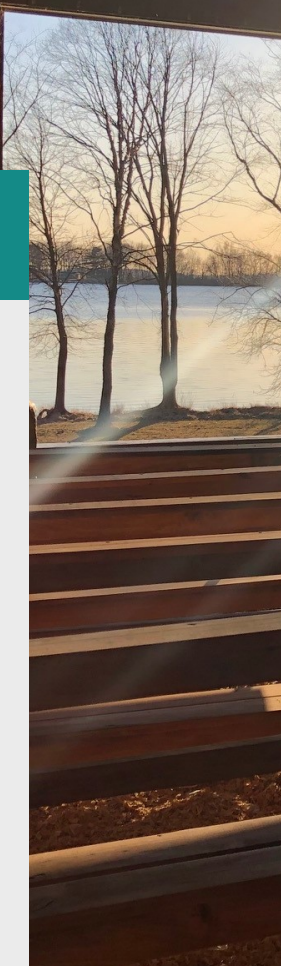


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Welcome, Kristen!

Hello! My name is Kristen Werling and I am the new Outdoor Education Coordinator. Before joining the Camp Mack family, I taught Physical Geology and Physical Geography at North Idaho College and Washington State University. I have been working at camps for almost a decade, with about half that time in teaching outdoor education and developing classes for various camps. I was also a substitute teacher for years, so I look forward to working with the teachers in the area. I am really excited to return to my home state of Indiana and spend the summer developing new curriculum for students to experience this next school year here at Camp Mack!

Kristen Werling, Outdoor Education Coordinator

News from the Director

A Test of Patience

Patience has never been one of my virtues. Throughout my life I have had to work at waiting and forbearing. For me, at least, it hasn't been easy.

We had a severe thunderstorm roll through on Wednesday evening, and it did a fair amount of damage around camp. Nothing really serious, but there are some things we have to do. Of course, this comes in the midst of our preparations for camps that start very soon. It comes during staff training, meaning that there are fewer staff available to do the work that needs to be done. It comes at a time when our finances are stretched very thin. However, these consequences of the storm are not trying my patience. No. It is the loss of internet.

For the last two days, Camp Mack has been isolated. We have no internet, and since our phone system is internet-based, we have no phone either. My patience is growing thin with our internet provider because we can't be reached by people who want to inquire about our services, need to check on their reservations with us, or need to do further planning with our staff. I am frustrated because much of my work is "in the cloud," and I don't have the opportunity to access it. And, I will have to admit that I am a little lost without my personal connectivity.

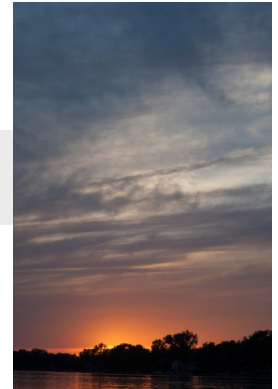
Yet, in these two days, circumstances have forced me to do other things. I have done some cleaning and reorganization of my office. I have caught up on some important reading. I have had the chance to get some writing done (this article for example). The office is much quieter than normal.

Many of our guests experience this same kind of disconnection. It can produce some anxiety at first, but then there is nothing left to do but to re-center. When the constant buzz of information and communication from outside is cut off, our consciousness opens up to our surroundings. We connect with people. We see the beauty of God's Creation. We hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.

I confess: I still am impatient for our internet provider to get on it and get us connected; however, I am also grateful for the respite that provides some quiet space to reflect and renew. I'm ready to let go.

And as I finish this article, the internet technician just arrived.

Gene Hollenberg, Executive Director



Nature Nut News

Fowl Waters

Goose grease... Nope, I'm not talking about a new brand of oil. I am talking about the two to three pounds of goose poo deposited per goose per day. Do I have your attention now?

Goslings (baby geese) and cygnets (baby swans) are adorable little balls of fluff that right now are getting the oohs and ahhs of spring as we watch them line up behind parents and swim across our lakes and ponds. As cute as they are, there are some real downsides to their presence.

