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Hello Churches & Camp Families,

I've been coming to Disciples Crossing since 1986 and know that it is one of the greatest places in all the land. It's great because of its beauty, tradition, sacredness, and longevity. Even more, though, Disciples Crossing is great because of the people. The volunteers who serve as counselors, the church members who drive campers to and from camp, the staff of Disciples Crossing who care for Holy Ground year round, the campers who build community with one another for what feels like a fleeting moment, but lasts a lifetime. I love camp with my whole heart. It's where I first discerned a call to ministry (and then ignored it for years) and where my heart and soul experiences what I feel is the closest thing to the Kingdom of God on earth! Thank you, God, for camp!

I am grateful to have been asked to join the staff of Disciples Crossing as the part-time Interim Director of Programming. I mostly work remotely from my home in Waco, Texas, but head out to Athens as needed, too. You can reach me at programming@disciplescrossing.org or the camp phone number, 903-675-3692 x 108 (it forwards to my cell phone). While my part-time work hours vary some, in general, I can be reached Mondays - Thursdays from 8:30am - 1:30pm.

This 2024 Summer Camp Guide is filled with resources for both churches and families. We hope everything you could need is included as you get friends and family registered to spend time at camp this summer. You'll find instructions for registration, descriptions of each camp, dates, fees and links to scholarship forms, counselor interest forms AND summer Interns applications. We've also included some graphics that can be used for social media and printed or emailed promotion efforts by churches.

Finally, we invite you and your congregation to join us in praying for our Summer Camp Ministries. Generations of campers have experienced the presence of God at Disciples Crossing over the years and we pray that God will continue to impact the lives of the children, youth, parents, grandparents, counselors, staff, interns and others who spend time on the Holy Ground we call Disciples Crossing.

As you look through these resources, please let me know if there are other things that would be helpful for your church and/or your family as you promote camp over the next few months.

Grateful to serve our camp with you,
Kristin Jack
Interim Director of Programming

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2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES

FAMILY CAMP	MAY 24-26	2 NIGHTS	CAMP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
GRAND CAMP	MAY 31-JUNE 2	2 NIGHTS	KIDS AGES 4-10 WITH GRANDPARENT(S)
GENESIS CAMP	JUNE 30-JULY 3	3 NIGHTS	COMPLETING GRADES 1-3
JUNIOR CAMP	JUNE 24-28	4 NIGHTS	COMPLETING GRADES 3-5
IMAGO DEI CAMP	JUNE 16-22	6 NIGHTS	COMPLETING GRADES 6-7
CHI RHO CAMP	JUNE 24-28	5 NIGHTS	COMPLETING GRADES 6-8
CYF CONFERENCE	JUNE 17-22	5 NIGHTS	COMPLETING GRADES 9-12

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

FEBRUARY 18
SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS

FEBRUARY 18 – APRIL 7
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION PERIOD

APRIL 8 – APRIL 30
REGULAR REGISTRATION PERIOD

MAY 1 UNTIL TWO WEEKS BEFORE EACH CAMP
LATE REGISTRATION PERIOD





DISCIPLES CROSSING CAMP SUMMER 2024 FEES CHART

	EARLY BIRD	REGULAR	LATE
Family Camp	\$160 (13 AND UP) \$125 (AGE 4-12) FREE (AGE 0-3)	\$190 (13 AND UP) \$155 (AGE 4-12) FREE (AGE 0-3)	\$220 (13 AND UP) \$185 (AGE 4-12) FREE (AGE 0-3)
Grand Camp	\$160 - ADULT \$125 - CHILD	\$190 - ADULT \$155 - CHILD	\$220 - ADULT \$185 - CHILD
Genesis Camp	\$390	\$410	\$440
Junior Camp	\$445	\$475	\$505
Imago Dei	\$525	\$555	\$585
Chi Rho Camp	\$505	\$535	\$565
CYF Conference	\$505	\$535	\$565

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

EARLY BIRD PRICE- FEBRUARY 18- APRIL 7

REGULAR PRICE- APRIL 8- APRIL 30

LATE PRICE- MAY 1- MAY 17

REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT
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(All ages accompanied by an adult family member)
This camp is for families of all ages as long as one child attending is under the age of 18 and one adult is over the age of 21. Families come to rest, play and worship together. This camp includes two overnights and group programming with other families.



(Grandparents + Grandchildren ages 4 through 10) - Grand Camp strives to strengthen the relationships between grandchildren and grandparents through play, laughter, and worship. Grand Camp includes activities for children and programming for adults, as well as recreation and worship opportunities. Each child must be accompanied by at least one grandparent but a grandparent can bring more than one child to the event.



