

# CAMP MACK CIRCLE

Quarterly Newsletter

## News from the Director

### Celebrating a Century

On July 4, 1925, Camp Mack hosted its first camp, and a legacy of ministry and hospitality was born. It is incredible to imagine the number of lives touched in those hundred years of ministry. And, the tradition continues.



Over this past year, we have been celebrating the people and events that have shaped Camp Mack from the very beginning. While things have certainly changed, there are some constants that have been established so we can meet our mission of providing sanctuary where all people are welcomed to connect with God, experience creation, and create Christian community.

Morning Dip, Rock Island, the sunken barge, nature hikes, the Living Cross, cinnamon toast, vespers, Shultz Chapel, lifelong friendships, baptism in Waubee Lake, canoe races, night hikes, Wedding Hill, the Tabernacle, campfires, popcorn, the waterfront speech, Time Alone with God, Arky Parky, baked oatmeal with ice cream, "The Q," rest time, Kettle Point, Morning Watch, family time, the Summit.

What else is part of your experience of Camp Mack?

In the summer of 2025, Camp Mack will serve over 1,000 people from our program camps, partner camps, church retreats and events. Each person's experience will have been shaped by all those who came before them. Every prayer, every donation, every gift of time, every camper sent, every event attended adds to the legacy of Camp Mack.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, we're having a joyous celebration with reunions, campfires, food (including popcorn), games, and worship. Please join us as we give thanks to God for providing the ministry of Camp Mack and the community that ministry has created.



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**“Hi, I’m Lacie.”**

## Hashtag Camp Life

### So What About the Socials?

In February, I joined the Camp Mack staff as Social Media Coordinator. My job is to make the posts you see on Facebook & Instagram. Have you noticed we are posting more often? I hope so!

Even though we are doing most of the leg work, taking pictures, editing videos and making posts, there are ways you can help us out.

- ❶ First, like our posts when you see them pop up while you are scrolling social media. If you really like a post you see on Facebook, change the thumbs up to a heart. Or if surprised by the post, choose the wow face. If the post makes you laugh, click the laughing face. These other reactions help boost our posts so more people see them.
- ❷ Second, add an appropriate comment to the post. The more comments we get the more other people will see our posts.
- ❸ And third, share our posts to your social media pages & stories. Sharing our posts gets them out in front of more people who might not be following our pages. The best posts for you to share are posts about upcoming events or when we are looking for help.

Now, don’t hear what I am not saying, I am not asking you to do all three of these things on every single one of our posts. Please do like or react to each post you see, comment and share as you feel led.



By doing these 3 simple things you are helping promote Camp Mack: think of it as free advertising! And by doing this, it will also help you see more of Camp Mack’s posts in your feed, keeping you up to date with everything we have going on. It’s a win-win!

You can follow us on Facebook at Camp Mack & on Instagram at campalexandermack.

**Lacie Garringer, Social Media Coordinator**







## Kitchen News

### Devotions of Today and the Past

The camp leadership team meets once a week. and we start each of our meetings with devotions. We rotate through each member being in charge of devotions, and at our latest meeting, Pieter did a devotion from the summer camp curriculum. Being in the middle of summer camp and hearing the devotions that our campers will be hearing was such a great way to start our meeting, and it led to some really great discussions. We talked about being humble and facing self doubt, and it led into a great discussion of learning from our mistakes and supporting each other. I love that our staff are able to have these conversations and acknowledge our struggles and our successes. As we celebrate 100 years of ministry at Camp, I think about the many devotions that have happened over the years, in meetings and cabins and around the lake, and I can't even fathom how many of them led to deep discussions and closer community. Do you have a story to share?

On the afternoon of August 10th, we will be holding the Centennial Celebration. We hope this is a day of deep conversation, reconnection, and celebration of the sanctuary that is Camp Alexander Mack. We will have singing, food, and an amazing worship service in Quinter-Miller Auditorium. We hope you can join us in the celebration of 100 years of devotions and fellowship, food and friendship, campfires and canoe races, and all the other amazing things that make Camp Mack YOUR camp.



The schedule for the day will be coming out soon, so keep an eye out for that! We can't wait to celebrate with you!

