

# Camp Alexander Mack

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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.

- Updates about Seasoned Citizens Retreat will be posted soon.

- **South Central Indiana Women's Camp June 2–4** Join for worship, reflection, fellowship, and fun. Now offering online registration. (Registration ended April 29th. Everyone is welcome! Hop in on the fun next year.)

- See page 15 for the **summer camp schedule!**

- **Grand Camps June 16–18 and July 31–August 2** Spend quality time bonding with your grandkids and making memories that will last a lifetime. This camp will provide a time for grandparents to make connections with their grandchildren through a variety of activities such as swimming, boating, hiking, games, campfires, crafts, story times, Bible studies, and maybe even a nap! Due to supervision limitations, we ask that you bring no more than three grandchildren to this event. Registration opens February 25.
  - Age: Grandparents of all ages and grandchildren ages 5–10
  - Fee: \$160 per grandparent and \$110 per grandchild.
  - Grand Camp 1 (June) is nearly full.



**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:

Join us in August for Prairie Walk (8/7), Sailing 101 (8/20), and Canoe & Kayak Skills (8/27).

## Save the Dates:

- **Colony Camp August 19–21** Fun and fellowship for the whole family! Colony Camp is a great opportunity to experience some summer fun with your family before everyone heads back to school. Enjoy the planned group activities along with boating and swimming, or simply relax and spend quality time with family and friends. Bring your RV, tent, or use one of the cabins. Bring your own food and bedding, and enjoy a weekend at Camp Mack!
  - *Age:* Families of all ages. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
  - *Fee:* \$92 per family. Camp lodging is available. No meals are provided by camp.
  - *Times:* 6p Friday to 1p Sunday.
- **Summer Spiritual Retreat August 19–21** Join in this adult retreat exploring faith and the unique activities available at camp. An outside minister and camp staff will work together to provide spiritual growth and camp fun in a relaxing environment. Come and explore your faith and play in the beauty and sanctuary of Camp!
  - *Fee:* \$160 per person for 2 nights and 5 meals.
  - *Times:* 7:00p Friday to 1p Sunday.



MAY 2022

## MILESTONES

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In 2016...

- the annual Camp Mack 5K moved to May for the first time after being held in October then September the two years prior. The event has been on the first Sunday of May most years since.

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
				Birdwatching Retreat		
				Women's Camp		

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.

## **News from the Director**

### **It's Coming!**

Do you remember waiting for Christmas Day? I do. I remember the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas being the longest wait ever. My childhood sense of time was muddled even more by the anticipation of the celebration to come. Even today, with my 64-year-old sense of time, things just seem to slow down as we wait for the moment when family arrives and celebration begins.

Well, summer camp is just five weeks away—the same as Thanksgiving to Christmas! If past experience is any guide, the days will be short, but the weeks will drag.

We have been busily preparing for an incredible summer of laughter and joy, commitment and growth, God stories, creation discoveries, and lasting relationships. These are the stories and memories we hear every year. They are the heart of this ministry, and those who share them with us have been anxiously waiting for the summer.

We are still looking for campers and volunteers to make the summer of 2022 the best yet. When our camps are full of campers, they are also full of life. The energy is incredible, and the work God can do is beyond our imaginations. We hope you can help us reach campers and adults who need to step back and immerse themselves in this safe place that offers opportunities to experience God, creation, and community.



Can you imagine what it would mean for a child to have a camp experience that is life-changing and you were involved in making it happen? What could be better? I have watched it happen with campers who were sponsored by families or churches. They left transformed and returned again to continue their journeys. I have seen the special bonds that occur when adult volunteers connect with campers and make God real for the first time.

Camp is coming! It is almost here! Could this be the year you will wait in expectation to see what God will do with your gift?

Gene Hollenberg, Executive Director





## **Camp Mack Employment Opportunities**

### **Year Round Facility/Housekeeping:**

The position is paid hourly with an average of 40 hours per week. A typical week through most of the year will be Monday through Friday; however, the team member will work Tuesday through Saturday from Mid-May through August and occasionally at other times through the year as requested. Limited benefits are offered. Daily hours are: 8:00–4:30. Wages are: \$12/hr.

### **Part Time Summer Lifeguard:**

Provide a safe and fun waterfront for campers as they boat, swim, and explore Waubee Lake. \$15 an Hour. 20 Hours Per Week.

### **Summer Kitchen Assistant:**

Serve camper meals that taste good and keep them fueled for their activities. \$12 an Hour. 35 Hours Per Week.

