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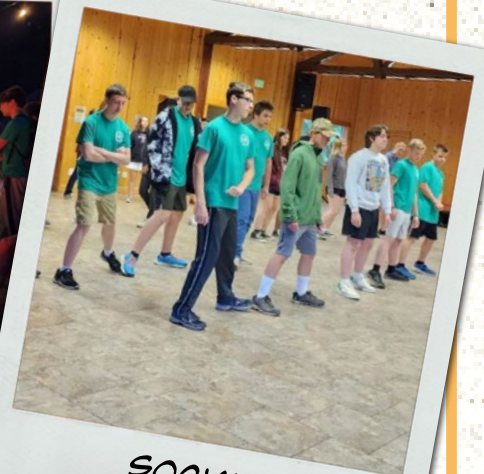
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## Mission

The mission of the United Youth Camps program is to support parents and the Church in teaching youth to develop their full godly potential—which is their calling into the Body of Jesus Christ and the work of the Church—while learning that God's spiritual laws are practical ways of living (Deuteronomy 6:6-9, 11:19-20; Psalm 34:11; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4). Within our mission are contained camper goals, staff objectives, biblical standards and a positive message to our teens that God's ways work!



# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

David was just a teenager when he was anointed as king over Israel. When God sent Samuel to Jesse, David's father, saying that one of his sons was selected by God to be the next king of Israel, Jesse brought his oldest seven sons in, but Samuel said that God had selected none of them. David was in the fields, shepherding the flocks, and when he was brought before Samuel, God revealed that David, the least of the sons, was the one chosen by Him.

As we know, after David lived his life, God made the statement that David was a "man after My own heart, who will do all My will" (Acts 13:22). That says a lot about David as a teenager and a man who lived his life yielded to God.

While Jesus Christ is our perfect example of the way of life God would have us live, the accounts we have of David as a teenager, young adult and king over a very wealthy nation provide a pretty good "roadmap" for one's life.

We read in the Psalms of David spending his nights in the field, shepherding the flocks, meditating on God's laws, looking at the night sky and wondering about God's awesome power. He contemplated the meaning of life, concluding that God's way of life is superior, leading to joy, peace and all things good. He prayed and communicated with God, and became strong in his faith.

As a teenager, that strength and faith, which came from his relationship with God and the hours he spent in meditating on and knowing God's law, displayed itself in the dramatic story of the confrontation with the giant, Goliath.

While the army of Israel, comprised of men 20 and older stood in fear of the giant who challenged them daily, teenage David did not hesitate, but stood strong in his faith and boldly announced he would fight Goliath. Saul marveled at the strength of this "youth," as he called him (1 Samuel 17:33).

This year's camp theme is "Stand Strong." At camp, you will learn many things about this principle from the Bible. Listen to everything you hear, take notes and read Scripture. The Bible is the Word of God. He has given us these words to encourage, instruct and guide us in His way (2 Timothy 3:16-17). But reading and hearing aren't enough. You must think on

these things (Philippians 4:8) and make the time to meditate on the words of life.

David faced many challenges, and certainly in his teenage years. None of us has stood in front of a king and asked to fight a literal giant like Goliath whose mission was to kill us. But make no mistake: Teenagers today are faced with battles and challenges not unlike those that confronted David.

The world we live in is a dangerous place. There are many voices out there that will confuse you, if you let them. They may try to cause you to question authority, saying that the Bible is antiquated and not written for today's "enlightened age." They may lead you to question your purpose and even the basics of life. They may lead you to question your sexuality or even your gender. Like Goliath, those forces want to overcome you and kill you.

As you face these challenges now and in the future, you must stand strong in your commitment to God and His way, and choose the path that leads to life, not only in this physical world, but also eternal life with God. You are called, you are chosen and God opens your mind to the truth.

Take the example of teenager David, who frequently spent time contemplating God's Word and in prayer to Him. Take a break from your smartphone—from texting, surfing the Internet, Instagram and TikTok. Take time away from your usual TV, movies and music. Those may entertain you, but will they lead you to stand strong?

Stand strong and start building that strength now by choosing to earnestly develop your relationship with God and contemplate the wisdom and truth of the Scriptures, which will put you in good stead and enable you to stand against the wiles of the devil and this world (Ephesians 6:10-11).

Have a wonderful, inspiring and fun camp season!



Rick Shabi

# APPLYING FOR CAMP

Whether you plan to attend as a camper or as staff, being part of camp can be the highlight of the year! With some planning ahead of time and filling out your application completely and in a timely manner, you can make the process easier and seamless for everyone. Here are a few things to think about as you plan.

**1. Plan early!** Decide which camp or camps you want to attend. Pay attention to the dates and do not apply for two camps if they overlap, either as a camper or staff.

**2. Earn and save for camp.** Thanks to generous support from the United Church of God, tuition for UYC programs is subsidized to reduce your cost, but there is a tuition fee and often families find they need to save ahead of time in anticipation of camp. Many campers find that they appreciate the camp experience more if they work during the year and save as much as they can for tuition. If

you are planning to be a camper this year, talk to your parents about possible ways to earn some of the tuition. You might be surprised at the possibilities!

