

# Camp Alexander Mack

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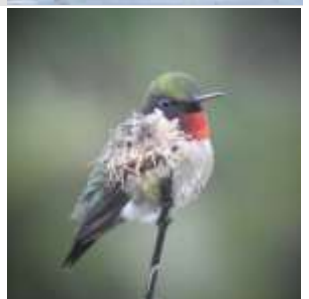
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Volunteer Work Days April 4–6** Volunteers will work with Camp Mack’s staff as we make preparations for the spring retreat guests and summer camp season. We have planned work tasks for all skill levels and ages. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for dedicating time to serving camp.
  - No charge.
  - Come for a few hours or all three days. Meals and lodging are available. Contact the office for reservations.
  - Also check out Giving Day for more service options.
- **Giving Day April 9** Join in a day of making a difference and being a part of raising funds for Camp Mack’s new Summit, an inflatable waterslide. Spend the morning volunteering for various projects at Camp Mack. Spend the afternoon watching the Telethon of stories on Facebook Live or enjoying an ice cream social. Help us reach the summit!
- **Spring Quilt Retreat April 20–24** Spots are filled. Join the retreat in October (12th–16th)!
- **5K Run/Walk May 1** Grab your family and run or walk around beautiful Camp Mack. The course is mostly flat with a finish lap around Camp Mack. Kids’ Fun Run takes younger runners around Camp. Prizes for all ages. Entry gifts for early registrations only. Sponsorship opportunities available.
  - Fees and times: \$25 for 5K, \$10 for Kids’ Fun Run, \$100 for 5 registrations. Add \$5 late fee to registrations after April 15. Sunday: Kids’ Fun Run at 2p and 5K at 2:15p.
- **Birdwatching Retreat May 5–7** Enjoy the spring migration with birdwatchers of all ages. New and experienced birdwatchers will experience the various habitats and birds at camp. We will also travel to other locations to see birds not usually found at camp. Anyone under the age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
  - Fees and times: \$140 for 2 nights and 5 meals, or \$90 for 1 night and 2 meals. 6:30p Thursday to 2p Saturday.



**Plan now for these upcoming events!**  
**For more info, check out [cammack.org](http://cammack.org) or a Camp Mack brochure. You may also call the office at 574-658-4831. Click “Register Online” at the top of the page at [cammack.org](http://cammack.org).**



# GET-A-WAY DAYS & MORE

## Upcoming Get-A-Way Days:

- **April 23—Target Sports** Improve your aim and accuracy with a day of target sports. Let it fly, whether it be with a bow and arrow, slingshot and paintballs, or throwing atlatl darts through a hoop. No experience needed. \$25 (lunch included). 9a–3p. Meet outside Wampler Lodge. Come dressed for the weather.
- **April 24—Wildflower Walk** Experience the changes in the wilderness area as spring puts on a beautiful show of wildflowers and blooming shrubs. Appreciate the trillium, blood root, spring beauties, hepatica, and others in bloom. Free! 2p–4p. Meet outside Wampler. Come dressed for the weather.



## Save the Date:

- **Seasoned Citizens Retreat May 9–12** Join this group of life-experienced people who gather twice a year to meet old friends and make new ones. Special programs, crafts, vespers, and Bible studies will be offered along with plenty of free time for fellowship, “joke time,” indoor and outdoor games, hiking, puzzles, and naps, too! Our facility offers handicap-accessible sleeping and meeting rooms, as well as dining options for those on special diets. Bring your special talent, humor, Bible, bedding, and games...and be refreshed at Camp Mack! For older adults. Fees and times: \$188 per person for overnights, meals, and programming, or \$127 if not staying overnight.



APRIL 2022

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## MILESTONES

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In April of...

- 1925, Deeter Cabin was being built as the onsite headquarters and camp store. (Constructed from March to May)

All events will adhere to state and local guidelines and are subject to change accordingly. Before participating, please be considerate of other people's health by assessing your own. Thank you.

# Reach The Summit

April  
9th

Camp Mack  
Giving  
Day



Be a part of Camp Mack's biggest fundraising day of the year! Give your time, enthusiasm, and financial support to help Camp Mack reach the summit of providing sanctuary.