Ducks, gulls, canada geese, and mute swans lead to real issues on lakefronts, including pounds of fecal matter per bird per day, waterfowl aggression towards humans and other animals, habitat loss, and degradation of water quality (primarily high e coli levels and algae blooms). Are there solutions to these fowl issues?



Waterfowl create quite a mess on a lakefront, but there are many things we can do to lessen the impact while improving native habitat quality at the same time. Wild animals can forage for themselves. Feeding waterfowl junk food such as bread decreases water quality, leads to undesired interactions with humans, and harms the waterfowl (angel wing and illness from malnourishment/rotting food). Create a natural and native shoreline. Geese, especially, love to munch on bright green turf grass. When you plant grass and mow to the shoreline, it is essentially creating an invitation to the buffet of your lawn. Consider a native plant barrier that grows 24" tall and a couple of feet wide with native sedges and other native plants. Not only will you be creating a waterfowl barrier, you will be helping the native habitat create a filter between the lake and land and prevent erosion from waves and wakes hitting the shoreline.

Waterfowl are a beautiful addition to any lakefront. Remember, we have a role in keeping our waters, waterfowl, and our families healthy. Plant native/create natural shorelines, don't mow to the edge, and don't feed waterfowl. By doing a few of these things, we can enjoy their beauty and create a healthier lake for you and me.

Jessie Kreider, Program Director



Another Way of Giving

A Different Kind of S.A.T.

One big part of my mantra is that we need to be *sustainable, accountable, and transparent*. *I will be the first to admit that these are buzzwords, but they are my thought behind many things we do. What are we doing to sustain Camp Mack for another 94 years? How are we staying accountable to all of you who are campers, guests, donors, family, or any other connection? Where do we need to be more transparent about how decisions are made?*

One area we have struggled with is invoicing. When I first started, we had difficulties invoicing guest groups. Connecting with those groups and receiving payment was sometimes difficult, but we got it done. Invoicing for campers was an annual job just done every fall. Earlier this month, we started what should be a monthly tradition, sending out invoices to anyone with an upcoming or past due balance.

I could easily talk about the importance of cash receivables for Camp's cash flow, but that's not interesting to most people. Rather, it showed how we must be accountable to you.

Cindy (not her real name) accidentally registered for Mother Daughter yet received an invoice for the cost of Mother Daughter. We removed the charge, and the family should be all set.

We audited our camperships before we invoiced those with balances to avoid sending the invoices to people receiving assistance (if their balance was initially affected by that).

We are working on making church registrations with your camp rep clearer and more transparent each year. This will clear up any confusion on whether the church was paying for a camp registration, or if a camper was.

It is our goal to send out invoices like this once a month. That means that if mistakes are made, we can catch them quickly rather than letting them fester. The Camp Mack song says "We will be loyal to you", meaning that so many of you are loyal to Camp Mack. Now when we in the office sing that line, it might turn into "We will be accountable to You!"

Todd Eastis, Director of Development and Business

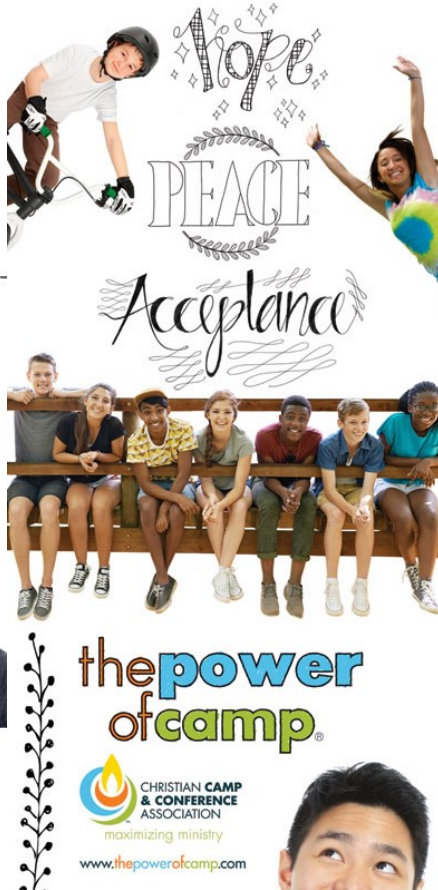
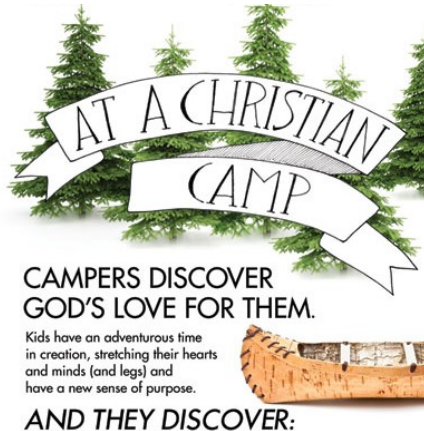