**3. Apply online.** The webpage for camp applications will be open by March 1. You will need some basic information such as your address, phone numbers, medical insurance coverage and medication or allergy needs.

**4. Read the acceptance e-mail carefully!** If you are accepted to camp, you will receive an acceptance e-mail so please take time for you and your parents to review it. The acceptance e-mail will include details for the specific camp and a transportation form that needs to be filled out as soon as you know your travel plans.

**5. Get prepared physically.** The camp schedule is full of activities often from sunrise until after sunset and therefore may be more physically demanding than you may be used to. The activities are very enjoyable

and rewarding when all campers fully participate in everything. Stay active in the weeks before camp, so you are physically fit for the camp activities. More information should be included in your acceptance letter so you can begin preparing.

**6. Get prepared mentally and spiritually.** During the weeks before camp, spend extra time praying about camp and what you will learn from being a part of it. Be sure you are ready to abide by the rules established. This would also be a good time to review the "Standards of Appearance and Conduct" posted at: [uyc.ucg.org/standards-appearance-and-conduct](http://uyc.ucg.org/standards-appearance-and-conduct) and some of the Teen Bible Study Guides posted at: [ucg.org/bible-study-tools/teen-bible-study-guides](http://ucg.org/bible-study-tools/teen-bible-study-guides). These resources are helpful to review and think about even while applying for camp, but certainly before attending.

Plan now to have your best, most rewarding camp ever!

## Apply online at: [uyc.ucg.org/online-registration](http://uyc.ucg.org/online-registration)

If you'd like to make a donation to help support UYC, you can use the form below or donate online at: [donate.ucg.org](http://donate.ucg.org)

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- Please indicate the amount you are sending in the spaces below.
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- Attach postage to enclosed envelope and mail to: *United Youth Camps Fund, P.O. Box 541027, Cincinnati, OH 45254-1027*

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# UYC 2024 STAND STRONG

Every year the teen camp directors come together for our annual meeting to analyze and discuss the previous camp year and plan for the upcoming year. Each year my favorite part of those meetings is when we discuss the upcoming camp theme. We spend multiple hours brainstorming, filling up whiteboards, and collaborating as we try to distill our overall camp theme for the year into daily themes that flow together through the week. We ask, what do we want the campers to go home with after this week?

We want each camper to be excited and encouraged about their calling from God and emboldened to live God's way of life. We want to equip them with tools to help them

on their walk. We want to edify them and send them home with courage and zeal for God's way. To accomplish this goal, this year our theme for camp is "Stand Strong?"

What comes to your mind when you hear the phrase, "Stand Strong." For me, it quickly calls to mind stories of Daniel, David and Joshua. Bible characters who stood strong in the face of opposition, who faced giants and didn't wilt under adversity. There are many pressures that we face in life, things that push against us, that challenge us, and God calls us to stand strong against them. Our calling reminds us to stand for God's way and His truth, and to stand against Satan and everything that is contrary to God's way.

Our inspiration for the theme this year comes from Ephesians 6:10-18 where God encourages us to stand based on His power and His might. In a society that tries to suppress truth and push Satan's agenda, God calls us to be a people who stand strong in His armor. He calls us to be soldiers boldly

fighting a spiritual fight day after day.

Our goal this year is to encourage our campers to lean into God, His power and His might, as we struggle and fight against the challenges we all face. We will share with them what we stand for as well as what we stand against. We will also talk about the tools, weapons and armor God has given us to fight this fight so that we can be victorious. Campers should return home knowing full well that God has called us to a spiritual battle. But they should also know, without a doubt, that as we stand strong in God, we will be victorious through His power, His might and His love. Our camp team is very excited for this year's theme and the impact it will have. Please join us in praying for God's blessing, protection and guidance on all our camps.

## Need Some Help?

Scholarships are often available for campers who need help with camp tuition. Ask your pastor about applying for a UYC scholarship. Scholarships are usually for 50 percent of the camp tuition but may be more.



Aaron Creech,  
UYC Assistant  
Coordinator

## Ephesians 6:10-18

"Finally, my brethren, **be strong** in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand** against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to **stand**."

"**Stand** therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints" (emphasis added).



# CAMP HELPS PARENTS TRAIN UP A CHILD

It's springtime, and anticipation for preteen camp is high! For our children, camp is that place where they look forward to experiencing new things while reliving past adventures. Reading applications year after year, there is a common theme that kids want from camp. In their words, it is: "To learn about God and make new friends." Camp gives them this unique opportunity because God's way of life is woven through the fabric of the activities and daily life. Each year's theme is a part of every class from sports and games to arts and crafts.

Preteens make new friends both within their dorms and with other campers during their time together. Their excitement for camp is similar to our looking forward to the Feast of Tabernacles each year. Like at the Feast, an atmosphere of family exists, which forms a support group to conquer new challenges. For returning campers the fun may be familiar, but for newcomers it can sometimes be a little scary to expand their horizons. However, camp provides them with the opportunity to learn about what is possible as they explore new activities.

Each preteen camp has its own set of adventures to satiate the senses. New activities are always being added while others are honed to maximize fun while also teaching the values of the Kingdom of God in a way that kids can easily integrate into their lives. They take home with them knowledge and new skills along with their memories and new friends, all reinforcing their growing relationship with God.