250  
Volunteer  
Hours

Goals:

\$15,000  
For a New  
Summit

Learn More at:  
[Campmack.org/support#giving-day](http://Campmack.org/support#giving-day)



# Service Saturday



**9am to 12pm**

Spend your morning improving and maintaining Camp Mack. Pick a project and invite your friends to make a difference together. Lunch provided for volunteers.

# Camp Activities



**1pm to 3pm**

Enjoy Camp Mack at your own leisure. Swing by the gift shop to pick up a new shirt., go on a nature hike, or relax in a rocking chair on the John Kline Deck

# Telethon



**1pm to 5pm**

Tune into stories about the amazing sanctuary of Camp Mack. Join in supporting this ministry as we raise money for a new Summit!

# Ice Cream Social



**3pm to 6pm**

Savor a bowl of ice cream, the new dessert named the "Mack-Wich", and fellowship with friend at Camp Mack. A freewill donation will taken

## News from the Director

### Building Lives at Camp

*"These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards."* Matthew 7:24-27 (The Message)

There are two kinds of people we serve here at Camp Mack: children and adults. If you fit one of those categories, we are the perfect place for you this summer.

The summer camp experience includes fresh air, cookouts, worship, physical activity, swimming, boating, loving community, crafts, Bible study, adventure, challenge, prayer, developing friendships, outdoor space, great food, and dozens of other opportunities we haven't even thought of yet. Camp is a place where encountering God happens all the time and when we least expect it. And whether you are a camper, paid staff, or volunteer, all of these things are waiting for you.

I hear folks say that there's no time in the summer to fit in the camp experience. I understand — we are all busy, but the old saying is quite true. We have time for the things we value. It can be hard to make choices out of many opportunities, but look at the list in the previous paragraph. All that happens in a few short days at camp.

One of my great joys is standing at the beginning of the line for our camp check-in. So many people come to the door excited and bubbling over with anticipation as they see old friends and consider the cabin assignment they will get. The staff has worked hard to prepare a place for them. The counselors have prepared to open up lives to the wonder of God's love. All this comes together to make the powerful experience we call camp.



As Jesus closes his *Sermon on the Mount* in the scripture quoted above, he is talking about selecting the solid foundation of faith as support for our lives. Camp is the place where foundations are built. Campers find them. Volunteers find them. Staff find them. Because at camp, they are not hidden.

What will you or your children find at Camp Mack this summer? Make your commitment now to search. Begin building on the solid foundation of Christian community.

Gene Hollenberg, Executive Director





## **APRIL 16: HIGH ROPES COMMUNITY DAY!**

For more information and to reserve your FREE spot, follow the link: [campmack.org/challenge](http://campmack.org/challenge)

# Nature Nut News

## Camp Confessions

Reflections of the past 19 summers working at camp scroll through my mind daily as I look forward to my 20th summer. Every year is different, and this summer will be packed with people and daily adventure.



How many of these did you find yourself smiling and going, "YES!"? What camp confessions would you add? My 2nd generation campers began coming three years ago. Camp is for everyone of every age. Sign up for summer camp today. And if you are an adult that wants to share the magic of camp with kids, email me to ask about being a volunteer team leader or counselor this summer. See you this summer!

Jessie Kreider, Program Director



# **Sunny Camp Mack**

## **March Volunteer Work Days**

The second week of March we had a work camp and tackled several projects. I thought I would share what we did and who did it.

In room #3 of Sarah Major Lodge, the old exhaust pipe from the water heater came up through the floor and went into the chimney. The pipe had been covered up with a hand wash sink vanity. With the installation of the new boiler and hot water heater we no longer had a need for the exhaust pipe, so therefore we could move and replace the vanity. We also needed to replace the wall insulation and cover up the chimney in that room. Merl Montel and Norm Waggy spent Monday tearing out the old car siding and loose insulation and beginning to install new insulation, visqueen, drywall, and car siding.

Mike Kauffman came on Tuesday and Wednesday and finished the wall and added some electrical switches and receptacles for the new vanity. That whole southeast wall in that room has now been finished and looks very good. There had been a pretty good draft when we had south winds around the chimney, and now that is all insulated and covered.

