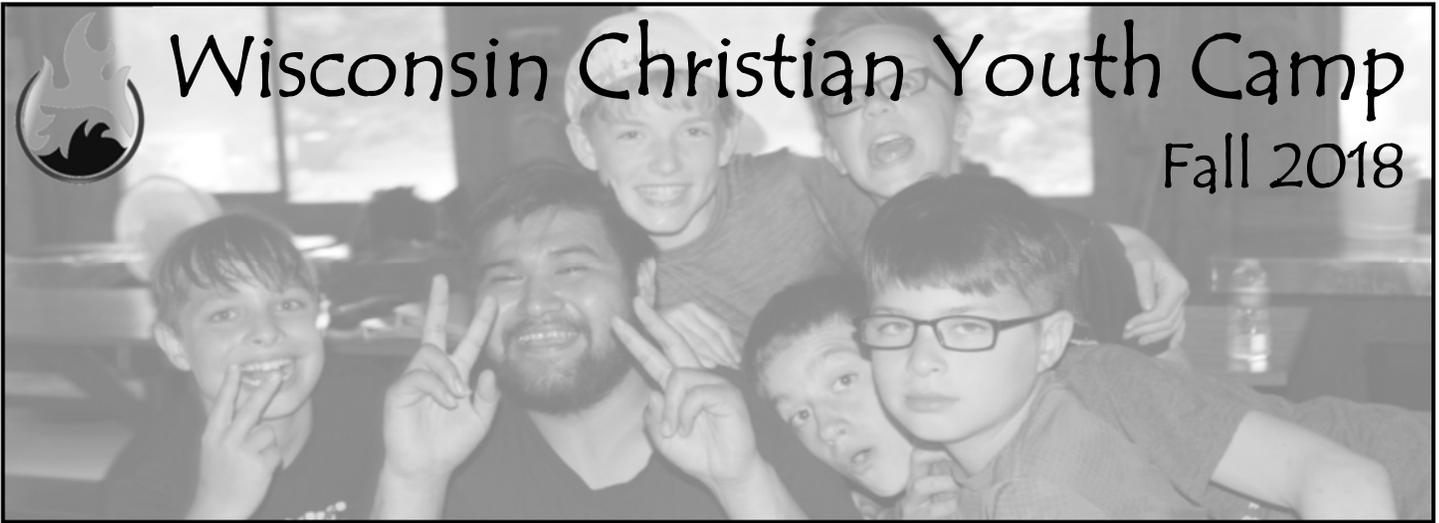




Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp

Fall 2018



Upcoming Events

- WCYC Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 20
10am, at Camp
(Black River Falls)
 - Youth Rally, Madison
Nov 16 & 17
(Middle & High School)
contact:
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@outlook.com
 - WCYC Silent Auction
Southside Church
Milwaukee
Date: TBD (mid-Fed)
 - Youth Rally, Milwaukee
Southside Church
Milwaukee
Date: TBD (Feb)
(Middle & High School)
contact:
kevin@
morrills.fastmail.us
 - WCYC Rally, Spring
Black River Falls
Date: TBD (Mar/Apr)
 - **Two** work days in Spring!
Dates: TBD
- (www.wcyc.org for details)

Volunteers Needed!

WCYC constantly needs workers. We have lots of projects and ideas requiring manual, administrative, communications, technology, fundraising skills, and more. If you can help, email us. Let us help you help WCYC.

communications@wcyc.org

WCYC Annual Meeting *and* Work Day, Oct 20

Date/time: Saturday, Oct 20, 2018, 10am

Location: Fallhall Glen, Black River Falls

The WCYC Annual Meeting is our primary opportunity to meet as an organization, connect, build community and take care of business.

Please, join us to ensure WCYC continues to be awesome for hundreds of campers every year.

This year, we are proud to honor **Jim & Lynne Frost**. These two servants have been heavily involved in the life of WCYC for several decades. Jim

New Stairs!

Spring came late this year. That delayed and frustrated our efforts to complete the new stairs to Robinson Creek before Camp sessions started.

Many "thanks" to Zak Giemza for spearheading the project, and to Roger Dunnam, Bill Betts, Jeff & Isaiah Hill, George Weaver, Guy Lowe, and Matt Bohm (and several others, sorry for any oversight.) for their selfless service and sweaty labor.

Rest assured: The stairs *will be done* by Summer Session 2019!

Operations Manager Search is "On"

After three years of hearty, loving service, Brandt Johnson (and Jennifer, Tatiana and Benaiah) stepped down from his role as WCYC Operations Manager.

We are grateful to them for their energies and creativity, and for their commitment to maintaining WCYC's exceptional camping experience.