(Completing grades 1 - 3) Genesis camp is designed to be an introduction to summer camp ministry and prepares children for longer week-long summer camps once they've reached JYF/Junior Camp age. Our 1st-3rd graders get a shorter camp experience for their first time at "sleepaway" camp! This camp will be filled with tons of opportunities to learn about camp and grow in faith while making new friends with each other.



(Completing grades 3 - 5) JYF stands for Junior Youth Fellowship. Campers engage in thematic activities that help them experience God and learn about how to follow Jesus. There's tons of fun, faith and friendship packed into this week of camp! We cannot wait to share camp with them!

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(Grade 6-7) - AKA "Just Say Know" Camp is designed to teach campers about spirituality and sexuality through a wonderful Christian curriculum. Truly a unique camp experience that Disciples Crossing has been able to offer for over 30 years. Formerly known as "Eighters" and included campers who had just finished 8th grade, we now offer this important camp experience to a slightly younger age group. For years, the Programming Committee at Disciples Crossing discussed the need for this topic to be taught to a younger age group. The committee chose to change the camp's name to Imago Dei meaning "Image of God" (previously known as Eighters). In 2021, the decision was made to augment the experience and engage 6th & 7th graders at this camp. The decision was not made lightly. It was made with huge amounts of prayer, discussion, and facts. The Programming Committee is working with Just Say Know to make any changes/adaptations to the curriculum that we need to for our 6th & 7th grade campers to have a positive, informative, prayerful, and playful week of camp. This camp takes place on the "creative side" of camp.



Chi Rho Campers (completed 6th-8th grade) will be living the Chi Rho Life on our Creative Camp. The Chi Rho name has deep roots in the Disciples of Christ (it's the name of Middle School ministries within the denomination). It also is the name of the first two letters in Christ's name in Greek--chi and rho. Build friendships, enjoy camp fire, play, worship, and have fun together as you grow in faith together!s on Chi Rho is held on our Creative Camp.



CYF Conference is our high school camp. CYF stands for Christian Youth Fellowship and has ties to our Disciples of Christ tradition. It is the name of high school ministries within our denomination. When you come to CYF Conference, you are connected to other Disciples High Schoolers all over the country at other Disciples camps. CYF Conference is rich with tradition, fun, new-things, competition, faith development, incredible worship, and more!

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HOW TO REGISTER FOR CAMP

We use an online registration system called "Camp Brain." You will need to create an account for your household in order to register. However, you will be able to add all of your family members under one CampBrain account and future registrations will be easier since you'll already have basic information completed in the registration portal.

LOG-IN INSTRUCTIONS

FIRST TIME USERS: If this is your first time to our registration site, please start by creating a new account under "New User sign-up"

RETURNING USERS: If you have used our online registration previously, please sign in with your email and password. (**If you don't remember your password select "Reset Password.")

Online Registration Steps:

- Select or add family members you want to register. You must submit a full registration for each individual attending camp. This includes adult campers for Family and Grand Camps.
- Select the camp session for which you wish to register and add it to your cart. Complete this step for each family member attending camp.
- Complete all required fields and forms, go to the "checkout" and then submit application.
- Parents completing registration for their children should share the contents of our Camp Covenant and Food Waiver with their campers.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email (don't forget to check "spam"), then you probably didn't complete your registration!
- You will receive a pre-camp email 2 weeks prior to your camp with more information.

Payment Options

- Debit/Credit Card
- Pay with Personal Check. You will receive an invoice via the email address provided. Full payment is due within 30 days of invoice receipt.
- Invoice to Church: If your church is paying all or part of your registration fees, select this option.

Waitlists: & Cancellations

- Waitlists: Camp Directors are working on recruiting volunteer staff. As they get more staff we will be able to move campers off of the waitlist. You will be notified when a spot becomes available.
- There is a cancellation fee of \$20 for any cancellations prior to May 1st. After May 1st there is a 25% cancellation fee. We do not offer refunds within the two week period prior to the start of a registrant's camp, or for no-shows.

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CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2006, Disciples Crossing was blessed to have been the beneficiary of an estate gift from the late Mrs. Lois Potter. Mrs. Potter asked that her gift be used to create a scholarship fund for children and youth who would be attending Disciples of Christ summer camps at Disciples Crossing. The Potter Fund disburses almost \$30,000 annually to kids and youth who otherwise might not be able to attend summer camp. We are so grateful for the generosity of Mrs. Potter and for the impact that her gift makes on countless lives.