In the main room of Sarah Major we try to polyurethane the walls every five years or so. We were past time to get this done, so Carol Waggy and Bev Weaver did a couple of the walls for us on Monday. That really puts a sparkle in the room!

Nate Crain came for all three days and worked on the northwest restroom (one the W Cabin circle). On the women's side we are trying to create some changing areas connected to each shower. This means we will go from six showers to four showers, but each shower will have a private changing area. Nate took his trusty sledgehammer in hand and knocked out some block walls and cleaned up his mess. We are now ready to build some panels to create the changing areas.

Andrew Kauffman also came all three days, and I kept him busy with a variety of projects. One of those projects was to run a small water line to the coffee maker in Sarah Major. That turned out to be challenging because you just never know what you may find inside the walls in an old building!

I want to thank each one of these folks for giving of their time and energy to this place. This gives a lift to the facility crew and really improves the way we "provide a Sanctuary where people connect with God."

Galen Jay, Facility Director



# Be Our Guest

## April Brings...



April brings more than showers.  
April sometimes brings snow.  
It is filled with changes and chances to grow.

April brings guests to camp,  
Like quilters and volunteers.  
Students visit, too, to learn with their peers.

April often brings Easter,  
A time for prayer and praise.  
Usually at camp It's one of the quiet days.

April brings spring projects.  
It's a time to prepare.  
We set out benches and clean every chair.

April brings excitement.  
We gear up for camp.  
We hire some staff and work to revamp.

April brings longer daylight.  
We see sunsets later.  
The chance for outdoor activities is greater.

April brings awakening,  
With renewed life and hope.  
Busy, busy days leave no time to mope.

Deanna Beckner, Guest Services Director





# 2022 Retreats & Events

<b>Volunteer Work Days</b>	<b>April 4–6</b>	<b>Teen Leadership Wknd</b>	<b>Sept. 30–Oct. 1</b>
<b>Giving Day</b>	<b>April 9</b>	<b>Camp Mack Festival</b>	<b>October 1</b>
<b>April Quilt Retreat</b>	<b>April 20–24</b>	<b>Father Son Retreat</b>	<b>October 8–9</b>
<b>5K/Fun Run</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>October Quilt Retreat</b>	<b>October 12–16</b>
<b>Pastors Sabbath</b>	<b>May 3–4</b>	<b>Scrapbook Retreat</b>	<b>October 13–16</b>
<b>Birdwatching Retreat</b>	<b>May 5–7</b>	<b>Seasoned Citizens</b>	<b>October 17–20</b>
<b>Seasoned Citizens</b>	<b>May 9–12</b>	<b>Volunteer Work Days</b>	<b>October 24–26</b>
<b>South Central Women</b>	<b>June 2–4</b>	<b>Pastors Sabbath</b>	<b>November 1–2</b>
<b>Colony Camp</b>	<b>August 19–21</b>	<b>Annual Dinner</b>	<b>November 12</b>
<b>Summer Spiritual Retr.</b>	<b>August 19–21</b>	<b>Camp Rep Meeting</b>	<b>January 14</b>
<b>Labor Day Family Camp</b>	<b>September 2–5</b>		



## Inclusion Report

We have been working hard to build our registrations for Camp this summer. This is so important because we know the impact camp has on the lives of the children and adults who come. We cannot count the number of people who tell us about the powerful camp experiences that led them into lives of faith and decisions leading to new directions. Our call is to bring this opportunity to as many people as we can.

One of the ways we are expanding is by attempting to bring in campers who have not been part of a church family. These are children who need the community of camp desperately. We have visited schools and offered camperships. We have partnered with community service organizations. We are casting our net as wide as we can, so as many as possible can find the sanctuary of this place.

The Gospel is the story of sharing God's love with all people. Certainly there are many in our community who continue to need this news repeated often; however, it has been too easy to just let people come to us. The message of the New Testament is clear. We are to take this good news out to the world. We must actively seek people to share in our sanctuary—our community.



# 2022 Wish List

It is exciting to see the many improvements we have made through the last year. We hope you can stop by to see them soon. Better yet, look for a program that fits your interests and join us!