Scripture teaches us to "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). We all know God designed the family unit to be the place for this training to occur, and camp is an extension of that training ground. We encourage you to send your child to preteen camp this summer, and as you are able, join us to serve on staff. We look forward to sharing an exciting preteen camp experience this summer!

Jeff Richards







## WHY SHOULD YOU COME TO CAMP?

When people think of camp, they often think of the fun they had. While fun is part of the program, camp is much more than the activities, challenges and fun.

### To focus on the Bible

Camp gives us the opportunity to center ourselves on God. God's word "is a lamp to [our] feet and a light to [our] path" (Psalm 119:105), and we instill this principle in multiple ways each day during our camp week. You will participate in Christian living sessions, open Bible discussions and Q&A chats. You will leave camp knowing more about God and His plan for your life.

### To make friends with others who believe the same

Every year, when campers send in their camp applications, one of the top reasons they want to come is to meet other teens who also follow God's Word. The relationships built at camp are renewed year by year, and many end up lasting a lifetime. God's calling builds the strongest of bonds between people. God is calling you today, along with other teens who attend camp, and He has a plan for you to be part of His amazing

family. Making friendships is another reason you need to come to camp.

### To have fun!

The activities at camp help you develop God's character within an environment of fun. You get a chance to see how much happiness and joy come from living God's way today. Smiling and laughing are seen and heard often at camp. Come and join us and be part of the fun!

### I'm talking to you too, staff!

Our adults on staff at camp make camp possible. Unlike many camp programs in the United States that hire staff, our program is led by our own UYC staff team of volunteers. Campers are encouraged and supported by those who understand God's way and demonstrate His Spirit working.

Whether you recently graduated high school or are a senior in one of our congregations, there is likely a role you can help with at camp. Your example shows the campers how God's way works. Few things are as rewarding as watching campers grow and thrive in the camp environment.

Mike Phelps

# THE SEVEN ELEMENTS OF THE ZONE



"The Zone" is the environment we create together at camp. In simplest terms, it is God's principles for living put into action. It demonstrates what the Kingdom of God will be like and lets campers and staff know we are building an environment different from the world around us. It is a reminder that camp is governed by God's laws and how He instructs us to live. "The Zone" provides a week of truly living God's way of life, putting it into practice and seeing that God's way works. Camp is a real-life example of just how amazing and perfect God's ways are, and this is such a powerful and valuable lesson for all to experience.

## FUN

- God's way is fun and joyful
- God wants us to rejoice
- Fun is a key to building positive relationships
- God's way is fun without regrets

"...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

**John 10:10**

## SUCCESS

- It builds positive self-esteem
- Success leads to more success
- It gives the desire to try more things
- It tears down fears and creates more fun
- God's way leads to success and victory

"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

**Philippians 1:6**

## SUPPORT

- Teaches us how to respond to another's needs
- Creates a safe environment to grow, learn and even fail
- It teaches us to be good listeners, have empathy and compassion
- It focuses on encouragement opposed to put-downs
- It avoids gossip and negativity

"...comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all."

**1 Thessalonians 5:14**

## CHALLENGE

- It helps us discover our abilities and potential
- God calls us to do hard things
- It allows us to learn and grow
- It helps us learn how to handle failure and keep going
- Challenge makes us stronger
- It makes us reach out for help from God and others

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

**Joshua 1:9**

## POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

- It's the foundation of a healthy and balanced life
- It is the culmination of God's way
- Focused on loving God and one another
- It bridges the gaps between generations
- Helps create an inclusive family
- Builds trust, love and compassion

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

**Ephesians 4:32**

## STRUCTURE

- It protects us and keeps us safe
- It allows for the best use of our time and resources
- It creates an environment that allows for positive outcomes
- Instills a sense of security and order

"For God is not the author of confusion but of peace..."

**1 Corinthians 14:33**

## INCLUSIVENESS

- Reinforces the idea that we are a family
- No partiality; everyone is included and supported
- It makes everyone feel valued, important and included
- It shows love and concern for all

"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

**Philippians 2:4**



# STANDARDS OF APPEARANCE AND CONDUCT

All United Youth Camps maintain a high standard of conduct and attire, based on God's laws, which is further stated in the Code of Honor. These standards and rules include, but are not limited to:

- Your clothing and appearance must be modest and in good taste.
- Wearing revealing or other inappropriate apparel will not be allowed.
- Inappropriate wording, messages or images on clothing or camp gear will not be allowed.
- Dresses and skirts should be approximately knee length or longer.
- All shorts must have at least a 3-inch inseam.
- Swimwear must be modest one-piece or tankini for ladies; standard trunk or board short for guys. Tankinis are permitted for ladies provided they meet the following guidelines: reasonable boy-cut shorts or standard bottoms, no French-cut or bikini bottoms; full coverage tops and no exposed waist area or cleavage.
- Hair should be a natural color and hair length should be appropriate (short for boys, longer for girls).
- Jewelry for body piercings (other than earrings for girls) will not be allowed. All jewelry must be removed during daily activities. Details will be in your camp acceptance letter.
- Tattoos (permanent or temporary) must be covered at all times.
- The use or possession of alcohol, tobacco products, vaping products, marijuana (including any of its products, CBDs) even for a claimed medical treatment, or illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, may result in immediate dismissal from camp.
- Sexual misconduct, theft, disorderly conduct, profanity, destruction of property or refusal to cooperate fully with the camp staff may result in immediate dismissal from camp.

