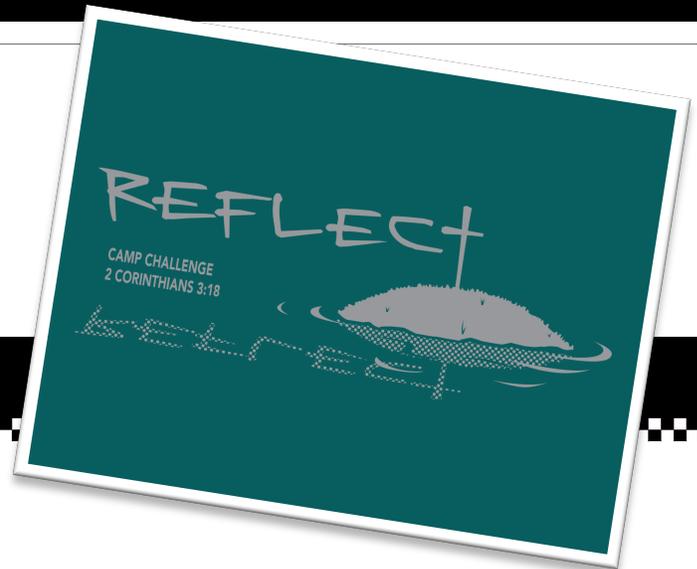


TALES FROM THE CAMPSIDE

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Apr 3-7 | Work camp (sponsor – Christ’s Comm. Church) |
| May 4-8 | Work camp (sponsor – Church at the Crossing) |
| May 19-20 | Staff and Volunteer Retreat |
| Jun 1-4 | Mission Camp |
| Jun 8-Jul 14 | Summer Camps (full schedule on page 2) |
| Jul 7-16 | Indiana South Youth Choir Tour |
| Jul 20-22 | DistinXion Basketball Camp |

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 based on 2 Corinthians 3:18 (TLB) “... we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.”

Save by registering early! The camp fee for registrations received by March 31 is \$230 (\$115 for Young Explorers). After March 31, the regular registration rate of \$260 applies (\$130 for Young Explorers). Registrations received within 2 weeks of the start of the session are subject to a \$30 late registration charge. Want more ways to save? Refer a first-time attendee to camp and receive a \$25 Canteen credit. Plus, register a camper for a second camp session and get 50% off the second registration rate!

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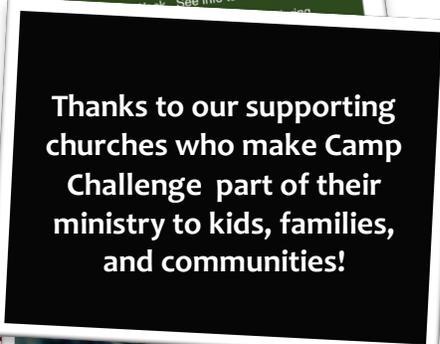
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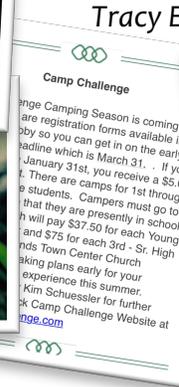
How to Register:

- 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



Dates & Directors

- June 8-10: Young Explorers Pam Howe & Karen Lane
- June 11-16: Senior High Jyllian Kegley & Brandon Mott
- June 18-23: 6th/7th/8th Grade JJ Perry
- June 25-30: 3rd/4th/5th Grade Angie McCullough
- July 9-14: 4th/5th/6th Grade Tracy Elliott



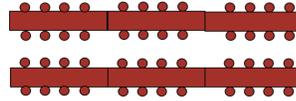
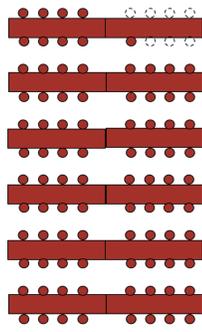
CAMP HOUSE UPDATE!

Many of you know that the camp house needs extensive work due to a leaking roof, drainage issues, and mold. Our initial repair quote was well beyond what was allocated in the general camp budget. We asked, we waited, and God provided:

- a local contractor repaired the house roof at a very low cost;
- a board member referred us to a business associate, who has committed to perform the mold remediation work at no cost to the camp;
- a local excavator has quoted the necessary excavation and

grading work at his minimum cost because of the camp's mission; - you responded with over \$55,000 in year end gifts to cover the need at camp and fund its ministry! The roof has been fixed and excavation and grading has been completed; next steps are new guttering and plumbing repairs. The board and staff of Camp Challenge thank you for your generosity!





