



Summer Camp '24

HEARTLAND CONFERENCE U.C.C. OUTDOOR MINISTRIES
TEMPLED HILLS CAMP — BELLVILLE, OH

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS





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MMADD CAMP

Details

DATES: June 16-22, 2024

AGES: 8 - 18

LOCATION: Templed Hills Camp

ESTABLISHED: 1973

INTENSITY LEVEL: Moderate/high

Directors

NAME: Bobby Burt (they/them)

YEARS DIRECTING: 10

Bobby is a former MMADD Camper and Camp Staff Member.

They are a pastor at First Church Akron as well as a Chaplain at Cleveland Clinic, Hillcrest Hospital.

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CELL: 330.780.8122

NAME: Erin Wallace (she/her)

YEARS DIRECTING: 5

Is a long time MMADD Camper turned Director who has a profound love for music and is a professional mental health therapist for youth.

NAME: Kayelene Holderman (she/her)

YEARS DIRECTING: 4

Kaylene is the Faith Formation and Marketing Coordinator for Christ Church UCC in Orrville. She has been volunteering with MMAAD Camp since 2013 and is excited to spend a fourth summer directing!

NAME: Andrew Pfendler (he/him)

YEARS DIRECTING: Rookie

Andrew Pfendler is a graphic designer and long time MMADD Counselor from Strongsville, Ohio, who will be making his directorial debut this year.

Description

Music, Mindfulness, Art, Dance, Drama Camp, or more commonly referred to as MMADD Camp, is a camp designed to help youth grow their skills in the arts while enjoying the outdoors and basking in God's glorious creation. Every day you'll work on art projects, rehearse pieces of music and theatre, and learn a group dance, have lots of opportunities to sign up for activities of your choosing. Some highlights include music mindfulness, hikes in the woods, water slide, philosophy, and so much more! In addition to all the fun we have growing our skills in the arts, we also have opportunities in large group worship to help plan and lead, as well as exciting nightly activities such as campfires, movies, and karaoke. Whether you are a long time artist or someone who just enjoys being creative, MMADD camp is the place for you!

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CAMP OUT

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Description

In its second year of providing safe and fun spaces in the outdoors for all God's children, Camp Out is a camp for LGBTQ+ and allied youth. It's a camp where the unconditional love of God is felt by all and where no one is left out of all the fun. We will spend our time learning new skills, sharing our talents, and exploring God's creation. Some highlights from last year include a stream study, collage-making, group games, and creating our own skits. We have lots of opportunities to sign up for activities of your choosing, including music mindfulness, hikes in the woods, water slide, philosophy, and so much more! In addition to all the fun we have growing in our self-image during the day, we also have opportunities in large group worship to help plan and lead, as well as exciting nightly activities such as campfires, movies, and karaoke. We hope you will join us to explore our shared lives together!

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SPORTSCAMP

Details

DATES: June 23 - 29, 2024

AGES: 7 - 18

LOCATION: Templed Hills Camp

ESTABLISHED: 1973

INTENSITY LEVEL: Moderate/high

Director

NAME: Renee Neron

YEARS DIRECTING: 25

BIO: Renee grew up attending Sportscamp and now for the past 25 years has been leading it each and every summer. Renee has navigated and led Sportscamp with a deep belief in our young people and the importance of spending time outside. Renee is the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Madison Local School District in Mansfield. She resides in Mansfield with her husband John, their daughter Emme and their dogs, Arnie and Roxie.

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Typical Day @ Camp

6:30 am	Morning Hike meet at Lower Skipper
7:00 am	Wake Up!!!
7:45 am	Hoppers Report to Dining Hall
	Games on Deck
	Breakfast
8:00 am	Family Challenge
9:00 am	Family Group Time
10:00 am	Mini-Sessions
11:15 am	Hoppers Report
11:45 am	Lunch
12:00 pm	Rest Hour
1:00 pm	Family Challenge
2:15 pm	Pool Open
	Skill Sessions
3:15 pm	Family Challenge
4:15 pm	Hoppers Report
5:15 pm	Dinner
5:30 pm	Family Swap Pool Open
6:30 pm	Family Group Time
7:30 pm	Evening Snack
	Vespers Service
8:45 pm	Location: Pavilion
	Return to Cabins for Family Group Time
9:45 pm	7-9 and 10-12 Lights Out and Quiet
10:15 pm	13-15 Lights Out and Quiet
10:30 pm	16-18 Lights Out and Quiet
10:45 pm	

Description

Sportscamp is an action-packed, amazing week in the woods. every day is filled from morning to night with competitions, skill sessions, games, activities, hikes and more sports. Our evening vesper services are powerful worship experiences that are a camp favorite. Students are assigned to a family group with at least two counselors and campers of different genders. These family groups compete as a unit, experience camp as a unit and develop a close knit bond over the course of a few days. Campers are divided by age (7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18). We believe that Sportscamp is not just for the best athletes, it's for any young person that loves sports (or not) and loves the idea and challenge of discovering more about themselves. We spend a week creating a community that fosters friendships that last a lifetime. We carefully craft an experience that is tailored to every age group and their specific needs, that leaves every camper declaring this as the #bestweekever. Over the past half a century Sportscamp has been a mainstay for thousands of young people every June. Our mission is "Sportscamp exists to provide an experience unlike any other where young people are immersed in a culture of love, respect, competition and faith. An experience where every camper is challenged to grow individually, think beyond themselves and connect on a powerful and authentic level with God. Sportscampers learn through sports, while living in the woods, that leading by love, can change their lives forever."