Each year, we put together a list of facility repairs and maintenance we have prioritized. Ideally, we hope to accomplish all of them; however, without help from others, we don't have the resources to get them all done.

This is the list of projects we have prioritized for 2022. If you see a project that interests you, please contact Galen ([galen@campmack.org](mailto:galen@campmack.org)) and Todd ([todd@campmack.org](mailto:todd@campmack.org)) to see how you can become involved. These are all projects that an individual, church, or community or partner group could assist with financial support and/or volunteer labor. There is a lot here, but with faith, together we can accomplish great things.

## In Progress:

- Stonework repair on Quinter Miller foundation
- Replace the water softener in Sarah Major Lodge
- Remodel the upstairs women's restroom in Sarah Major Lodge
- Repair the deck on the John Kline Welcome Center
- Repair the boardwalk in the wetlands
- Repair the Mission Village boardwalk

## Needing Funds:

- Wampler HVAC Replacement
- Sarah Major Carpet
- Archery Backstop
- Sarah Major Kitchen Renovations
- East Stone Restroom Electrical

## Completed:

- Replace the boiler in Sarah Major Lodge
- Replace the water heater in Sarah Major Lodge

Follow along at [campmack.org](http://campmack.org) for monthly updates. Thank you for your prayers, your financial support, your hours of service, and your presence here in this sanctuary place.



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## **Another Way of Giving**

### **Stepping Up Cinnamon Toast**

A few years ago, I was doing weekend office coverage. For breakfast that day the kitchen made the famous Camp Mack Cinnamon toast as well as another Camp Mack breakfast favorite: ice cream and baked oatmeal. I am not an adventurous eater—I'm quite picky—but something compelled me to put my ice cream on my cinnamon toast. I was in heaven! The warm crunch of the toast was perfect with the soft smoothness of the ice cream. I told my coworkers of the experience and insisted they try it, but none of them took me up on it.

As we went into planning this year's Giving Day for April 9th, I suggested an Ice Cream Social since many Camp Mack people love Ice Cream and fellowship. We talked about doing an ice cream dessert to show off a little bit. To help come up with what to make, Vanessa and the kitchen staff organized an ice cream sundae competition at our staff retreat in December. Much to my joy, Kristen, Cassidy, Deanna, and Vonna invented the Mack-Wich.

They took two slices of cinnamon toast and cut them into fourths. Between two slices they put a scoop of vanilla ice cream with a drizzle of hot fudge. They went above and beyond by toasting mini marshmallows and building a campfire of chocolate filled pirouettes and Swedish Fish. The results were delicious and the Mack-Wich was born!

You can taste the amazing Mack-Wich coming up at our Camp Mack Giving Day Ice Cream Social from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on April 9th. A free will donation will be taken to help Camp Mack purchase a new Summit waterslide.

Todd Eastis, Director of Development and Business



## **Kitchen News**

### **My Camp Staff Journey**

I was the youngest grandchild on both sides of the family when I first got to attend Grand Camp. Everyone else had already experienced Camp Mack before me, so I got to hear all about it from my older sister and cousins. Once I started coming to camp I never stopped! Every summer it was the highlight of my vacation. Like anything else, I have both great, fond memories and not-so-great miserable ones. I hated how wet my shoes and socks got every morning on the walk to and from breakfast but loved going to morning dip every morning. I remember one time having a terrible stomach ache and staying in my cabin all afternoon while everyone else got to have fun. But, my cousin who was in another camp that same week got to come sit with me for a little while. We had some great chats that afternoon.

When my sister decided to work at camp the summer after she graduated high school, I remember feeling such awe. I had no idea that you could get paid to spend the summer at camp. It sounded like the best job in the world! After hearing about all her amazing adventures, I knew I wanted to do that, too. So, the spring of my senior year of high school I filled out my first ever job application, and when my sister drove up to camp for her returning staff interview, I went with her and had my first job interview. I sat down with two management team members, and they asked me about my camp experience and why I wanted to work at camp. I talked to them about my love for this place and how I didn't want my last year in Youth Camp to be my last year at camp. We talked a lot about the differences between participating in the camp experience and providing the experience for others. My sister and my cousin had both worked on staff before, so I KNEW there was a large difference and that it was going to be a lot of hard work. But I also felt, even at the young age of 18, that I was supposed to be doing the work for camp.



