of time, talent, and treasure to continually develop Camp into a place where our guests experience God through his creation. Keep watching for exciting new announcements from Camp Challenge!