## Do Not Bring

- Tight, revealing or inappropriate clothing, short shorts, clothing that shows underwear, leggings/tights/yoga pants (unless worn under appropriate clothing), crop-tops, halter-tops, backless tops, strapless tops, or plunging necklines. There should be no bare midriffs.
- Expensive jewelry, including valuable watches, or large amounts of cash.
- Rollerblades, skateboards or scooters.
- Alcohol, tobacco products, vaping products, marijuana (including any of its products, CBDs) even for a claimed medical treatment, or illegal drugs. All prescription drugs, medications and supplements must be turned in at registration to the camp medical team.
- Electronics. Cell phones, smartwatches and electronics must be turned in at registration and will be returned at check-out. Cell phones may be used to call home during camp but only with the camp director's approval.
- Cards or games.
- Snacks. No "care packages" of snacks or sweets mailed to campers or staff.
- Matches, lighters, fireworks, firearms, knives, pocketknives, multitools or similar items unless written permission is given by the camp director.





**Location:**

Camp Lazarus  
4422 Columbus Pike  
Delaware, OH 43015

**Payment:**

Payable to: United Camp Buckeye  
Send to: Len Martin  
PO Box 337  
Delaware, OH 43015

**Details:**

Campers: ages 6-12 (\$150,  
\$125 for each additional child)  
Staff: no fee (age 13 minimum)

**Contact:**

len\_martin@ucg.org  
(614) 588-2637

**July 28-31, 2024**

We've moved! After 12 years at Camp Luz, we are moving to the 220+ acre Camp Lazarus Boy Scout camp in Delaware, Ohio, just north of Columbus, Ohio. This move was necessary because we have outgrown the Camp Luz facility and they were no longer going to allow us to prepare our own food. Camp Lazarus has a dining hall capacity of 250 and will also enable us to offer some new activities, such as a creek walk, nature hike and a BB gun range.

At Camp Buckeye, our goal remains focused on providing children ages 6-12 with an environment that focuses on living God's way. We strive to make a positive difference in their



lives and encourage them to value time together with other children who are also striving to live God's way of life. The camper dorms will be grouped according to age.

Since we have a new facility we are still working out the program of activities, but we still plan to offer archery, arts and crafts, fishing, field games and swimming. Some new activities will be BB gun target shooting, creek walk, nature hike, team building and/or obstacle course. The daily Christian living lessons will focus around the overall UYC theme of "Stand Strong" and illustrate how even at their young age, God will help them battle against the pressures of the world in which they live.



We are always looking for volunteer staff who have patience and a strong desire to provide the safe atmosphere that we call "the Zone," which is critically important to the success of the program. Additional information will be posted at [ucg.org](http://ucg.org).

**Application deadline: June 1, 2024**



**Location:**

Highlands Presbyterian Camp  
1306 Business Hwy 7  
Allenspark, CO 80510

**Details:**

Campers: ages 5-12 (\$150, each additional \$100), under 5 (\$75)  
Teen staff: ages 13-19 (\$75)  
Adult staff: ages 20+ (\$50)

**Payment:**

Send to: David Jones  
157 Camino Real  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

**Contact:**

david\_jones@ucg.org  
(605) 592-6165

**June 23-26, 2024**

Camp Colorado welcomes preteen campers (ages 5-13) and their families to have a wonderful camp experience in the spectacular Rocky Mountains. Located at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center in Allenspark, Colorado, camp is 20 miles from the Rocky Mountain National Park. The days are full of activities, and we close each one with a campfire at the base of Mount Meeker.

Our purpose is to encourage, strengthen and build lasting relationships with our campers while pointing them always towards their growing relationship with God as future sons and daughters of His coming Kingdom. Each day's activities will center around challenging our campers physically, as they learn to grow spiritually through overcoming obstacles.

Activities will include Christian living, nature hiking, shimmying through rock crevices, outdoor sports and olympics, archery, dance, axe throwing (the plastic kind), canoeing/paddle boarding, arts and crafts, campfire, sing-a-longs and a youth choir (featuring our campers and our teen staff).

Each day begins with Christian living class, in which campers will have opportunities to learn principles for how to grow and strengthen their relationship with God. The camp theme is woven into every activity throughout the day, and campers will see God's way in action as the staff works to support them in all that they do. At Camp Colorado, we try to show our campers each day that God's way works and is a blessing! Come learn godly lessons and build friendships that will last throughout your lifetime.

We are a family camp that thrives on the whole family being a part of our success. We welcome parents and teens, especially dads and young adults, to attend with us this year and serve on our staff. We hope to see you this year at Camp Colorado!