Be Our Guest

As we come ever closer to having campers at Camp Mack for the 2019 summer, I thought I would share these images from The Power of Camp. Camp is a powerful place for learning, growing, developing leadership skills, connecting, being in community, laughing, having fun, worshiping, feeling safe, being accepted, enjoying the summer, and drawing closer to God and creation. It's not too late to sign up for camp. We promote camp because we want you to experience for yourself how special it is. We can tell you about amazing opportunities that camp has to offer, but really you should come see and feel it for yourself and be changed by the love that is waiting for you. We so look forward to seeing all of you who have already registered, and we encourage you to bring a friend or two!

Deanna Beckner, Guest Services Director

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Kitchen News

Melon Confusion

“So we are having muskmelon with breakfast?”

“No, we are having cantaloupe.”

“But aren’t you cutting muskmelon right now?”

“No. See the sticker on it, it says ‘Cantaloupe. Product of Guatemala’ so this is a cantaloupe.”

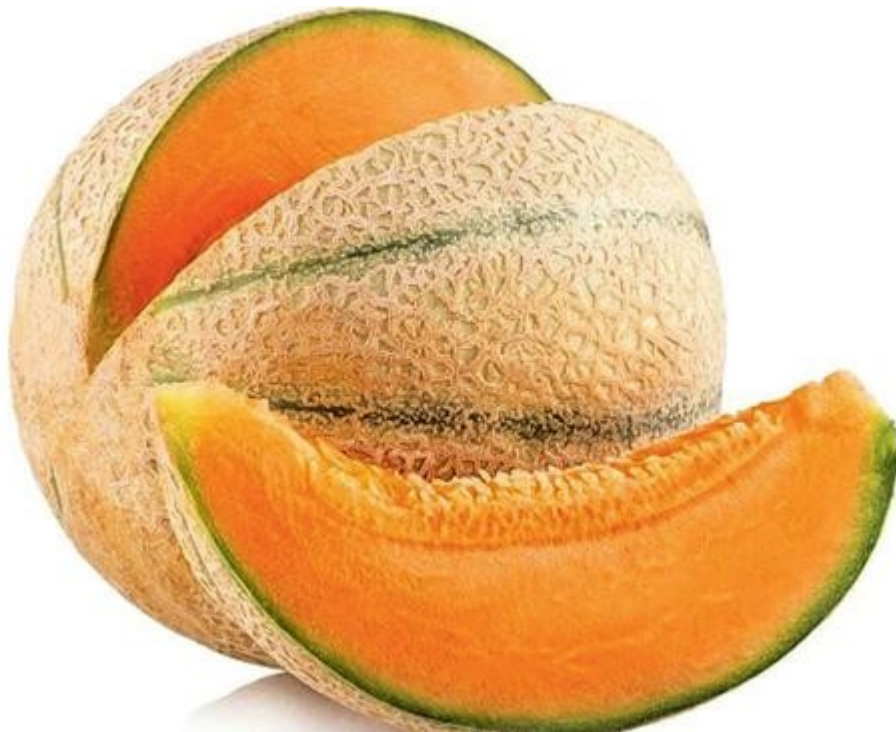
“Then what’s a muskmelon?”

“I honestly have no idea.”

