



# Hand in Hand

November 2022



**W**elcome to Hand in Hand. As we introduce this new quarterly newsletter to the adults of our amazing campers, I want to introduce you to my friend, Lincoln.

At Father Son Retreat a couple weeks ago, Lincoln approached me randomly and asked, “Do you remember the year when we tied up the villains (dads) and jumped over buildings during the superhero training camp?”

Absolutely, I remember that year. It was 2017, and this camper was probably 5 years old, and I think it was his first year at Father Son Retreat. We had the youngest group of

campers we had had in years. Many of them return year after year and bring their younger brothers or family members. Father Son Retreat is just one of the communities formed through events at Camp Mack.

Our wish at Camp Mack is for you to find connection. To connect with God, nature, and to build those Christian communities. Let’s join with you hand in hand as we connect through the sanctuary space of Camp Mack. I look forward to sharing events, stories, and ways to connect with your family all year round. –Jessie Kreider



## CONNECT AT CAMP

Dec. 3 Cookie Day AM/PM (AM FULL)

Dec. 3 Wreath Making

Dec. 4 Cookie Day

Jan. 9 Homeschool Day

Jan. 21 Snow Camp Jr.

Feb. 4 Snow Camp

Feb. 11 Valentine Cookie Decorating

Feb. 13 Homeschool Day

Feb. 18 Board Games

Feb. 18 Eagle Watch

Mar. 11-12 Mother Daughter Retreat

Mar. 13 Homeschool Day

***Please register 2 weeks in advance for events at [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org)***

# Collect Experiences, Not Things



Lately, I've seen many mentions of "Collect Experiences, Not Things" or something similar. Parents gifting their children a day out experience for birthday; a family trip for Christmas; a date night each month for each kid; or requesting memberships to zoos, aquariums, or state parks on their Christmas lists.

When I think of my favorite moments in life, so many involve moments like these two photos— My nephew throwing a snowball straight at my face during a visit or letting my young cousin try out my binoculars during maple syrup season with my family.

If you are looking for something different, below is a list of things you can do as a family this winter or a gift of experience you can give. -Jessie Kreider, Program Director

- Sledding
- Find a lights display
- Decorate cookies at the Christmas Cookies Day
- Build a snowman or fort
- Pay for a family to attend Mother Daughter weekend or Father Son in the fall
- Make birdseed ornaments
- Add extra marshmallows to your hot cocoa
- Invite a friend to come to Snow Camp with you



## 2022—2023 Homeschool Days at Camp Mack

Ages 7—14      10 a.m.— 5 p.m.  
\$20 per student (\$5 sack lunch optional)

**December 12: Winter Wonderland**

**January 9: Dark and Light**

**February 13: Mythological Madness**

**March 13: Let's Get Dirty**

**April 10: Fields and Flowers**

*See additional details at [www.campmack.org/homeschool](http://www.campmack.org/homeschool)  
and register at [www.campmack.org](http://www.campmack.org). Limit 20 students per session.*