**Application deadline: May 1, 2024 (\$20 late fee after May)**



**Location:**

Florida Elks Youth Camp  
24175 SE Hwy 450  
Umatilla, FL 32784

**Details:**

Campers: ages 5-12 (\$175)  
Staff: no fee

**Payment:**

Payable to: United Camp Florida  
Send to: Bert Merring  
610 Rob Roy Dr.  
Clermont, FL 34711  
Venmo: @campflorida  
Zelle: gunnerfan78@gmail.com

**Contact:**

bertricia@gmail.com  
(321) 297-7872

**May 27-31, 2024**



Camp Florida will again be at the breathtaking Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla Florida. Camp is within a short drive from Orlando and is built for fun on 410 beautiful acres.

Our goal is to provide an environment where each camper will grow and strengthen their relationships with God and each other. This year we will focus on teaching God's way of life as we guide campers on how to Stand Strong.

Camp Florida will provide a variety of activities including daily Christian living, archery, arts and crafts, campus improvement, campfire, canoeing, field games, swimming and a high ropes course for campers 9 years and older.

Dorms are arranged by age. Campers should be ages 5-12 (as of May 27). To attend, campers must have successfully slept away from parents/guardians for the length of camp and be able to shower without assistance.

We are always looking for volunteer staff who have patience and a strong desire to provide the safe atmosphere that we call "the Zone," which is critically important to the success of the program. Teen staff are welcome; ages 13-15 should have a parent or guardian on staff.

Come join us and make memories that will last a lifetime!



**Application deadline: May 1, 2024 (mail payment at time of application)**



**Location:**

Camp Gilmont  
6075 State Hwy 155  
Gilmer, TX 75644

**Details:**

Campers: ages 5-12 (\$190, \$175  
each for families with three+ kids)  
Staff: no fee

**Payment:**

Payable to: United Camp Texas  
Send to: United Camp Gilmont  
PO Box 1111  
Hawkins, TX 75765  
Venmo: contact Jim Moody

**Contact:**

jim\_moody@ucg.org  
(903) 681-1437

**June 2-5, 2024**

We welcome all preteen campers (ages 5-12) to the East Texas Piney Woods, where Camp Gilmont will once again host this year's South Central Region UCG preteen camp. Prepare to experience a tremendous four-day camp experience where you will learn about our awesome God, make new friends and have fun in a caring and positive environment. Camp Gilmont's 400+ acres of lush forest, hills and lakes are located several miles northeast of Gilmer, Texas.

Each day at Camp Gilmont will include a variety of outdoor and indoor activities beginning with Christian living classes to reinforce the fact that God's way of life works. Other activities include swimming in the pool, canoeing and various sports including basketball, gaga ball and more. Camp will also include crafts, team building and open play time under the Pavilion with a variety of game options!

We are looking for dedicated and patient teens and adults to serve in all areas of camp, including counselors, activity coordinators and staff.

Camp Gilmont offers an exciting camp experience with warm Texas hospitality. We hope you'll join us!



**Application deadline: April 30, 2024**



### Location:

Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch  
7291 County Road 6 SW  
Stewartville, MN 55976

### Details:

Campers: ages 5-13 (\$195),  
ages 3-5 (\$95), Staff: ages 14-19  
(\$175), ages 20+ (\$50)

Family discount: \$750 max;  
early arrivals \$65 per family



### Payment:

Payable to: UCG SE MN  
- Preteen Camp Ironwood

Send to: David Schreiber  
22909 Bluegrass Road  
Albert Lea, MN 56007

### Contact:

david\_schreiber@ucg.org  
(507) 377-8151

**July 14-17, 2024**

Preteen Camp Ironwood in southeast Minnesota warmly welcomes campers (ages 5-13) to experience four days and three nights of fun-filled activities in a positive, loving and godly environment. Camp takes place in the spectacular outdoor setting of Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch near Stewartville, Minnesota.

Camp activities are designed to enrich children both spiritually and physically in a nurturing and caring camp atmosphere. Activities include daily Christian living, music classes, zipline, swimming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, team challenge, creek walk, field games, sling shot and much more. Favorite evening activities include a carnival, Novelty Olympics, a treasure hunt and dancing with Jelly. It's a busy four days, full of fond memories to take home and remember for years to come.

Preteen Camp Ironwood has a tradition of being a "family camp" in which dad, mom and teens are also able to attend as we work together on staff to make many positive and meaningful experiences for God's precious children. Parents who come to serve on staff can bring their little ones (ages 3-5) who stay overnight in the lodge with dad and mom and can participate in the day-time mini dorm activities. Moms who attend with infants or children age 2 and under are able to attend but will have limited staff responsibilities and must pay the full camper fee.

Teens aged 14-19 are very much appreciated and needed to serve on staff as assistant counselors and activity staff as well as serve as big brothers and big sisters to the campers. Teens enjoy special evening fellowship time with each other once campers are back in their dorms.

If you are looking for an exciting summer camp experience and want to meet and enjoy the company of other young people striving to live God's way, Camp Ironwood is for you!