What is muskmelon? What is cantaloupe? What on earth is the difference between the two?!?

This is a discussion that happens often in the kitchen at breakfast time when we are cutting up fresh fruit for our fruit and yogurt bar. We often serve both honeydew and cantaloupe, along with watermelon, pineapple, and a variety of berries. What I have found after a lot of google searching is that a cantaloupe is a type of muskmelon, but not all muskmelons are cantaloupes. I think of muskmelon the same way I think of berries. You can have different kinds of berries. Strawberries are berries and so are blueberries. Cantaloupe is a type of muskmelon, and so is honeydew. So is that cantaloupe a muskmelon? Yes it is!

Vanessa Bohannon, Food Services Director



Sunny Camp Mack

“Home”

This weekend is Narcotics Anonymous Memorial Day weekend family camp. We expect to have about 180 recovering addicts and their families here for the four day weekend. When Becky brought me here in '96, they had been coming and have been here ever since. I always really enjoy serving this group of folk. There's something about their openness and their desire for a better life that touches me. I have gotten to know a lot of them personally over the years and have watched their families grow up. This place means so much to them. It has become their "Sanctuary where people connect with God" (like in Camp's mission statement). Each year, about 30 of them come volunteer on a Saturday to help us in the spring. It was the year after Becker burned that we were working and they asked if we could go down to the burned out foundation of Becker and just be there for a bit.



We all went down and just stood in that empty space, and they began to talk about their experiences in Becker and how they were going to miss it. We all shed a few tears. Every time I work with them, I hear a few stories of changed lives because of this sanctuary. A couple of years ago, I was working with a young man and he started talking about his relationship with God. He said he had not been listening to God in a long time and he knew that his life had gone better when he did. His Dad had died that year, and their relationship had been broken. He came to family camp that year really down. At some point, he went into the chapel late at night and just

broke down and had a long conversation with God. That was a life changing moment for him. To this day, Shultz Chapel is a special place for him. Camp Mack is a sanctuary where people connect with God.

At this year's family camp, I was called out to reset some breakers and saw there were lights on in Cabin D. We had a nasty storm last week and several trees were blown down. One of those trees fell on Cabin D. It came out by the roots and must have come down slowly because it did little damage to the cabin. We did not have time to cut that tree off the roof, and I assumed that no one from this family camp would stay in that cabin. I was wrong. I stopped in to see if they were doing ok and why had they chosen to stay in a cabin with a tree on top of it. It was a young man and his family, and he said as they looked at cabins to stay in, this one just felt like home! That is exactly what we are all about here.

Galen Jay, Facility Director

Camp Mack Wish List

We are now recruiting team leaders, counselors, counselors in training, and summer healthcare personal.

Team Leader needs:

Archery Camp—June 9-13: 1 leader

Followers Camp—July 7-12: 1 leader

All other volunteer needs are at campmack.org/volunteer-opportunities. Please contact Jessica Kreider at jessk@campmack.org if you are interested in joining!



CAMP MACK'S COUNSELOR NEED IS LISTED BELOW—Where can we sign you up?

(You can find updates to this list at <http://www.campmack.org/counselorneed>)

Camp	Date	Counselor Male	Counselor Female	CIT Male	CIT Female
Week 1: June 5-7					
Samplers	June 5-7	1	THANK YOU!	1	4
Week 2: June 9-14					
Beginners	June 9-11	1	3	3	3
Archery	June 9-13	2	1	n/a	n/a
Seekers	June 9-14	THANK YOU!	1	THANK YOU!	2
Finders	June 9-14	2	3	2	4
Week 3: June 16-22					
Dadirri	June 16-22	THANK YOU!	1	n/a	n/a
Week 4: June 23-28					
Eco Adventure	June 23-28	1	1	1	1
Week 5: June 30- July 6					
Seekers	June 30- July 5	1	THANK YOU!	3	1
Week 6: July 7-12					
Samplers	July 7-9	1	THANK YOU!	THANK YOU!	1
Followers	July 7-12	4	5	n/a	n/a
Splash	July 7-12	THANK YOU!	THANK YOU!	1	1
Samplers	July 10-12	THANK YOU!	3	THANK YOU!	THANK YOU!
Week 7: July 14-19					
Seekers	July 14-19	THANK YOU!	THANK YOU!	THANK YOU!	THANK YOU!
Finders	July 14-19	2	2	3	3
Creative Arts	July 14-19	THANK YOU!	2	n/a	n/a
Culinary	July 14-19	1	2	n/a	THANK YOU!
Week 8: July 21-27					
Survivor	July 21-27	1	THANK YOU!	apprentice	apprentice