The Board of Directors has formed a Search Committee, chaired by Derek Glover. We have already received applications from several highly-

qualified individuals. We will process those applications, and we hope to extend an offer by the end of October.

was himself a camper. He played a significant role in instituting Family Camp (Quest), and was our visionary in setting up and maintaining our website and newsletter. Lynne has spent countless hours in the kitchen over multiple decades. Thank you, Jim & Lynne, for your legacy of selfless service to God and the youth at camp.

Also, *bring work clothes!* After the Annual Meeting, we will all have a chance to contribute to the winterizing of the facilities and grounds. There is plenty of work for servants of all sizes and ages.

Hi-Tech Weekly Devo

Thursdays, 8pm. Book it!

If you want to study the scriptures, if you want to keep in touch with your WCYC family from the comfort of your own home, email mitch.orldovsky@wcyc.org.

Mitch has been a camper, and counselor. Now, as a member of the Board, he is hosting a Bible study through Skype (an online teleconferencing application). What a neat way to stay plugged into WCYC... regardless of where you live.

Please, send any name, address or mailing corrections to communications@wcyc.org

Calling All Nurses

By state law, WCYC is required to have a nurse on the premises at all times while camp is in session. It also happens that, every year, one of our biggest challenges is lining up sufficient nurses to cover eight weeks of youth camp.

A big WCYC “thank you” to all nurses who have helped us keep the doors open through the years.

Ann Thornock serves as WCYC’s Medical Supervisor. For several years, she has owned the responsibility of managing the list of nurses, and ensuring sufficient coverage through the eight weeks.

With Ann’s oversight, we hope to start a database, to

collect the names and contact information of any licensed health care professionals in our WCYC sphere of contacts who would be willing to serve WCYC in this capacity.

All that is required is that you hold a healthcare CPR and current credentials for any of the following: EMT, Paramedic, LVN, RN, NP, PA, or MD.

If you meet these requirements, and are able to fill in for a couple days, or commit to a week or more, please consider serving.

To be added to the list, or for questions, please, contact Ann at:

annthornock@yahoo.com

Reflections on Camp

“Personally, I felt like this was one of the most unified-feeling sessions I’ve ever been to.”

- happy camper

“As soon as we learned something from the scriptures, we would instantly be asked, ‘ok now how does this look practically? how can we apply this to our lives right now at camp and also when we go back home?’”

- challenged camper

“I think that everything was great, but the mosquitoes were awful.”

- itchy camper

“I liked that all of the free time I got helped me make lots of new friends and make stronger bonds with my current friends”

- friendly camper

“I think you all do a wonderful job of running WCYC! I have my own memories of WCYC camp and am so happy my child has the opportunity to have those same experiences! I am so thankful for the time and effort you put into these kids for Christ’s name sake. God bless you all!”

- appreciative parent

“It was very spiritually uplifting, lots of fun and I felt very loved.”

- uplifted camper

Summer 2019!

Session dates have been set
Middle Camp starts June 16
Check website for details
www.wcyc.org

Best. Cabin. Ever., by Ryan Roling

It is with no small measure of reluctance that I agree to counsel at Junior Camp each summer. I am sure you can appreciate this honest admission. I mean, when you boil it down, I am assenting to spend a week of my life in a rustic (i.e. uncomfortable) cabin with roughly 10 very young, not-so-clean, not-so-fresh-smelling, rambunctious, boys. It would be a lie if I pretended to have never had the thought: *How is it that I am here with all these kids while their parents are at home kicking back enjoying their summer vacation (from kid[s])?*

Yet year after year, I find myself agreeing to voluntarily put myself through it. It would be one thing if I were like our Board Member, Jon Beske. Then I would have the perfect personality for spending a week with a herd of 9- to 11-year-olds. Despite his chronological age, Jon has maintained a youthful heart

and an energy level that rivals the collective verve of a cabin full of kids. But alas, I am not Jon Beske.

This past summer, it was especially difficult to get myself mentally motivated for Junior Camp. I was sulkily reflecting on all the camp sessions I have attended over the years. From adolescence through middle-age, I figured I had spent nearly 50 weeks at different camp sessions. That is 50 weeks of working around the clock, for no pay, dealing with other people’s kids, and the many

issues they bring with them.

So after 249 words of complaining, you must be wondering what my point is, and why I keep returning. Ironically, it’s because of everything I just complained about: other people’s kids, working for something more valuable than money, long hard hours, and the satisfaction that comes with a job well done.

This summer I was slapped in the face with a reminder of why I do this work. Here are my “*Top 10 Reasons for Loving the Work at*



WCYC”: Kaelen and Kendrick B., Simon H., RJ and Alex M., Jackson M., Ayden M., Corban R., Riley S., and Jon Beske.