**Application deadline: May 1, 2024 (save \$15), final deadline June 1**



**Location:**

Ochoco Christian  
Conference Center  
33051 NE Ochoco Hwy  
Prineville, OR 97754

**Payment:**

Payable to: United Church of  
God, NW Preteen Camp

Send to: Jeff Richards  
60116 Navajo Rd.  
Bend, OR 97702

**Details:**

Campers: ages 6-12 (\$225)  
Staff: no fee

**Contact:**

jeff\_richards@ucg.org  
(541) 322-0263

**July 14-17, 2024**



Camp Ochoco is wonderfully suited to enjoy nature, explore new things and participate in many fun activities. Held in the Ochoco facility in Central Oregon, 25 miles east of Prineville, camp will be a week later to allow travel for those attending Northwest Camp.

The 2024 theme for our campers (ages 6-12) will be "Standing Firm in God's Armor." Our activities will focus on how we can fortify ourselves with God's protection in this world. We invite you to join us as either a camper or staff and experience the fun and excitement of living God's way for three days and nights.

Please ensure payment is made by the application deadline to avoid a late fee. Please apply early to ensure you reserve your spot.

Activities to look forward to  
at Camp Ochoco:

- Archery
- Arts and crafts
- Bible explorer's class
- Christian living
- Gaga-Zone
- Sports
- Dance
- Swimming
- Wilderness school



**Application deadline: May 1, 2024**



**Location:**

Seven Mountains Scout Camp  
227 Sand Mountain Rd  
Spring Mills, PA 16875

**Details:**

Campers: ages 4-12 (\$50),  
ages 0-3 (\$0), staff: (\$0),  
non-staff family: (\$50)

**Payment:**

Information sent upon acceptance

**Contact:**

andy\_duran@ucg.org  
(701) 202-8549

**July 28-31, 2024**

Join us for a family adventure at Camp Seven Mountains and discover the joy of forming like-minded friendships! Campers of all ages can participate in exciting activities, including human foosball, capture the flag, swimming, volleyball, gaga ball, archery and more.

Our campers range from 4 to 12 years old and will sleep in dormitories equipped with showers and bathrooms. Older campers will have the opportunity to enjoy outdoor platform tent camping. We also offer morning activities for our youngest campers, ages 0-3. Parents have the option to bring their own tents for on-site stay, or they may choose alternative accommodation. However, please note that children must be age 7 or older to be left at camp without a guardian.

The cost to attend camp is \$50 per camper or non-staff guardian (ages 4 and up). Everyone attending camp must apply. For adults not volunteering as staff, please select the job preference of "parent/guardian." Early registration is strongly recommended to ensure we can accommodate as many campers and staff as possible. Our camp tends to fill up quickly, and late applications may not be accepted, so please plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you at Camp Seven Mountains!



**Application deadline: June 2, 2024**



**Location:**  
Camp Cotubic  
2158 County Road 25 N  
Bellefontaine, OH 43311



**Payment:**  
Payable to: UYC Camp Cotubic  
Send to: Joshua Creech  
8406 Bravestone Way  
Indianapolis, IN 46239  
Venmo: @UYC-Camp-Cotubic

**Details:**  
Campers: ages 12-18 (\$325,  
\$345 after May 1)  
Staff: no fee

**Contact:**  
joshua\_creech@ucg.org  
(513) 720-1381

**June 23-30, 2024**

Camp Cotubic is located on 150 serene acres of fields and trees and includes a beautiful 14-acre lake for exciting water activities. It is located near Bellefontaine, Ohio, approximately 60 miles northwest of Columbus and about 60 miles northeast of Dayton.

Campers will stay in cabins. They will be sleeping on bunk beds with mattresses and will need to bring their own bedding (sheets/blanket or sleeping bag), as well as their own pillow and towels. Dorms are formed by age range, giving campers the opportunity to build positive and lasting relationships with other teens their age who are also looking to follow God in their lives.

Each unit will have two counselors who serve to guide the dorm in a positive direction, helping the campers develop meaningful relationships inside and outside of the dorm. Counselors promote fun and teamwork while maintaining the priority of helping campers build a deeper relationship with the Father and Jesus Christ. All of this will be accomplished through daily activities that include sports, team building, Christian living, campfire, dorm time, dances and other activities. The week at Camp Cotubic will conclude with a wonderful Sabbath rest, a nice semi-formal banquet and an evening dance.

Arrival by airline is possible through the John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH), and we can arrange no-cost transportation between Camp Cotubic and the airport if flights are scheduled within the suggested time frames. We hope you will join us this year!



**Application deadline: May 1, 2024**

**Location:**

Camp Magruder  
17450 Old Pacific Hwy  
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

**Details:**

Campers: ages 12-18 (\$450)  
Staff: no fee (high school  
graduates, ages 18+)

**Payment:**

Payable to United Camp Fund -  
Northwest Camp

Send to: Ben Light  
PO Box 2806  
Clackamas, OR 97015

**Contact:**

ben\_light@ucg.org  
(503) 949-2504

**July 21-28, 2024**



It's difficult to picture a more picturesque location for a summer camp than the northern portion of the scenic Oregon Coast. Campers will enjoy a spectacular, private, mile-long lake along the eastern border of the camp and over a half-mile of pristine Pacific Ocean beach to the west. The dorms and facilities are among the best in the region, and the memories you make with your dormmates will be ones you cherish forever.