Feeling called but have questions? Just reach out to us and ask (574-658-4831).We would love to have you here this summer. What kind of amazing adventures will you find at camp this summer?

There are 41 spots left to fill!

Summer fun and connecting with God! That is what summer camp is about at Camp Mack. Seeing the faces of children actively playing and building community is incredible, but even more, watching children learn about God and developing faith, perhaps for the first time, is an experience you will want to make sure you have at least once.

Counseling is one way you can share in the joy of summer camp, and the chart below will show you where we need counselors. But ***counseling is not the only way to impact children at camp and to experience the life-changing work we do.***

We also need dedicated people who can volunteer to work in the kitchen, do regular facility work, or volunteer in the office. Each multi-day volunteer opens up opportunities for others to counsel. So, you not only benefit our campers, but you have the chance to experience camp as well.

Call us if you can help. It's a Win-Win!

Now Hiring!



We need you! Camp provides a unique job opportunity for the summer:

Do you have lifeguarding certifications? Inquire about coming to camp part time this summer to keep your eyes on the lakefront and keep our campers safe.

Washing dishes is more fun at camp than it is at home! Are you a speedy, dedicated dishwasher ready to tackle those grimy dishes or set out the clean ones to dry? Come to camp this summer and work with a fun kitchen staff to make sure the guests are taken care of.

Applications are available at www.campmack.org/employment or stop by the camp office. For questions, contact the Camp office: (574-658-4831, info@campmack.org)



Register for Summer Camp!

These are the camps that are currently full, but others have limited spaces.

Sign up now to guarantee your spot!



Samplers	June 5-7	Samplers	July 7-9
Beginners	June 9-11	Followers	July 7-12
Archery	June 9-13	Splash	July 7-12 Full
Seekers	June 9-14	Samplers	July 10-12
Finders	June 9-14	Seekers	July 14-19
Grand Camp	June 13-15	Finders	July 14-19
Dadirri	June 16-22	Creative Arts	July 14-19
Eco Adventure	June 23-28	Culinary	July 14-19 Full
Seekers	June 30-July 5	Survivor	July 21-27
Youth	June 30- July 6	Grand Camp	July 28-30



Register online at www.campmack.org or with the paper registration in the brochure. Registrations are being received now with late fees. Scholarship help is available. Please contact us with any questions about summer camp at info@campmack.org or by calling 574-658-4831. We are looking forward to great campers and leaders alike. Who will you invite to camp this summer?

Summer Healthcare Personnel Needs

Volunteer Camp Healthcare Personnel are needed this summer. For two weeks, they have the option of being a counselor in our wilderness camps. Volunteer for a week and bring a child or grandchild to camp for FREE for one week this summer. Healthcare personnel administer first aid, pass meds, respond to emergencies, and give empathy and compassion. An RN or above must be on site daily. All medical staff must be trained in First Aid and CPR/AED. Room and board are provided.

Please contact Jessie at jessk@campmack.org for more information.