These young boys reminded this old curmudgeon of the beautiful balance between ultimate silliness and supreme seriousness, the joy to be found by imitating the sounds of body functions and by participating in indescribably beautiful praise, by conversing with each other about nothing and with the Maker of the Universe about issues of the heart, by splashing in the creek and sinking into bed at night from sheer exhaustion, by being curious one moment and knowing it all the next, by loving friends and a God they are just now getting to know. It was a great week at WCYC Junior Camp, and I got to spend it with the...

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Camp Session Recaps

Junior Camp

Theme: "God's Work, Our Hands."

The main spiritual objective was to get the campers to realize that they are a big part of God's plan and work. All classes were wonderfully planned and interactive. The staff lived out the theme for the session!

There were four baptisms at Junior this summer. All activities were fantastically fun and special and full of good positive energy. The end of session video, singing news and ice cream social were a huge hit like usual to end the camp session.

The campers all had a high quality time. One of the points that was hit home there was that the campers can have and share this experience all the way through high school.

Rob Daniel, Nate Cleveland, Jon Beske, Kent Hinze, Joe Lawrence, Dan Saunders, and of course Adrienne Betts did a FANTASTIC job taking over any issues that might have come up due to not having a operations manager present. Thank you! We were in awesome hands there.

- Matt Cleveland, Director

Middle Camp

I would like to thank everyone that volunteered this summer to help WCYC be a great camp.

I was very appreciative about directing Middle Camp this year because I had never directed a camp before. My staff made it very easy for me to be the director.

Our theme this year was "Whatever..." from Philippians 4:8-9. The classes were well presented by our Bible Class teachers.

The kids had a wonderful two weeks of Bible Classes and activities. It rained every day the second week of camp but it did not hinder the fun.

I am looking forward to directing again next year. I am asking now for you to prayerful consider volunteering next year.

- Guy Lowe, Director

Intermediate Camp

The theme this year:
"What's Your Story?"

Our classes and devotionals focused on various parables taught by Jesus and how our own stories find their place within the larger story of God's Kingdom.

Nearly 60 campers and 30 staff started each day with a devotional followed by breakfast and then morning class. Afternoons were filled with interactive activities, swimming in Robinson Creek, free time, and canteen.

After dinner were camper-led activities, and a campfire devotional. We ended each day with a cabin devo. God and his Word transformed the hearts and minds of campers and staff during the 2018 Intermediate Session!

To all the campers, we pray you are applying what you learned and staying close to Jesus. We can't wait to hear how your faith has grown when we meet again next summer!

- Greg Smith, Director

Senior Camp

Theme: "Jesus Through The Eyes Of Peter". Shane Mountjoy did another wonderful job of preparing this year's theme, Bible classes, and object lessons. They were enlightening and challenging.

In addition to the Bible class, campers could choose from 27 Special Interest classes offered by the staff!

It was great addition to welcome back David Hartman as Head Cook. He did a great job providing variety with the menu. He and Adrianne demonstrated great leadership to an outstanding, hard-working kitchen staff.

We had 60+ campers each week. Mr. and Miss Fall Hall Glen, selected by campers, were Josiah King and Myya Maxwell.

- Jeff Hill, Director

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for Ryan Wilson

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Family Camp

Family Camp followed Junior Camp (in its new one-week format) with hopes of garnering participation of young families with children, along with campers young and old! With over 80 people (nearly 40 children) attending, the session was rousing success!

This year's theme was *Simply Jesus*. Wayne Hawley led us through lessons in the Gospel of John. Families shared the responsibilities of teaching the children and leading them in activities. The icing on top was witnessing Keegan Bukovatz pledge his allegiance to Jesus in baptism just behind Bird's Nest in Robinson Creek!

Family Camp session is a great opportunity for young families and young children to experience camp for the first time in a small dose! It's also a time for WCYC alumni (young and old) to return to camp, give back, and pass on the "camp experience" to their families. The relaxed pace of the session is perfect for children and wonderful for adults to connect and encourage one another. Join us next year! - Tim Randolph

Young Adult Retreat

This year we had just over 50 attendees (young adults and a couple older high schoolers). We had people who had never been to WCYC, people who hadn't been back in years, and several returning long-time friends.

It was a blessing to everyone and many left encouraged and with a valuable personal lesson. Our theme was *Living in the Crucible*, based on 1 Peter. We were encouraged by different speakers each night to follow the wisdom Peter passed on to the persecuted church.

We did a live action D&D game, with Christian themes as a teaching tool. This year we also did a video each night so those who couldn't attend could watch!

We're already thinking about next year's session. It's always held Thur-Mon, over Memorial Day weekend. Put it on your calendars! - Hannah Gund, hgund@york.edu / text: Hannah, 618-365-7974

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