**Apply at: [Campmack.org/employment](http://Campmack.org/employment)**



## Nature Nut News

### Blue is the Color of Spring



(Right to Left: Virginia bluebells, bluets, blue-winged teals)

Blue is the color of spring. I know many associate spring with the greening of up things. When I think of some of my spring favorites, they are blue. Virginia bluebells, blue-eyed Mary's, blue-winged teals, eastern bluebirds making their nests, the dark blue backs of tree swallows returning, the bright blue sky on a sunny day, or even a black-throated blue warbler in the woods at camp. I also see blue pollen carried on bees from the blooming siberian squill flower, bright blue robin eggs, blue flag irises as it warms up, indigo bunting flying in the prairie, the small eastern tailed-blue butterfly, the blue back of nuthatches creeping upside down on trees, and blue-spotted salamanders under a log.

As you get out in nature this spring, can you find all the colors of the rainbow in nature? What is your favorite color found in nature? I will leave you a list of things to go out and search for.

- A yellow morel mushroom
- The maroon flower of wild ginger or a pawpaw tree
- The orange bark of a sassafras tree
- The yellow flowers of spicebush in bloom
- The red and black of a scarlet tanager
- The a bright green and white polka dotted tiger beetle
- A purple martin
- The orange and black of and oriole
- A brown cone

Jessie Kreider, Program Director



# Sunny Camp Mack

## March Volunteer Work Days

Maybe we are going to have spring? This is the last of April, and we finally get a sunny warm day. A week ago we had 2" of snow, and it was pretty discouraging. With warm weather comes lots of tasks that need to be done before kids come and enjoy camp. One of those tasks is to rebunk the beds in Sarah Major Lodge. Each fall we take off 15 bunk tops and store them in cabin I. The last time we did this was in the fall of 2019. We had no summer camp in 2020, so we did not rebunk, and we only had about 50% of capacity filled in 2021, so we did not have to rebunk. But this year should be a full season, so we are going to put back 12 of those bunks. We pulled them out of storage and are cleaning them up and repairing them in the shop. It looks like to meet the summer camp schedule we will need to put them up on the week of May 16. So, if you need some exercise, come on down.

Judy DePew and crew came out this week to touch up the Peace Garden from the winter's forces. They had to share the space with a mother duck and her eggs nesting in one of the bushes in the top of the garden. That is probably a peaceful place to raise some little ones.

As you will probably read elsewhere in this newsletter, the Board approved the bid for the elevator to go on Ulrich. The elevator goes outside the building and on the east side of the north end of Ulrich. It will be a concrete block structure with vinyl siding on it and will connect all three stories. The same company that built the Hamer Health Center, Mast Construction, will be doing this project. This should be a fun project to work around the edges on and is just part of the remodeling to be done on Ulrich House later this fall.

In closing, if you want to be the first from Camp to get in the lake this year, we will be putting the boating piers in one of these days. The facility crew will be standing on shore shouting encouraging words as you try to put those bolts in the piers! Just one more task in providing a sanctuary where people connect with God.

Thanks.

Galen Jay, Facility Director

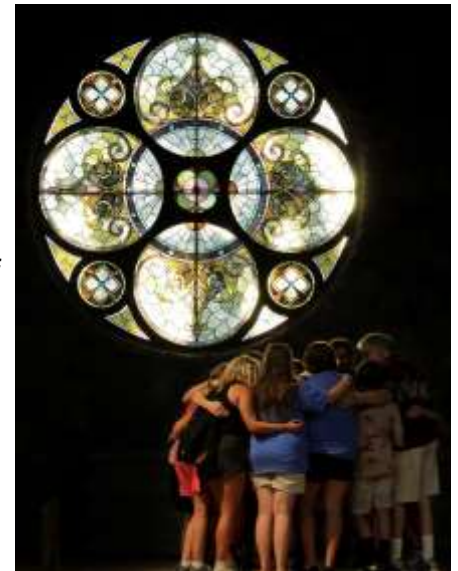


## Be Our Guest

### Did you know...?



- 1.** Waubee Lake has a maximum depth of 51 feet, spans 187 acres, and is in the shape of a whale.
- 2.** Camp Mack hosts groups year round. We have church retreats from churches just down the road and from a few hours away, outdoor education days with nearby schools, day events and retreats with nearby universities, volunteer work weekends with church groups and recovery programs, conferences with environmental organizations, weddings and receptions, quilting retreats, men's retreats, women's retreats, club banquets, team building events, campouts, youth conferences, leadership retreats, and so much more. Some groups come in a variety of ways multiple times a year.
- 3.** The large stained glass windows in the Quinter Miller Auditorium were gifted to camp by John Worthman, who was contracted to demolish the Grace Reformed Church on Washington Street in Fort Wayne.
- 4.** Galen's favorite camp food is a s'more. He's looking forward to having some this summer.
- 5.** Camp Mack offers camperships (camp scholarships) for up to half of the registration fees!
- 6.** Adult/Pediatric CPR/AED classes will begin being held at camp most months of the year to offer local training opportunities.
- 7.** Todd, Miriam, and I (Deanna) attended Manchester University together and were there when it changed from a college to a university.