**Vanessa Bohannon,  
Food Services Director**

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# Sunny Camp Mack

## Summer Camp 2025

Summer camp is here! We are just finishing our first week of summer camp with our Episcopal friends. They have been coming for a long time and have a close relationship with us. Next week, Church of God Family Camp comes in, and this is another camp we have a long and close relationship with. Both of these camps are very organized and use our sanctuary space for its intended purpose.



On the facility side of things, it has been a busy and productive start to the camping season. We have a new volunteer working with us this summer. Her name is Barbara Moffett and comes from North Manchester. She has a real heart for cleaning up brush around the camp. We have several big old fur trees that

have an assortment of bushes and other trees growing under them. The picture above shows the tree between Cabin E-4 and Cabin E-5 that she cleaned out. It really makes our campus look better.

We also have on facility staff a young man, Montana Green, who is a junior at Manchester University, in the school of nursing. Montana was with us last year and decided to come back and help us this season. He does a fine job with a string trimmer and a push mower!

Jim Bates spent some time with us last week and worked on the Ark and our elephant. The picture to the right shows Jim's repair job to our elephant. Probably some of you saw Cory's post last week about "bagging a purple llama." That was our llama in Arky Park that needed some repairs. Lynn Krieder hand-crafted those four animals several years ago, and a lot of kids have spent some fun time playing on them. This is all a part of the "...sanctuary where people connect with God," and the facility crew has the privilege of keeping it in good repair.

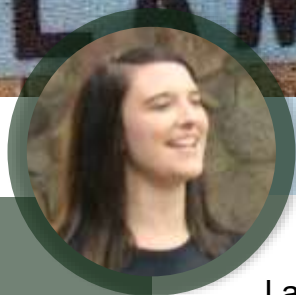


**"It really makes our campus look better."**

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**Galen Jay, Facility Director**





## Be Our Guest

### What I'm Up To

I appreciate the encouraging messages and conversations I have had about my new position. Your support is invaluable, and I truly am thankful that I will continue to work with my coworkers, all of our extended Camp Mack friends, our treasured partner groups who rent out space at Camp Mack, and so many others.

We are in the process of hiring a Guest Services Coordinator, who will mostly do what I have been doing. That person will not be a part of leadership team at this point, and it will be a slightly condensed version of the role I have had, but the Guest Services Coordinator will work with all of our guest groups and constitutional camps. We look forward to bringing someone new on the team soon.

I will work to train the Guest Services Coordinator once he or she is hired, and during that time, I will begin to transition to my new role as the Director of Advancement (similar but different to the job of Director of Development Todd had had). Through my new role, I will be focusing on relationships. I look forward to continuing to work with guest groups in new ways, reaching out to the community, preparing Camp Mack's fundraising events, fostering relationships with Camp Mack's donors, connecting with camper parents, supporting our volunteers and staff, and finding other ways to build relationships for Camp Mack. I will be involved in Camp Mack's marketing more extensively, as well. This new position will allow me to serve Camp in ways that support the next steps the Indiana Camp Board has worked on for Camp Mack.

In the mean time, I have been working hard on Guest Services, as well as coordinating with my housekeeping team. They have been constantly cleaning and turning buildings as we host summer camps. The other day, the power was out, and we worked to turn Sarah Major Lodge, holding flashlights for each other. Hal is often taking care of so many details, including trash runs from all over camp to the dumpster on the service drive. We sneak in some fun, too. I'm so thankful for their diligent work this summer!

**Deanna Beckner,**  
**Guest Services Director**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Summer Camps:**

Grades are grade completed at the time of camp

**Creative Arts:** July 6–11, Grades 6–10

**Target Sports:** July 6–11, Grades 6–9

**Seekers 2:** July 13–18, Grades 3–4

**Survivor Camp:** July 6–12, Grades 6–9

**Finders 2:** July 20–25, Grades 5–6

**Grand Camp:** August 3–5, Grandkids ages 5–10, Grandparents of all ages

**Finders 1:** July 6–11, Grades 5–6

**Samplers 2:** July 9–11, Grades 1–2

**Splash Camp:** July 13–18, Grades 5–8

**Eco-Adventure:** July 20–25, Grades 5–6

## CAMP MACK COUNSELOR NEED

### WEEK 3: JULY 6-11

TARGET SPORTS (July 6-11): 1 Female

SAMPLERS 2 (July 9-11): 1 Female & 1 Male

### WEEK 4: JULY 13-18

SPLASH: 1 Female & 1 Male

### WEEK 5: JULY 20-25

ECO ADVENTURE: 1 Male & FINDERS 2: 1 Female

Email [jessk@campmack.org](mailto:jessk@campmack.org) if available.