WEEKLY HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL NEEDS

Dates	Camps	Medical Personnel needed	Other notes
June 5-7	Samplers	1-2	Camp ends 10:30 am on the 7th.
June 9-14	Beginners, Archery, Seekers, Finders	2	Beginners (ends Tues 10:30 am), Archery (ends Thursday 1:30 pm)
June 23-28	Eco Adventure	1	Wilderness Camp- Can be a counselor for camp
June 30- July 6	Seekers, Youth Camp	2	Seekers leave Friday evening, Youth leave Saturday 11 am
July 7-12	Samplers, Followers, Splash	1-2	There is a mid week check in for the 2nd Samplers Camp
July 14-19	Seekers, Finders, Creative Arts, Culinary	2	I bet you can get Culinary Camp to let you taste test
July 21-27	Survivor	1	Wilderness Camp- Can be a counselor for camp. Ends Saturday morning

CHECK IN PERSONNEL NEEDS

Dates	Checkers needed
Sunday, June 5 2:30-4:30 pm	4
Sunday, June 9 1:30-4:30 pm	6
Sunday, June 23 1:30-4:30 pm	1
Sunday, June 30 1:30-4:30 pm	6
Sunday, July 7 1:30-4:30 pm	6
Thursday, July 10 2:30-4:30 pm	3
Sunday, July 14 1:30-4:30 pm	6
Sunday, July 21 1:30-4:30 pm	2

For a further description of qualifications needed and what to expect, please check out Camp Mack's website at:

<http://www.campmack.org/summer-healthcare-personnel>



Upcoming Events at Camp Mack

Camp Mack Calendar

June 1	Campfire Jam Get-a-way Day, 7-9 p.m.
June 13-15	Grand Camp 1
July 28-30	Grand Camp 2
August 16-18	Colony Camp
August 17	Sailing 101 Get-a-way Day, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
August 25	Prairie Flower Walk, 2-4 p.m.
Aug. 30-Sept. 2	Labor Day Family Camp

And, sign up now for upcoming fall quilt, scrapbook, and seasoned citizens retreats!

Upcoming Get-A-Way Days

June 1—Campfire Jam

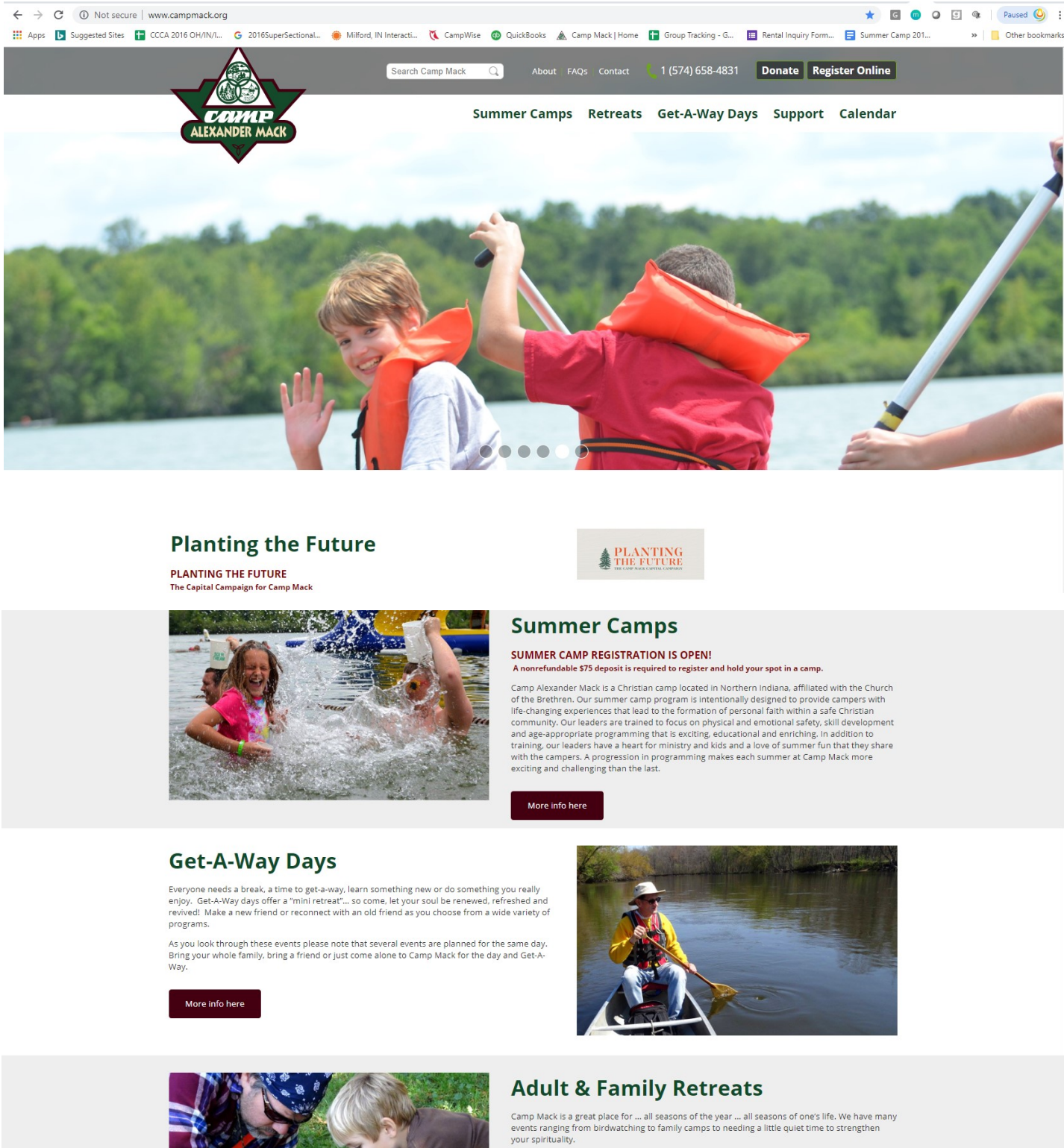
Come on over to camp for the first campfire of the summer season. Bring your guitar, rhythm, or other instruments, and your voices. Sing old favorite campfire songs and learn a few new ones. Saturday, 7 p.m.—9 p.m. Cost: FREE. Popcorn in the kettle included.