It was definitely harder than I thought it would be—not as much physically (although there were many very long days with lots of sore muscles), but mentally. I did a lot of growing and maturing during the years I was on summer staff. I learned a lot of life lessons. And, I found so much joy in the work I was doing. Lifeguarding on the waterfront was a blast. I loved belaying at the climbing tower and climbing whenever time permitted. After the summer I came back every weekend I could. There were always retreats and banquets that the kitchen needed help with. I made some amazing friendships and learned from some great managers. I just happened to meet my husband in the mix, as well. He was a Brethren Volunteer Service volunteer from Pennsylvania who spent two years working at camp. We got engaged at camp, moved out East, then got married at camp a few years later.

I thought that after our wedding our camp story was ending — that maybe we would send our future children to Camp Mack, but our lives were going to be spent out East. We would joke about what it would take to get us back to camp again. It was the dream that you talk about but never expect to happen, like winning the lottery. But God had other plans.

We decided to visit again for the 95th “Back to Mack” celebration. It had been a really hard year and spending a weekend at camp with our friends and family was a breath of fresh air. I helped volunteer in the kitchen, and Tony Keck gave me a big hug and told me there would always be a place for me



## **Kitchen News, Continued**

in the kitchen if I wanted it. His words really stuck with me, but I had a job, a home, and family back in PA that I did not want to leave. Fast forward almost a year later. Our son Oliver had just been born, and I could not stop thinking about Tony's offer to come back and work in the kitchen. I sent him an email asking if he had been serious about his offer and if there would be any available positions in the near future. He responded back enthusiastically. Yes, there was a kitchen supervisor position open and how soon could I be back?! After a lot of praying, a lot of late night conversations, and some doors opening at just the right time, we realized that God was leading our little family back to Milford, IN. I accepted the position, and we were quickly packing our home and preparing to move back to camp. A message from camp a few weeks before we were leaving informed me of the changes to the food service director position. I knew God was calling me to camp, so I pushed aside any fear I had of working under a different manager than my good cousin Tony and we continued with our packing.

Working under our interim director, Wanda, was easier than I had imagined. We made a good team and she really showed me the ropes. When camp started the process of filling the permanent director position, she was the one encouraging me to apply. I had no intention of becoming the food service director, but she showed me that I was the perfect person for the job. I know that God put her in my life to show me what I was capable of.

When I started my first summer on summer staff, I never thought I would be where I am today. Throughout this journey I have met so many amazing people, and it's been a privilege to grow with our summer staff members over the years. I can't wait to see where this year's summer staff will be in 16 years.

Vanessa Bohannon, Food Services Director





## Education Station

### Wilderness Survival Day a Hit!



Last month we had our fourth home school outdoor education day of the school year and this time the theme was wilderness survival. We had a magical day of sunny weather following a VERY cold weekend and it was a perfect day to spend in the wilderness area! Before we left the safety of main camp, we made mini survival kits, learned how to use a compass, and discussed some additional ways to tell which direction is north if you didn't have a compass with you (like moss on trees, branches on trees, the direction clouds are moving, etc.)

When we arrived in the woods, we talked about the rule of 3s: a person can survive for 3 minutes without air, 3 hours without shelter, 3 days without water, and 3 weeks without food. Then we took care of each of those needs in order of importance, which means we started with building shelters (thankfully, the trees in the woods provided us with plenty of air). The kids built some very large shelters that were truly impressive. Several of the shelters fit their whole group inside of them and were even waterproof!





## **Education Station, Continued**

After that, we hiked further back into the woods and learned how to build fires and filter water. Many kids had never struck a match before! We got some fires going, cooked a bit of lunch (pizza wraps: my favorite campfire food!), and boiled some pond water we collected into a tin mug. I was impressed with how many kids were willing to drink the water we boiled and filtered, despite its greenish yellow color!



We talked a little bit about survival foods and the kids tried some emergency rations, surprised at how good some of them can be (and not surprised at how awful some can be too). We also learned about edibility tests that are used to tell if things like berries are safe to eat.