Applications for a Potter Fund scholarship are available when Summer Camp Registration opens, February 19th. Find the form at disciplescrossing.net/summer2024. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

All children and youth who have financial need and are attending a Disciples of Christ summer camp are eligible to apply. We encourage the camper's congregation to pay one half of the total fee, if they are able, with the remainder to be covered by the Potter Fund. This allows us to help as many deserving campers as possible.

THANK YOU, POTTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND!





EARLY BIRD INCENTIVES

CAMP STORE PRIZE BUNDLES

We have two camp store prize bundles to give away during early bird registration!

- 1) The first drawing will include anyone who has registered by 11:59pm on the day registration opens, February 18
- 2) The second drawing will take place at the close of early bird registration (11:49pm on April 7) and will include everyone who registered during the early bird registration period.

BOTH BUNDLES INCLUDE FUN SWAG FROM THE CAMP STORE AND A GIFT CARD TO BE USED DURING CAMP THIS SUMMER! Make sure to register early for your chance to win!

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SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS & STEWARDS

A DISCIPLES CROSSING COUNSELOR...

- volunteers to serve Disciples Crossing for a weekend and/or week-long summer camp.
- is an active participant of a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation (preferred)
- possesses interpersonal and group skills
- is able to help fulfill programming expectations set forth by Camp Directors, Director of Programming, Disciples Crossing Programming Committee, and/or Disciples Crossing Youth Ministry Council.
- is able to encourage and enable youth and children to participate fully in all that our summer camp ministry has to offer.
- plays a key role in supervising the safety of the camper and the spiritual nurture of the campers entrusted to them for the duration of the event.
- will compromise personal preferences for the well-being of the larger group.
- help out (mentally or physically) in any area as needed.
- adapt to situations and circumstances that arise at camp.
- provide leadership, supervision, and guidance during free time activities.
- foster a sense of community life.
- be of good physical health with a high level of physical, mental and emotional stamina.

AGE & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- GENESIS/JUNIOR: Counselors will be at least one year out of high school*
- IMAGO DEI: Counselors will be at least five years out of high school
- CHI RHO: Counselors will be at least one year out of high school
- CYF: Counselors will be at least five years out of high school
- Attend pre-camp staff training(s) (in person or video chat)
- Complete background check and Ministry Safe training by deadline
- Complete necessary evaluations and follow-ups for the camp

*Exceptions: A 10th-12th grader can be a counselor IF they are paired with an experienced co-counselor.

A DISCIPLES CROSSING STEWARD...

- Stewards are high school youth who serve the camp by assisting the directors, helping with set up/clean up of activities, build relationships with campers, bring energy and creativity, and shine the light of Christ throughout the camp!
- Stewards at Family, Grand, Genesis, Junior and Chi Rho Camps must be 10th grade or older. Stewards for Imago Dei must be at least 1 year out of high school. We do not have stewards at CYF Conference.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING CAMP THIS SUMMER AS A VOLUNTEER COUNSELOR OR STEWARD, MUSIC OR WORSHIP LEADER, TECH TEAM OR OTHER, PLEASE SUBMIT AN INTEREST FORM AT [TINYURL.COM/DCCOUNSELOR](https://tinyurl.com/DCCOUNSELOR), EMAIL PROGRAMMING@DISCIPLESCROSSING.ORG IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT ONE OF OUR SUMMER CAMPS.

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SUMMER INTERNS

Young adults, have you ever considered spending the summer at camp? Each summer, Disciples Crossing Camp in Athens, Texas, hires a team of interns to care for our camp facilities, serve our campers, and grow in faith and service together. For over a decade, we have offered this opportunity to young adults with a desire to serve in our camping ministry, though our beautiful camp has been in operation since 1947.

At its foundation, our summer internship is about service. There are long hours and hard work involved in camping ministry, but at the end of the day, you'll rest your head knowing you have made a difference. You'll gain job experience in a wide range of job skills, build camaraderie with fellow interns through work and planned events, and have the opportunity for spiritual growth individually, with other interns, and by serving our summer camp groups.

The program has been growing and changing since its inception, and we hope that this summer will be the best one yet. Interns will live out the servant leadership that we see modeled by Jesus in the Gospels. It is an opportunity for those who feel called to do so to put the needs of others above their own needs. We invite you to prayerfully consider spending an entire summer on Holy Ground, and we appreciate your interest in serving as a summer intern at Disciples Crossing Camp.

APPLY BY APRIL 1 AT
DISCIPLESCROSSING.NET/APPLY

OTHER SUMMER STAFF OPPORTUNITIES:

Can't commit to living and working at camp for the summer?

Apply to join our Guest Services Team:

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