Campers and staff enjoy a variety of activities offered, and due to our location, most revolve around the water. Beach activities, such as volleyball, speedaway, skimboarding and boogie-boarding are always popular. Campers also enjoy kayaking on Smith Lake and waterskiing at Lake Lytle. But not all of our activities are in the water; we also have archery classes, softball, dance classes, arts and crafts and much, much more. The two dances during the week are always a highlight of the camp experience.

Christian living classes make up the core of each day's spiritual instruction. Each of the activities, lessons and the evening campfire story is designed to build off the theme and help the campers understand the spiritual principles of the day's lesson and how to apply them when they return home. This year, the focus of our theme is to encourage our youth to "Stand Strong" in their faith and in their relationship with God in the face of a world that is contrary to the way of God.

Each year at Northwest Camp, campers build friendships that will last a lifetime. These friendships will become more and more important as the world becomes more and more challenging. Our goal in the UYC program, and fostered by the incredible staff at Northwest Camp, is to establish and maintain a godly atmosphere in which campers can be enriched.

**Application deadline: May 1, 2024**



**Location:**

Pinecrest Camp &  
Conference Center  
1252 State Hwy C  
Fredericktown, MO 63645

**Details:**

Campers: ages 12-18 (\$355 by  
check or \$366 via PayPal)  
Staff: no fee (high school  
graduates, ages 18+)

**Payment:**

Payable to: UYC - Camp Pinecrest  
Send to: Mike Phelps  
1448 Callaway Ct.  
Howell, MI 48843

**Contact:**

mike\_phelps@ucg.org  
(513) 256-7628

**June 30-July 7, 2024**

We will be returning to Camp Pinecrest in southeast Missouri to build a stronger relationship with God and continue building relationships with one another. Over the many years camp has been held at this location, storied traditions have developed, and new ones continue to be created as campers and staff pour their hearts and love for God into our camp week.

Immersed in the environment that Camp Pinecrest provides, campers and staff come together and embrace the fun and fellowship that God wants us to have with Him and one another. As a family, we start every morning together in a Christian living talk before spreading out across the camp for the remainder of our daily activities. An engaging Bible class and Q&A sessions provide additional time to explore God's Word. Dorms are organized "family style" (multi-age) to encourage leadership and provide support for every camper.

Campers participate in a range of activities to challenge them physically and mentally. From outdoor activities that focus on skill and team building to a variety of indoor activities, there is something for everyone. Activities include archery, arts and crafts, Bible class, dance class, field sports, paddle boarding, riflery, all-day river float trip, team building and volleyball.



One of our most requested additions to camp every year is "more fellowship time." Relationships are an important part of the UYC program and teens value and appreciate the friendships that have developed over the years. At Camp Pinecrest, we provide open gym times for activities such as pickup games, gaga ball, volleyball, basketball or just to spend time with friends.

Camp Pinecrest is located 100 miles south of St. Louis, near Fredericktown, Missouri. For those arriving by air, the St. Louis airport is approximately two hours away. Transportation directly to and from camp will be provided at no charge for those arriving by air. We hope you will join us this year!

**Application deadline: May 1, 2024**



**Location:**

Camp Wamatochick  
5101 South Senator Hwy  
Prescott, AZ 86303

**Payment:**

Payable to: UCG Southwest Camp  
Send to: Brent Fogelson  
33424 North 45th St.  
Cave Creek, AZ 85331

**Details:**

Campers: ages 12-18 (\$375,  
\$400 after June 1)  
Staff: no fee

**Contact:**

brent\_fogelson@ucg.org  
(602) 513-0394

**July 7-14, 2024**

Southwest Camp is set on 80 beautiful acres nestled amid the pine trees in the Prescott National Forest, Arizona. We look forward to building on last year's wonderful experience in this picturesque location. You can expect temperatures in the mid 80s during the day and around 60 at night as we are nearly 6,500 feet in elevation.

We have many on-site activities, such as horseback riding, archery, volleyball, mountain biking, arts and crafts, field sports, Bible class, dance and more. Although most activities are at the main camp location, we travel off-site to a local lake where we offer kayaking and paddle boarding.

Our primary goal is to point our youth to their Creator. Each day begins with Christian living, which sets the tone for the day. As we carry out the day's activities, we put these principles into practice in ways that are designed to help us live God's way in everything we do. We end the day as a camp family, together at the campfire, where we continue to build relationships, learn biblical principles and have lots of laughs.

The foundation of camp is building relationships, both with God and one another. Everything we do strives to point back to the importance of those relationships in our life. To bring camp to a close, we conclude with a formal banquet and dance, which brings campers and staff together for a final evening of conversation, laughter and wonderful memories.

Southwest Camp is located about 10 minutes outside of Prescott, Arizona, on Senator Highway (approximately two hours from Phoenix). For those flying into PHX, we will arrange free transportation to/from camp. We hope you join us this year!