We had a fun time exploring the woods and playing some games too, but eventually all good things come to an end. Once we had hiked back, we finished our day making paracord bracelets and restocking our mini survival kits. Overall, it was super fun and everyone survived! I love that we have such an amazing property here at camp to be able to disappear into the woods all day and learn new things. If you haven't been out to camp recently to hike in the woods, come and visit us! Stop by the office and let us know you're here – we'd love to say hello!

Kristen Werling, Outdoor Education Coordinator





# Who is the Camp Mack community?

## FAQ's

### **Is Camp Mack only for the Church of the Brethren?**

Camp Mack is rooted in the traditions and values of the Church of the Brethren; however, since its founding in 1925, Camp Mack has also been a beloved destination for many faith communities. Our mission is: *Camp Mack provides a sanctuary where people connect with God, experience creation, and build Christian community.* Our goal is to give every group and individual the opportunity to develop greater relationship with God, appreciation for God's gifts, and deeper love for one another.

### **Can our children go to Summer Camp if we don't belong to the Church of the Brethren?**

Absolutely! Camp Mack is open to all children. A summer camp experience is important for children. It provides outdoor activities, new challenges, and a Christian community for exploring relationships with one another and with God. Camp is an opportunity to bring lots of people together.

### **What is taught at Summer Camp?**

The curriculum used at Camp is one that is developed by a broad group of many denominations. Camp activities focus on themes of God's love, the power of prayer, the grace and peace found in Jesus, servanthood, and our responsibilities to each other. You can be confident that your children will grow in faith through their experience.

### **What about camperships for families in financial need?**

Camperships are not limited to Church of the Brethren families. We want children to come to camp, so we will work with you to make that happen.

### **What else can we do at Camp?**

The real answer is, what can't you do? All our programs are open to everyone if room is available. Our brochure is full of events and activities throughout the year – some are a huge bargain. Groups can also plan their own events using our facilities and resources. Families can rent cabins and lodges as available. Churches can schedule worship in our unique outdoor venues or inside an inviting space. Give us a call for more information.



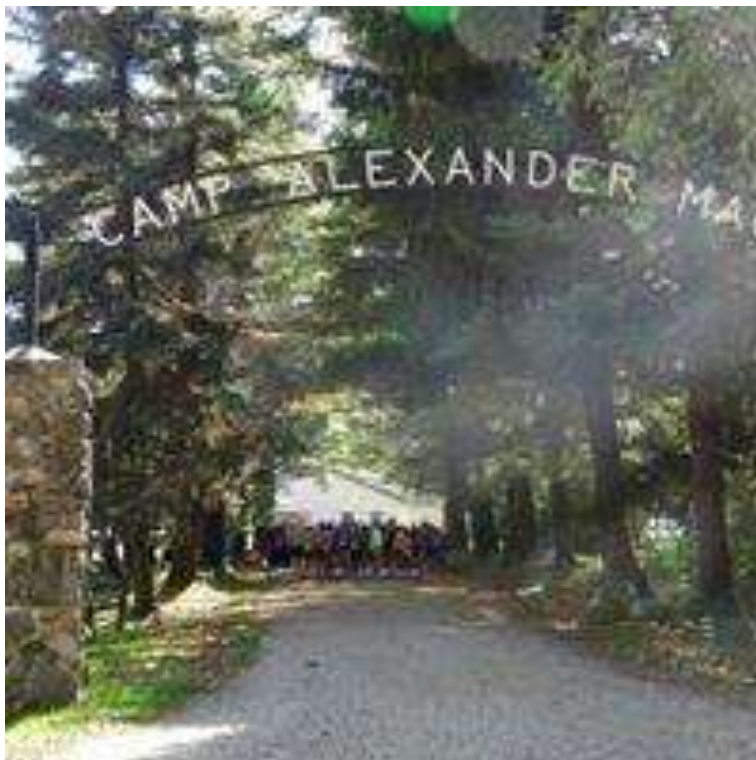
## **How can we support Camp Mack?**

Many churches support Camp through scheduled financial giving, special offerings, volunteer days, and regular use of Camp services. Sponsor a booth at the Camp Mack Festival. Send a big group to the annual 5K. Provide financial support to families for summer camp. In addition, we keep our churches on our prayer list, and we would hope to be on yours.