**August 10: Centennial Celebration**

**August 15–17: Colony Family Camp**

**August 16: Sailing 101 Get-A-Way Day**

**August 23: Advanced Sailing Get-A-Way Day**

**August 23: Camp Update on Zoom**

**August 29–September 1: Labor Day Family Camp**

Check out [campmack.org](http://campmack.org) and Camp Mack's Facebook page for more details.



*Find more information on these events on the next pages.*





**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025**

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# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Save the date for the largest celebration in Camp Mack history! Spend Sunday, August 10th with your camp friends at reunions for current and former campers. Then, gather with the entire Camp Mack community in Quinter Miller Auditorium for a time of worship and dedication before closing out the day with a popcorn campfire with all your favorite songs. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime celebration!



Family-Friendly Fun!

**AUG  
15-17**



# COLONY CAMP

## CAMP MACK

1113 E. Camp Mack Rd, Milford, IN 46542

Weekend Rate

**\$120** Per Family  
OR

**\$50** Per Person  
Age 21+

**Bible Study**

**Pancake/Sausage  
Breakfast**

**Auction**

**\$20**

Per Person if Coming in  
for Only Saturday

Register at: **campmack.org**



# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

## Friday evening:

4:00-? Check-In

5:00-7:30 Campfire Supper: Bring hotdogs and sweet corn.  
The water will be boiling.

9:00-? Popcorn Campfire: Worship together with singing. Bring your bowls, chairs, and flashlights.



## Saturday:

7:45-9:00 a.m. Pancake/Sausage Breakfast: Everything is provided except table service & drinks.

9:30 a.m. Camp Introductions, Group Picture, and Waterfront Instructions at Vesper Hill

10:00-10:30 Camp Store Open

10:30-11:00 Bible Study

10:30-11:30 Arts and Crafts

12:00 p.m. Lunch: On your own.

12:30-3:30 Boating, Swimming, & Crafts

5:00 Picnic Table Roundup

5:30-? Wagon Wheel Dinner: Beverage provided. Bring a dish or two to share.

7:30 ☆ Annual Benefit Auction: Each family is asked to bring an item to be auctioned. Crafts, baked goods, and handmade items make great donations.  
Popcorn campfire to follow.

Register here:

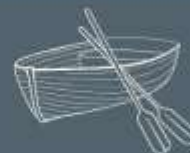


## Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Morning Meditation at Vesper Hill

10:30-11:30 Boating

12:15-1:00 p.m. Swimming



Pets are not welcome. Though they are part of the family, please leave them at home or with someone you trust.

Bring your own bedding, clothing, and food. Some Camp cabins and yurts are available on a first-come, first-served basis through registration.

Deans: Rachael and Chris Shoue | 260-571-2903 | rshoue24@yahoo.com

Co-Deans: Sara and John Dolph | 574-274-9081 | jdolph73@gmail.com





Galen's retirement party is being postponed until September. More details will be coming soon. Please join us if you are able to celebrate his 29 years at Camp Mack!

## *Sailing 101*

Learn the basics of sailing and how to rig a sunfish sailboat. Take your boat out on Waubesa and catch some wind. This is a great class for beginners or those who need a refresher lesson.



## *Advanced Sailing*

Practice your skills with a fun day on the lake. A sailing regatta, races, and drills will hone your skills. Try out one of our Laser sailboats for a little more fun!

Open to ages 12+. Must be comfortable in the water. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a swimsuit, towel, water shoes, and sunscreen. You will get wet!

*August 16, 9a-3p*

*August 23, 9a-3p*

*Register at [campaack.org](http://campaack.org)*



Family Fun!



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!  
REGISTER BY 7/14 FOR A \$10 DISCOUNT.

# LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP 2025 **AUG 29- SEPT 1**

6P FRIDAY-1P MONDAY | \$90/FAMILY FEE (OR \$100  
AFTER 7/14) | OTHER FEES FOR LODGING & MEALS

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