



# CHANGED LIVES

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## KOINONIA CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER



### Koinonia Camp Capital Funds Campaign

Looking back, Koinonia Camp has a strong history of changing lives and addressing the challenges people face. Over the past few years the camp leadership has been discussing what needs to be addressed in order for Koinonia Camp to continue changing lives for many years to come.

Children and adults have complicated relationships and numerous influences that send mixed messages about their identity. These relationships and influences create feelings of stress, anxiety, confusion, and self-image issues. In light of these, people struggle with being connected or being alone, being loved or being judged, and are unsure regarding who they are created to be. That is where Koinonia Camp steps in to help.

Each year Koinonia Camp serves 1,500 individuals with the goal of guiding them to a changed life. New campers come looking for a safe place to experience the outdoors, connect with others, and grow spiritually. Returning campers come back with a desire to deepen their connections to their camp family and their relationship with Christ. Through the diligent work of camp staff, Koinonia Camp has a number of 2nd and 3rd generation campers who attend because their parent or grandparent's life was changed through a camp experience.

To continue sharing the Gospel, creating experiences that change lives, offering programs that help people experience success, and attracting people to utilize the camps, the leadership board of Koinonia

Camp is beginning a capital campaign. Through prayer, discussion, and reviewing the current conditions of the camp facilities, the leadership board has identified four areas to invest capital campaign funding.

- 1. Update and increase the sewage treatment capacity of the camp** - The long-range vision of Koinonia Camp is to have the capacity to serve large 150+ groups of campers throughout the year. Currently this vision to increase camp capacity is limited by the current sewage treatment and plumbing capability. Making improvements to this system allows the camp to provide for additional campers and be up-to-date with existing safety regulations.
- 2. Remodel existing lodges** - To continue providing high-quality experiences as well as continue attracting new groups, the camp has identified a need to remodel the existing lodge spaces to address energy-efficiency, safety, layout, and appearance.
- 3. Remodel cabin areas** - The long-range vision of the camp includes remodeling the current cabins to allow smaller groups to use the camp space self-sufficiently.
- 4. Replace aging equipment used to maintain the camp.**

The starting goal for the campaign is \$750,000.00.

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## (Koinonia Campaign Continued)

What can you do to help Koinonia Camp?

1. **Schedule** a time to visit the camp and meet with Camp Director Randy Brookes. The Camp leadership team is currently scheduling times for individuals and groups of churches to come and tour the camp.
2. **Sign-up** to receive the camp newsletter and email updates.
3. **Consider** what you can do to further the work of changing lives through Koinonia Camp.
  - a. Share the Koinonia Camp story with friends, co-workers, and church members.
  - b. Make a long-term financial commitment to the camp capital campaign.
  - c. Explore if your work offers matching donations or a foundation that gives to nonprofits
  - d. Talk with the Camp Director if you have a unique resource you want to share.
4. **Attend the Koinonia Camp Fall Festival** on **October 5th** to help kick-off the public capital campaign.

With your help, a successful capital campaign will result in an increased capacity to change more lives by serving more campers. Capital funds will also help create high-quality, efficient, and safe areas for campers to use. Finally, a successful campaign will provide up-to-date equipment for staff to properly maintain the camp space. If the capital campaign fails to raise the needed funds, the result will be a

continued limited capacity due to facilities and layout. The camp may experience decline in usage due to worn down facilities. This means fewer lives changed and fewer people who have made decisions about their eternal destination.

*Jonathon Wilterdink, Financial Professional and Randy Brookes, Koinonia Executive Director. Other members of the Capital Fund Campaign Steering Committee are Candy Bauer, Doug Beal, Jeff Hyatt, Elaine Jarvis, Mike Katz, and Gordon Kuntz.*



## Koinonia Camp and Conference Center 2019 Meetings

Trustees Meeting - Saturday, **August 17, 2019** (9 am)

Executive Committee Meeting - Tuesday, **September 17, 2019** (6:30 pm)

Annual Meeting - Saturday, **November 9, 2019** (9 am)

Trustees Meeting, **November 9, 2019** (Immediately following the Annual Meeting)



## All About Koinonia



Randy and Lori Brookes

**Koinonia Camp & Conference Center** is a ministry dedicated to **changed lives**. Those who visit the camp have an opportunity to *swim, fish, canoe, horseback ride, play paintball or take a leisurely hike on a wooded trail.*

Our **trained facilitators** are always willing to lead groups to a better understanding of leadership, group dynamics, and personal assessment, while using the natural terrain and our many **low initiatives**.

