

JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP 2011 SUMMER CAMP PREVIEW

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

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1936 - 2011 / 75 Years of Camping



June 12-18; SENIOR HIGH ADVENTURE dir. by Rev. William Sowers; \$430.00; 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.

June 19-25; MIDDLE HIGH [Apex] dir. by Revs. Gary Owens & Bob Thompson; \$390.00; grades 7-9; *mainsite*
Unique experiences to this camp include day trip to Footsloggers Climbing Tower in Boone and Blue Ridge hike. Campers also enjoy a canoe trip and swim at local waterfall (Anthony Creek).

June 26-July 2; MIDDLE HIGH [Ultra/biking] directed by Rev. Phil Hardy; \$390.00; 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. Camp can also make some bikes available for optional trips.)



June 26-July 2; SENIOR HIGH DISCOVERY dir. by Rev. Mark Burns; \$390.00; grades 9-12; *mainsite*
Campers discover ways to open themselves to the presence of God in creation, the community, and their prayers. 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 provided].

July 3-9; JUNIOR AGE [Classic 1] dir. by Rev. Nora Driver Foust; \$370.00; gr. 4-6; *mainsite*
Campers enjoy traditional camp activities (crafts, aquatics, hikes, archery, stories, games, vespers, campfires).

July 10-16; YOUTH WORK CAMP directed by Rev. Doug Long; \$390.00; grades 7-12; *mainsite*
Address housing needs in foothills of Appalachian Mountains. Combine a mission trip, shared experience with other youth and the fun / learning a camp program can offer.

July 17-20; BEGINNERS dir. by Ms. Sue Howell & Rev. Jim Humphrey; \$200.00; 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 17-23; EXPLORERS dir. by Revs. Kelly Barefoot & Darrell Sluder; \$370.00; grades 5-6
Experience best of both mainsite and outpost activities; spend a half week in each site (*mainsite & outpost*). Campers spend Tuesday through Thursday nights in the Outpost setting, where activities include outdoor living skills including meal preparation.

July 24-30; JUNIOR AGE [Classic 2] dir. by Revs. Lisa Gaul & Jim Luck; \$370.00; grades 4-6; *mainsite*; Campers enjoy traditional camp activities (crafts, aquatics, hikes, archery, stories, games, vespers, campfires).

July 24-30; MIDDLE HIGH [OUTPOST/caving] dir. by Rev. C. L. "Curly" Stumb; \$390.00; grades 7-9; *outpost* / Campers live in A-frame cabins removed from mainsite area. Camp features canoe trip and caving experience.



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JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP 2011 / Registration form / b

(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 (if online) _____

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 2011 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.
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."

828-264-1516 (office/home); 828-262-0701 (fax); 828-754-7067 (camp); stumb@boone.net (e-mail); www.jrvc.org (web)



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2011 PROGRAM NOTES

Johns River Valley Camp is an outdoor ministry site owned and operated by the **Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ**. The 2011 curriculum "*Got Spirit, Finding God in the Everyday*" is a **New Earth** Christian Resource for the Outdoors produced by the Christian Board of Publication.

Says the curriculum editor: "You, your staff, and your campers are invited to find God in the everyday experiences of camp and to learn practices for drawing close to God when you go home as you explore *Got Spirit?* Through a variety of biblical stories and psalms, campers will discover ways to open themselves to the presence of God in creation, the community, and their prayers. All of us involved in creating these resources pray that they will enrich and enable your ministry as you reach out to campers with the good news of Jesus Christ.

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://www.campparents.org/expertadvice>

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

1) **Mainsite**, an area serving the camp since its founding 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**, 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 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.
- *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 forms, travel directions, what to bring, etc.) will be sent to camper family **after** registration has been received.
- *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.