Deanna Beckner, Guest Services Director





# 2022 Retreats & Events

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



## Inclusion Report

Can you help us? We are seeking new folks to serve on our staff—even those who have never been to Camp Mack before.

Think about the young people you know who are college age. Would they be the kind of person with energy and commitment that could make a difference in the lives of campers?

We love the volunteers and staff who have grown through the Camp Mack experience over the years. They are the backbone of our program, and their involvement continues the best of our traditions. But we also need new folks who may not know who we are yet, especially people who are outside the Church of the Brethren.

There are still many staff and volunteer opportunities for this summer. We need your help in challenging folks to join us in creating a place where all people are welcomed and God's presence is proclaimed.



# 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

### Come and See

Four years ago I moved back to Indiana from Colorado Springs. The part of Colorado Springs we lived in was full with new houses and new businesses, and it felt like things were only getting started. There have been so many new developments since we moved, like a credit union headquarters, Colorado's first In-N-Out Burger, a Scheels sporting goods store, and soon a hospital. When, if ever, I make it back to visit, I doubt I will recognize the area.

Camp Mack also has a number of new things since I started here. They range from small things like a new bridge to the boating beach to big things like the solar arrays, and everything in between. But unlike Colorado Springs, Camp Mack still feels the same.

That was a common refrain I heard during Giving Day interviews. Yes, there have been many changes at Camp Mack, but the mission and sanctuary experience are still the same.

The best way to experience this change that is still rooted in Camp Mack's mission is to come and visit. Come and see the improvements and upgrades that have been made. Come and see what we have in store for Ulrich House, including where the elevator will be located. Come and see the Peace Garden and relax on the swings. No matter how long it has been, come and see the sanctuary of Camp Mack.

See you soon!

Todd Eastis, Director of Development and Business



## **Kitchen News**

### **Sopapilla Cheesecake Bars**

This winter Miriam and I were wanting to try out some new dessert options for retreats and staff lunches. I often just browse Pinterest to find new recipes, but Miriam was browsing through the *Inglenook Dessert Cookbook* that we sell in the Camp Mack gift shop and found a few things she wanted to try. Not wanting to say no to a new idea, I gave her free rein to try different recipes from the book. It's been a fun adventure and we have found some recipes we really like, and some that we probably won't make again.

I've really been enjoying the stories that accompany some of the recipes as well. They often bring back fond memories of good times spent in my mom's, aunts', grandmothers', and friends' kitchens. There is just something about the atmosphere of fellowshipping together while preparing or cleaning up after a meal. A time of laughter and sometimes goofy-ness. A time of companionship and comradery. A time of learning. It's all the things I love about kitchen work with great companions.

The kitchen is still looking for a few more people to join our summer staff team. If you know someone who is looking for a summer job and wants to have a fun time in the kitchen, have them apply to work at camp for the summer. We can't wait to spend the summer with you!

Here's a big staff favorite from the *Inglenook Dessert* cookbook, brought to you by Anita K. Heatwole in Waynesboro, Virginia. If you have this book it's on page 160. If you are interested in purchasing the *Inglenook Dessert Cookbook*, or the *New Inglenook Cookbook* you can purchase copies in the camp gift shop.

### **Sopapilla Cheesecake Bars**

Makes 12-15 servings

#### Ingredients:

2 8-oz. Packages of cream cheese  
1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar, divided  
1 tsp vanilla  
2 8-oz. Cans crescent rolls  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter, melted  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup honey



Preheat conventional oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray. Beat cream cheese, 1 cup sugar, and vanilla until smooth. Unroll the two crescent roll doughs and shape each one into a 9x 13 sized rectangle. Press one rectangle into the bottom of the prepared dish. Spread cream cheese mixture over the dough and top with the second rectangle of dough. Mix the remaining  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of sugar, cinnamon, butter and honey. Spread mixture over the top piece of dough. Bake until dough is puffed and golden brown, about 30 minutes.

These bars are delicious served both warm and cold. Enjoy!

Vanessa Bohannon, Food Services Director



## **Education Station**

### **Spring Break at Camp!**

Dozens of school kids from around the region got to spend their Spring Break week with us here at camp. Here's a look at some of the fun things we did! Several of these kids will be returning to Camp Mack this summer, many for the first time at a summer camp! We're so excited to see them again this summer!





## Education Station, Continued



Kristen Werling, Outdoor Education Coordinator



# 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>	