Our **regulation athletic field** is a great place for soccer camps, football camps, marching band camps or to simply play Frisbee as a group or family.

Whether a visitor comes as a summer camper or with a school group, they always find a **friendly smile, clean facilities and wonderful food** to help make their stay a memorable one.

Our facility is **open year round** with the ability to house 125 to 250 people depending on the season. Our main lodge is equipped with meeting rooms, a fireplace, other amenities and can sleep up to 60 for small group retreats or meetings.

*Koinonia Camp and Conference Center*

### WE LOVE KOINONIA CAMP! YOU WILL TOO!



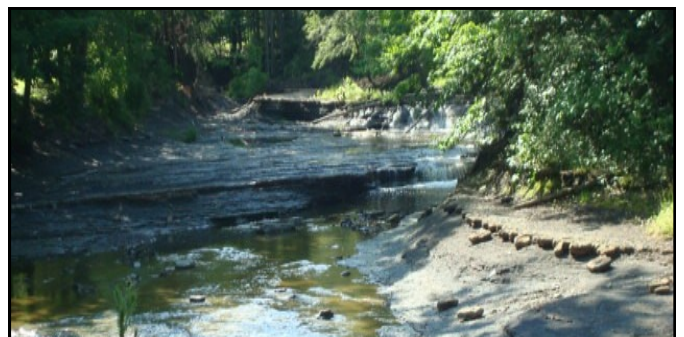
Horses, horses, and more horses



Canoeing



Stalls at the Indoor Riding Arena



The Creek



**RECENT MAJOR RENOVATIONS  
Kolthoff Cabin**



**Kolthoff Sleeping Area**

**Kolthoff Bath House - Girls' Side**



**Kolthoff Community Area**



**Kolthoff Kitchen Area**



## 2019 Koinonia Summer Staff

### Testimonials



Summer 2019 is finally drawing to a close, and what a summer it has been! Campers have come and gone with changed lives. Staff has come (and some have gone) having practiced “being Jesus with skin on”. Permanent staff has experienced a new staff and campers and have come out the other side wiser, a little more tired, and a lot changed. Here are some of the things our illustrious staff had to say about their experience this summer:

Being in summer staff has been and always will be a great experience from learning how to drive a tractor to taking out the trash every night. The important thing is that while doing all of this stuff working here I’m growing in my faith with God, and I’m teaching the Word of God to the campers that come and go throughout the summer. One of my other favorite parts about being at camp is that I’m working with other staff members who love me and treat me as if we are family.

***Evan Ritchey, 19***

I liked the way things were run more this summer in the sense that I think it made the staff less exhausted. I enjoyed growing closer with the younger staff and volunteers and being able to help them grow in their faith as well as their character. It is one thing to grow with friends that are your age and at your level, but it is incredibly rewarding to have people look up to you and influence them for the better.

***Zoe Spicer, 17***

My favorite memory this summer was when I first met the staff here at camp. You guys were just so

nice and immediately accepted me and I’m very thankful for everyone here.

***Miranda Ard, 13***

This summer was different than past summers for me. I actually got to participate in helping in the kitchen, which was probably my favorite part. My favorite camp has to be Youth Bible and Saddle. I had the chance to teach the campers some things that I knew, and I got to bond closer with the campers that week. This summer I learned how to be patient and how to love the campers even when my patience was stretched. I enjoyed this summer.

***Tabby Lowery, 16***

This summer has felt like it’s flown by but the days seem long sometimes. This summer has been a growing summer for camp, with trying new things and taking on new staff members. My favorite part of summer was the times when I got to do KA with the groups and interact with the campers.

***Jessica Mannion, 18***

This summer has been an exciting one. Even though there have been high moments and low ones, I am ever grateful for helping the camp. My favorite part about this summer was helping the kids learn about Jesus. Also the staff outings were lots of fun, even though I got really bad sunburns. I am grateful for helping the camp and I am looking forward to next year on staff and as a counselor.

***Tyler Means, 16***

Summer Staff is not one of the easiest jobs, but it is one that the members will never forget.

***Amie Gillespie, Office Manager***



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## Summer 2019



Visit the Koinonia website  
([christiancampohio.org](http://christiancampohio.org))

**SWAT SATURDAYS**  
Third Saturday of every month  
at Koinonia Camp



**Servants Working All Together!**  
**Contact the camp for more info!**

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Please consider helping future generations of campers at Koinonia by including the camp in your estate planning. Thank you!