-For more information, check out Get-a-Way Days at www.campmack.org/get-a-way-days or by emailing info@campmack.org.



Check out Camp Mack's Website!

Find information and updates about all things camp at **www.campmack.org**. Contact camp with questions (info@campmack.org or 574-658-4831). We do camps, retreats, get-a-way days, rental spaces, and adventures of even more varieties. See what might interest you, and put it in your calendar.



The screenshot shows the Camp Mack website with a navigation bar at the top containing links like 'About', 'FAQs', 'Contact', and '1 (574) 658-4831'. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image of two children in orange life jackets on a lake. The main content area features several sections: 'Planting the Future' with a logo and text about the capital campaign; 'Summer Camps' with a registration announcement and details about the camp's Christian affiliation and programming; 'Get-A-Way Days' with a description of mini-retreats and a list of planned events; and 'Adult & Family Retreats' with a description of various events ranging from birdwatching to family camps.

Planting the Future

PLANTING THE FUTURE
The Capital Campaign for Camp Mack

Summer Camps

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
A nonrefundable \$75 deposit is required to register and hold your spot in a camp.

Camp Alexander Mack is a Christian camp located in Northern Indiana, affiliated with the Church of the Brethren. Our summer camp program is intentionally designed to provide campers with life-changing experiences that lead to the formation of personal faith within a safe Christian community. Our leaders are trained to focus on physical and emotional safety, skill development and age-appropriate programming that is exciting, educational and enriching. In addition to training, our leaders have a heart for ministry and kids and a love of summer fun that they share with the campers. A progression in programming makes each summer at Camp Mack more exciting and challenging than the last.

[More info here](#)

Get-A-Way Days

Everyone needs a break, a time to get-a-way, learn something new or do something you really enjoy. Get-A-Way days offer a "mini retreat"... so come, let your soul be renewed, refreshed and revived! Make a new friend or reconnect with an old friend as you choose from a wide variety of programs.

As you look through these events please note that several events are planned for the same day. Bring your whole family, bring a friend or just come alone to Camp Mack for the day and Get-A-Way.

[More info here](#)

Adult & Family Retreats

Camp Mack is a great place for ... all seasons of the year ... all seasons of one's life. We have many events ranging from birdwatching to family camps to needing a little quiet time to strengthen your spirituality.