**Application deadline: May 1, 2024**



**Location:**

Woodland Christian Camp &  
Retreat Center  
90 Woodland Camp Road  
Temple, GA 30179

**Details:**

Campers: ages 12-18 (\$370,  
\$400 after June 1)  
Staff: no fee (high school  
graduates, ages 18+)

**Payment:**

Payable to: United  
Camp Woodland

Send to: Bob McCurdy  
2900 Jon Lee Drive  
Snellville, GA 30039

**Contact:**

philip\_aust@ucg.org  
(770) 842-4748

**July 19-26, 2024**



Camp Woodland in Georgia is the ideal setting for your camp experience this summer. While in past years we've been on the east junction side of Woodland, this year we will use the west Heritage side. We welcome you to come enjoy the southeastern United States underneath the Georgia Pines with us.

The focus of Camp Woodland will be on helping you build a closer relationship with God and other teens your age. Drawing from God's Word, you will develop new life and leadership skills through the camp experience. And given this year's theme of "Stand Strong," you will learn how to stand strong for God mentally and spiritually, even as you grow physically while you are at camp.



Dorms are determined by age. This gives campers a chance to create lifelong friendships and allows for a more tailored learning experience based on maturity level. All campers will sleep in bunk beds. Campers and staff need to bring their own bed sheets, blankets, a pillow and towels to camp.

In terms of activities, we will offer archery, basketball, campfires, canoeing, dance class, high and low ropes courses with a zipline over the lake, kayaking, paddle boats, speedaway, softball, swimming, traverse wall, ultimate frisbee and volleyball.

Camp Woodland is 45 minutes away from Hartsfield-Jackson International airport in Atlanta, Georgia. For those flying into Atlanta, we will arrange free transportation to/from camp. We look forward to seeing you this summer at Camp Woodland!

**Application deadline: June 1, 2024**

**Location:**

Lake Geneva Youth Camp  
W2655 W South Street  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

**Details:**

Campers: ages 12-18 (\$375,  
\$425 after Nov. 15)  
Staff: no fee

**Payment:**

Payable to: UCG Winter Camp  
Send to: Aaron Creech  
PO Box 876  
Roseville, CA 95678

**Contact:**

aaron\_creech@ucg.org  
(513) 374-9392

**Dec. 30, 2024-Jan. 5, 2025**

***dates are tentative***

Winter Camp will take place at the same facility we have used for the past several years. It provides plenty of opportunities for new activities each year to allow us to experience the Zone in a fun winter environment. The facility offers many great activities for campers, including two indoor climbing walls and a full-size gym for volleyball and basketball. If there is enough snow there will be snowboarding, skiing and tubing. Additional activities include broomball, field sports, dance class, Bible class, two dances, an escape room, an amazing race, arts and crafts and team building activities. The activity schedule will include plenty of time for socializing.

The core of Winter Camp is built on fellowship, fun and friends, with a foundation of Bible classes and Christian living instruction specific for teens. Campers will enjoy building friendships with one another while having a great time at Winter Camp. We will again go off-site for snowboarding and skiing with the oldest campers and we will have a selection of live performances from some campers during our final dance. Our facility has great dorms and the food is very good with a fresh salad bar for lunch and dinner. We will also have a s'mores night as we build bonds throughout the week.

There is no better way to spend your winter break than at camp with us!

**Activities:**

- Climbing wall
- Tubing
- Snowboarding
- Field sports
- Indoor/outdoor team building
- Volleyball/basketball
- Dance class
- Broomball
- Escape room
- Arts and crafts
- Bible class

**Application deadline: November 15, 2024**



# ACCIDENTS HAPPEN

Even when you think you've done all you can to avoid them, accidents can still happen. The question is, when they do, are you prepared? The Church provides an accident-medical policy to help cover some of the cost for injuries that can occur at camp. The Church desires to provide this coverage each camp year, but that is subject to change based on availability and affordability.

As camp approaches, a copy of the policy will be provided so parents and volunteer staff can see what is and isn't covered. Be sure to check it out online in early June for the 2024 policy and claim form. In the event of an accident, the camp director will send a partially completed insurance claim form home from camp with an injured camper. However, timely notification to the insurance carrier and filing of the claim is the responsibility of the camper's family and not United Youth Camps or the medical facility where they may be treated. This information can also be found at [uyc.ucg.org/camp-accident-insurance](http://uyc.ucg.org/camp-accident-insurance).

## Here is a brief description of what is typically included:

- The policy will pay primary (first) before other personal or group insurance. There is no deductible.
- Must file notice of the incident within 30 days and initial medical expenses must be incurred within 90 days.
- Benefits paid for expenses incurred for up to three years after the incident.
- Includes a \$10,000 accidental death benefit (subject to a policy aggregate maximum).
- The accident expense limit is \$25,000.



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## Pre-Teen Camp Program Dates

Florida	May 27-31
Gilmont (TX)	June 2-5
Colorado	June 23-26
Ironwood (MN)	July 14-17
Ochoco (OR)	July 14-17
Buckeye (OH)	July 28-31
Seven Mountains (PA)	July 28-31

## Teen Camp Program Dates

Cotubic (OH)	June 23-30
Pinecrest (MS)	Jun 30-Jul 7
Southwest (AZ)	July 7-14
Woodland (GA)	July 19-26
Northwest (OR)	July 21-28
Winter Camp (WI)	Dec. 30, 2024-Jan.5, 2025

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