**GIVEN TO DATE: 18 TABLES AND
137 CHAIRS!**



DINING HALL REMODEL UPDATE!

Last year we began raising funds to replace the folding chairs and tables in our dining hall. Our current stock was second hand to begin with, gratefully received from our partner churches. However, to accommodate our growing enrollment, we use even the

worst of these bent, rusted, footless chairs and stained, cracked tables simply to make sure everyone has a seat at meal time. We are EXTREMELY CLOSE to fully funding our goal of 152 new chairs (about \$25 each) and 19 new tables (about \$100 each). Don't worry—you

didn't miss your chance to join in! We are still in the process of saving to replace the dining hall roof and make some health code updates to our kitchen. Help us finish off the project by giving online at gocampchallenge.com!

CAMP CHAMP: LORI FAULKENBERG

Meet some of the folks that make Camp Challenge go!

What is your role at Camp Challenge? I work as a nurse, but have also been a counselor, co-director, and kitchen help.

What kind of things does that entail? I oversee the health of the campers and staff. This includes distributing medication, tending bumps, bruises, cuts, and stings, along with other physical and emotional needs that might arise.

How did you originally get involved with Camp? I originally got involved as a counselor and was then asked to be part of the program committee. After that I served on the board for a couple terms.

Why do you choose to stay involved at camp? I enjoy working as a nurse each year,

seeing the growth in the returning campers and having the opportunity to see the changes occur.

What is your favorite thing about working here? Listening to and watching the kids talk and interact. Each year I write a daily camp funny about something I have seen or heard. Sometimes it's campers, sometimes it's staff. There have been some pretty funny things over the years. Everything from a funeral for a frog, to trying to explain scratching your bug bites with your shoes really isn't any better than with your fingernails!

What is your best memory at Camp? Seeing a camper change from a confused, conflicted young person, to a child of God, who knew that Jesus would



always walk beside them when they gave their heart to him. That young person tragically passed away about a year later, but experienced salvation through their time at camp and church family.

What would you say to other people considering getting involved in camp ministry? There's not much you can do that will give you a greater reward. Sure it can be hard and sometimes exasperating, but then you would never have the joy of seeing a changed child who has Christ as their savior.



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MISSION CAMP 2017!

Help strengthen the ministry of Camp Challenge by working to improve camp facilities

and grounds alongside camp staff and others who value camp ministry. It's the perfect opportunity to experience a mission trip without the time commitment and finances required to go abroad! Come for a few hours, a day, or the whole session (June 1-4). We can't

guarantee you a job quite as cushy as this one, but whether you're young or old, skilled or unskilled, on your own or with a group, you can help us create a safe, inviting, and well-cared-for environment where kids will meet Jesus!



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Greetings from Camp Challenge! It's ISTEP time for the kids around Indiana, spring sports are about to begin, the weather is going to get warmer, and the camp begins to come alive with work camps and retreat groups. Summer will be here before you know it. It has been a very interesting winter at Camp Challenge for us personally. We have been living upstairs in the admin building as the camp house is experiencing some moisture issues. The year end donations were so much appreciated. We have begun the work on the house to keep moisture away from the house and out of the house. Our hope is to be back in the camp house

before the summer camp season.

This spring work camp groups will be working on the camp house, getting some cabins ready for summer camp, doing a deep cleaning on the retreat center, building a few fun activities, working on camp trails, and much more. If you would like to join in with those helping prep the camp for summer, please let me know and I can get you plugged in.

I anticipate an excellent summer season. The theme "reflect" is going to be great, I am excited about our summer staff and directors, 6th graders now have an option to play paintball, and there will be some new things at camp this summer.

If you would like to partner with us in ministry, please consider becoming a recurring donor. Monthly donations help us do so many of the basic things that make camp happen and help us catch up on deferred maintenance (there is so much deferred maintenance). Currently we have individuals that donate anywhere from \$10 to \$250 per month. I would like to invite you to give monthly. Just visit gocampchallenge.com/fire-circle to contribute in this way.

Most of all, thank you for staying engaged with Camp Challenge! Your support makes a difference in the hearts and souls of campers, guests, and volunteers!