## **How do we get the information we need?**

Churches who have had camp representatives can continue to send them to our meetings and receive regular information as always. Other churches who wish to get updates and participate fully can let us know at [info@campmack.org](mailto:info@campmack.org). We will set you up with all the promotional materials and begin communicating with a representative from your congregation. Whatever comes up, just ask! We love talking to you about the possibilities.

**Camp Mack is for everyone. Let's talk about how we can partner with your congregation in ministry.**





# Community Campers

The Community Camper program is one that began in 2017. Since its beginning, many children, who otherwise would not have had the opportunity, experienced the Christian community and life-changing impact of Camp Mack.

As we enter the summer of 2022, more and more churches are accepting the challenge of sending a child from their community to camp. This is truly a win-win-win for everyone. The child wins with the experience; the camp wins by having another camper; the church wins by making new connections in the community.

Here is how it works:

1. Create a small fundraiser like a bake sale or community meal. (You can also take up a special offering or include in the budget, but it's not as much fun, and it doesn't open your doors to the community.)
2. Use the money raised to send one or more campers from your community to camp.
3. Find a child or children to send to camp. Many churches contact school counselors, township trustees, or community-based service groups to find children who would not otherwise be able to come to camp.
4. Connect with families to offer the opportunity and get campers registered.
5. Let Camp Mack know who your community campers are, so we can share some of their experiences with you when they return home.
6. Celebrate your campers before they go and after they return. If you have a potluck as part of the celebration, you'll have an opportunity to share with the whole family!

The benefits to the campers and to Camp Mack are obvious. The benefits to your congregation may not be so clear, but they are there:

- Church fellowship in organizing and completing a fundraiser.
- Opportunities to meet the community at your fundraiser.
- Connections made with people in your community who are helping those in need.
- Connection with one or more families of the campers you send.
- Knowledge that you are supporting the Great Commission of Matthew 28:29-30.

We hope you will carefully consider and accept the challenge to send a community camper to Camp Mack this summer. Let us know if you need more information and be sure to let us know who you are sending. Share by calling 574-658-4831 or email us at [info@campmack.org](mailto:info@campmack.org).



# Summer Camp 2022

*\*Grades are grade completed at the time of camp*

<b>Samplers</b>	<b>June 5—7</b>	<b>Samplers</b>	<b>July 10—12</b>
<i>Grades 1—2</i>		<i>Grades 1—2</i>	
<i>***New grade range***</i>		<b>Splash Camp</b>	<b>July 10—15</b>
<b>Archery Camp</b>	<b>June 5—9</b>	<i>Grades 5—8</i>	
<i>Grades 6—9</i>		<b>Finders Camp</b>	<b>July 10—15</b>
<b>Samplers</b>	<b>June 13—15</b>	<i>Grades 5—6</i>	
<i>Grades 1—2</i>		<b>Creative Arts</b>	<b>July 10—15</b>
<b>Grand Camp</b>	<b>June 16—18</b>	<i>Grades 6—10</i>	
<i>Ages 5-10/Grandparents</i>		<b>Survivor Camp</b>	<b>July 10—16</b>
<b>CIT CAMP</b>	<b>June 19—24</b>	<i>Grades 6—9</i>	
<i>Ages 14—17</i>		<b>Eco Adventure</b>	<b>July 17—22</b>
<b>Seekers</b>	<b>June 19—24</b>	<i>Grades 5—6</i>	
<i>Grades 3—4</i>		<b>Seekers Camp</b>	<b>July 17—22</b>
<b>Followers</b>	<b>June 26—July 1</b>	<i>Grades 3—4</i>	
<i>Grades 7—9</i>		<b>Culinary Camp</b>	<b>July 17—22</b>
<b>Youth Camp</b>	<b>July 3—9</b>	<i>Grades 6—9</i>	
<i>Grades 9—12</i>		<b>Finders Camp</b>	<b>July 24—29</b>
<b>Dadirri Camp</b>	<b>July 3—9</b>	<i>Grades 5—6</i>	
<i>Grades 9—12</i>		<b>Grand Camp</b>	<b>July 31—Aug 2</b>
		<i>Ages 5-10/Grandparents</i>	