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GRANDS AND FAMILY CAMP

Details

DATES: June 12-15, June 30- July3 & July 14-17, 2024

AGES: 4 - 13

LOCATION: Templed Hills Camp

ESTABLISHED: 2022

INTENSITY LEVEL: Moderate

Directors

NAME: Rev Mark & Margee Frey,

YEARS DIRECTING: 20

Rev. Mark & Margee are from Bath, Ohio and have been leading Grands and Family camp sessions for 20 years. They love sharing camp with all of the campers and their 4 grandchildren and are excitedly waiting for the younger ones to be old enough to come.

EMAIL: mwfrey73@gmail.com

NAME: Revs. Janis and Joel Montgomery

YEARS DIRECTING: 1

Rev. Janis & Rev. Mark serve as co-pastors at Christ United Church, a Federated church of the Presbyterian Church USA and the United Church of Christ and have lots of camp experience.

EMAIL: butcheje@gmail.com

NAME: Kathy Smith

YEARS DIRECTING: 1

Kathy is a preschool teacher and has years of experience leading camps and other faith formation opportunities for children. Her career includes being a childcare director, preschool teacher and faith formation director. This will be her second year directing Grands and Family Camp.

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Typical Day @ Camp

7:00 - 8:00	Wake Up & Get Ready
8:00 - 8:30	Breakfast
8:30 - 12:00	Activity Choices
12:00 - 12:30	Morning Meditation
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30	Rest Hour
2:30 - 5:30	Sign-Up Classes
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner
6:30 - 8:00	Large Group Activities
8:00 - 9:00	Vespers & Campfire
10:00	Lights Out

Description

This half-week session gives you and your grandchild/child some extra time to explore your faith in Christian community in the natural beauty of our camp. Share your faith through Bible lessons, songs, games, easy nature explorations, swimming, and campfires. We discover God's power and wonder and our own unique place in God's creation. Ensure that a passionate faith continues in your family for generations to come!

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PATHFINDERS CAMP

Details

DATES: July 7-10, 2024

AGES: 10 - 14

LOCATION: Templed Hills Camp

ESTABLISHED: 1973

INTENSITY LEVEL: Moderate/high

Directors

NAME: Rev. Jonathan Bradner

YEARS DIRECTING: 2

Jonathan is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and pastor of Immanuel United Church of Christ in St. Bernard, Ohio. A lifelong camper and advocate for the Heartland Conference Outdoor Ministries, Jonathan has been involved with Confirmation Camp, Pathfinders Camp, Bright Beginnings Camp, MMADD Camp and Jr. MMADD Camp. "I am both excited and grateful for the opportunity to bring an adults only camp to our Outdoor Ministries program, to prove that camp is not just for the kids!"

EMAIL: pastorjonathan.iucc@gmail.com

NAME: Chelsea Lee

YEARS DIRECTING: 7

Chelsea is a Special Education Teacher working with students on what they want to do after high school. As a camper she attended Choir camp and was an active member of Fall Youth Event. Chelsea has volunteered as a counselor for a variety of camps, was on the planning team for Fall Youth Event, summer staff for both Pilgrim and Templed Hills and worked Nature's Classroom at both camps. Currently Chelsea is an active member of Lantern' Women's retreat as a member of the Steering Committee. She looks forward to hanging out with you at camp!

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Typical Day @ Camp

7AM
8AM
9AM
10AM
12PM
1PM
2PM
3PM
5:30PM
6:30PM
8:30PM
9PM
10PM

Wake Up
Breakfast
Morning watch
Activity time
Lunch
Rest Hour
Swimming
Large Group Activities
Dinner
Evening Activities
Snack
Vespers
Lights Out

Description

At this general camp session, youth will spend time getting to know each other and exploring their faith while participating in various camp experiences/activities including hiking, swimming, playing games, campfires, and so much more. If you want to see all that Templed Hills has to offer join us for a week of fun, faith, and fellowship as we become Pathfinders!

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SEEK AND SIP CAMP

Details

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AGES: 21 +

LOCATION: Templed Hills Camp

ESTABLISHED: 2024

INTENSITY LEVEL: Moderate/high

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Camp Highlights

1. Your Camp, Your Way: At Seek and Sip, you're the counselor of your camp adventure. Choose for yourself from a variety of daily summer camp activities.
2. Thoughtful Speakers: Engage with esteemed speakers who'll guide us in exploring our faith and spirituality in the modern age. These thought-provoking sessions will inspire new perspectives and meaningful insights.
3. Starlit Worship: Gather beneath the open skies for nightly worship infused with live music. Find solace and connection in these sacred moments.
4. Faith and Fellowship: Come for the faith, stay for the fellowship. It's where the harmony of spirituality and relaxation creates an indelible camp experience.

Description

Escape the daily grind and embark on a unique spiritual journey at "Seek and Sip," our inaugural half-week adult church camp. Enjoy savoring your favorite wine, beer, coffee, tea or bug juice as you re-live the cherished camp memories of your youth, while exploring your faith today. Please note: Camp will not be serving Alcohol and it is not included in the price of this event. Participants may plan to bring their favorite beer or wine. More information will come later.

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