

JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP 2017 SUMMER CAMP PREVIEW

A CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF OPPORTUNITIES.
TO EXPERIENCE ... TO DISCOVER ... TO PARTICIPATE

... JRVC



1936 - 2017 / 81 Years of Camping



June 11-17; YOUTH WORK CAMP I directed by Revs. Kelly Barefoot and Darrell Sluder; \$440.00; grades 7-12; *mainsite*; Address shelter / food / environmental issues in foothills of Appalachian Mountains. Combine a mission trip with shared experiences connecting other youth, along with fun and dynamic learning. Participation is welcome by individuals or as a youth group. Interested groups should contact camp.

June 18-24; SENIOR HIGH [Outpost] ADVENTURE dir. by staff; \$490.00; grades 9-12; *outpost*
Campers are challenged by high-adventure activities including white water rafting on the Nolochucky River in Tennessee, and an off site rock climbing experience in Pisgah National Forest.

ROUND TABLE RENDEZVOUS: This block of camps will explore an intergenerational venture. Campers of multiple age groups will share some common meal times, explore "big/little brother/sister relationships," and experience a unique opportunity of shared moments in the camp context. Age specific camp and adventure activities will apply as indicated. Only Middle High and Senior High Campers will participate in off-site activities requiring transportation, as consistent with current program policy.



June 25-July 1: JUNIOR AGE [Pioneers] dir. by staff; \$420.00; grades 4-6; *mainsite*; Campers enjoy traditional camp activities (crafts, hikes, archery, stories, games, vespers, campfires).

June 25-July 1; MIDDLE HIGH [Ultra/biking] directed by Rev. Phil Hardy; \$440.00; grades 7-9; *mainsite*
Youth build community through active play. Bike downhill section of Virginia Creeper Trail in Damascus, Virginia; Bikes and helmets provided for all campers on "Creeper Trail" trip. (Campers who can bring own bike / helmet will have option of electing additional afternoon bike trips. The bicycling component of this camp is geared toward beginner / novice level experience and includes rides along Greenway in Morganton & historic tour of early 20th Century sites in Mortimar / Edgemont area.

June 25-July 1; SENIOR HIGH DISCOVERY dir. by Rev. Mark Burns; \$440.00; grades 9-12; *mainsite*
Campers discover ways to open themselves to the presence of God in creation and community. Think deep, play hard, brush easy strokes of creativity amidst an environment of discovery opportunities. Join with Middle High [Ultra] Campers on Virginia Creeper Trail bike trip [bikes / helmets provided].

July 2-8: JUNIOR AGE [Explorers] dir. by staff; \$420.00; gr. 5-6; (*mainsite* & *outpost*)
Experience best of both *mainsite* and *outpost* activities; Campers spend three nights in the *Outpost* setting, where activities include outdoor living skills including meal preparation.

July 9-15; YOUTH WORK CAMP II directed by Rev. John Myers (& co-director TBA), with Allan Johnson & Ronny Holste coordinating projects; \$440.00; grades 7-12; *mainsite*; Address shelter / food / environmental issues in foothills of Appalachian Mountains. Combine a mission trip, shared experiences with other youth, along with fun and dynamic learning. Register as individual or youth group.

July 16-19; BEGINNERS directed by Ms. Sue Howell & Rev. Jim Humphrey; \$230.00; Grade 3 only; *mainsite*; First time campers get a sampling of JRVC. Campers enjoy traditional camp activities (crafts, aquatics, hikes, stories, games, vespers, campfires).

July 23-29; JUNIOR AGE [Classic] dir. by Revs. Lisa Gaul & Randy Orwig; \$420.00; grades 4-6; *mainsite*; Campers enjoy crafts, hikes, archery, stories, games, vespers, campfires.

July 23-29; MIDDLE HIGH [OUTPOST/caving] dir. by Rev. C. L. "Curly" Stumb; \$440.00; grades 7-9; *outpost* / Campers live in A-frame cabins removed from *mainsite* area. Camp features canoe trip and caving experience.



JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP 2017 / Registration form

(an outdoor ministry site of Southern Conference UCC and an accredited camp of the American Camp Association)

Name _____ / Address _____

Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____ / E-mail address _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ / Cell Phone (_____) _____

Local Church (if affiliated) _____ / Church Location (town) _____

Male Female Reg. Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Camp Title: _____ / Camp beginning date _____
(write name of specific camp program title here)

Birthdate _____ Fall 2017 Grade _____

Physical / diet restrictions or comments: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Pastor's Signature _____

(optional ...required if receiving campership money from local church)

Grades are rising, or next year's class. Non-refundable \$30.00 registration fee applies toward total camp cost. Health forms, release forms and various other camp specific information will be sent upon receiving registration RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH \$30.00 ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH CAMPER TO:
JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP, 1055 NILEY COOK ROAD, BLOWING ROCK, NC 28605
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP."

Camp director: C. L. "Curly" Stumb; 828-264-1516 (office/home); 828-754-7067 (camp); stumb@boone.net (e-mail); www.irvc.org

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2017 PROGRAM NOTES

Johns River Valley Camp is an outdoor ministry site owned by the **Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ** and operated by a Board of Trustees in their behalf. Camp staff will utilize the 2017 curriculum "*Branching Out: Connecting through Christ*," an **Inside-Out** Christian Resource.

Preview curriculum: <http://www.christiancampresources.com/sample-page/branchingout/>

Says the curriculum editor:

Camp lasts only one week—but what campers take home can last a lifetime. This summer, remind your campers that they can take that camp-feeling with them everywhere they go because they are connected to one another and to God by Christ. The Bible stories in Branching Out encourage campers to use prayer, relationships, family, and more to stay connected throughout their lives.

Johns River Valley Camp is accredited by the **American Camp Association**. In the letter below, Bob Ditter, a child - adolescent - family therapist in Boston, Massachusetts and consultant for the American Camp Association, speaks about the growth dimension around sending a child to camp.

Dear Parent,

Welcome to a new chapter in the life of your family! I say this because when a child goes off to camp for the first time, everyone in the family grows from the experience, not just your courageous camper!

You already know that camp presents a tremendous opportunity for your child to widen horizons, make new and lasting friends, and discover new strengths. After all, you wouldn't be considering camp if you didn't think it would add substantially to your child's growth and development. And although camp can help your child learn a better backhand in tennis, acquire a stronger stroke in swimming, or improve a skill in just about any physical endeavor, **the true payoff of camp will be apparent when your child comes home more self-reliant, self-sufficient, and self-confident. What a gift to give to your child!**

So even though you know about all the social and emotional benefits that a quality camp experience can bestow on your child, don't be surprised if as a parent you have mixed feelings about this blessing. Most parents do! After all, nothing takes more trust than giving your child over to the care of other adults. **Finding this trust, letting your child see that trust and letting your child go off on his or her own adventure with your blessing takes courage! It is also why I say you, as a parent, will grow from the experience of camp, too!**

So take comfort in knowing your child is about to enter a safe place that will help him or her widen horizons, develop greater coping skills, and become more resilient—just as it will you!

In admiration,
Bob Ditter

<http://bobditter.com/category/blog/>

Two camp environments offer a diversity of programming in the Johns River setting

1) **Mainsite**, an area serving the camp since its establishment in 1936, describes a developed portion of the camp where campers take their staff prepared meals in the Dining Hall, engage in traditional age appropriate activities, and lodge in mainsite cabins.

2) **Outpost** (green coded camps), a bit more remote, identifies a setting where campers share in preparation of meals, learn outdoor living skills appropriate for their age level, lodge in A-frame cabins, and engage in adventure activities as identified in the camp descriptions.

Some **miscellaneous notes**:

*Listed **grades represent "rising"** or next year's class.

*Housing procedures at camps will generally place persons from the same church in different cabins except for Beginners along with first time junior campers when parents make a special request. Experience has demonstrated that this policy enhances the camp experience for both campers and the camp community (see underlined section of Ditter Letter above).

*The **\$30.00 advance registration fee** is non-refundable, but **does apply** toward the balance of fees associated with a given camp program.

*Registrations should be in the hands of camp registrar at least two weeks prior to an event. Earlier registration is preferred, as various follow-up materials (i.e. health and permission forms, travel directions, what to bring, etc.) will be sent to camper family **after** registration has been received. Two months advance required for youth Work Camp groups.

*A limited number of partial scholarships -- based on need -- are available. Inquire with camp for further information.

*Off site trips are identified in camp brochure or advance materials sent to camper families. Junior campers enjoy hikes on adjacent National Forest lands, but do not -- at this age level -- visit more distant destinations requiring vehicle transportation.

*JRVC trips onto National Forest System Lands are authorized under Special Use Permit by the Pisgah National Forest.