



# CHANGED LIVES

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## KOINONIA CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER



**Luke 9:10 (ESV) — 10** *On their return, the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida.*

As a noun, the word retreat is defined as: the forced or strategic withdrawal of an army or the act of withdrawing, as into safety or privacy; retirement; seclusion. As a verb, retreat is defined as: to withdraw, retire or draw back, especially for shelter or seclusion. When used at Koinonia Camp the word "retreat" means all of the above and so much more!

If you have turned on the news, looked at FaceBook or picked up the newspaper, I am sure that you would agree that our country is under a great deal of stress. Opposing views on everything from politics to who deserved to win a sporting event has blood pressure up and aggression higher than I can ever remember it. I watch as our children and youth try to navigate life ... working to figure out who they are and how their faith intersects their daily grind.

We pack our schedules so full that even an extra moment at a stop light might cause us to be late and our hand is always ready to push the car horn to encourage others to move quickly. The pace we are trying to keep has us running from one event to the next never stopping to, if you will, smell the roses. Our children and teens often have even busier schedules with all of it often being extremely good activities.

But something is missing – something is wrong and we know it. I often wonder if we keep ourselves so busy so that we don't have to feel the emptiness and the missing that is deep within our hearts. Or are we convinced that if we do just a little bit more, we will finally feel satisfied?

Jesus' closest trainees had been out working and doing ministry and they came back to him and Jesus took them and "withdrew." To say retreat (withdraw) at Koinonia may mean teens playing crazy games or children sledding down a small hill. It might mean adult women being pampered and fed amazing food while doing craft projects. It might mean men discussing and laughing over the good old days and dreaming of projects to help

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### Experience Jesus, Cont.

the camp. But one thing "retreat" will always mean at Koinonia is the opportunity to experience Jesus in a new and mighty way.

Jesus said: **Matthew 11:28–29** ... Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Maybe it's time for a retreat! Blow the trumpet, turn and run to a safe and secure place, find soul rest in Jesus today. Maybe you just need to put life on pause for a while and withdraw to Koinonia Camp.

*Randy Brookes*  
*Executive Director, Koinonia Camp*

## **Winter Bash 2019** **Junior and Senior High Retreat**



***More Winter Bash  
Photos***



**Add your own captions for the retreat photos! From where I sit, it was a fun event!**

# Koinonia Camp Schedule!

## Summer 2019



Special Person's Camp :	May 31st - June 3rd	\$280.00
**Advanced Horsemanship Camp:	June 2nd - June 7th	\$440.00
Senior High Camp:	June 9th - 14th	\$355.00
**Horsemanship Camp:	June 16th - 21st	\$440.00
Elementary Camp:	June 16th - 21st	\$350.00
First Timer's Camp:	June 21st - 22nd	\$90.00
Wilderness Weekend:	June 21st - 23rd	\$150.00
Primary Camp:	June 23rd—26th	\$255.00
Junior High Camp:	June 30th - July 5th	\$355.00
Youth Bible and Saddle Camp:	June 30th - July 5th	\$415.00
Elementary Bible and Saddle Camp:	July 7th - 12th	\$415.00
Paintball Camp:	July 7th - 12th	\$395.00
Youth Special Person's Horse Camp:	August 4th - 7th	\$390.00
Adult Special Person's Horse Camp:	August 7th - 10th	\$390.00

*\*\*Invitation Only Camps*

Registration available at [www.christiancampohio.org](http://www.christiancampohio.org)

Questions? Call us at 440-466-1278

To Earn an Early Bird Discount of **\$50.00**, Registration must be completed and submitted to Koinonia office by March 1st, 2019!

### Koinonia Camp and Conference Center 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar

#### Overnight Board Retreat

Friday, February 22, 2019 (6 pm) - Saturday, February 23, 2019 (2 pm)

Saturday, May 12, 2019 (10 am)

Saturday, August 18, 2019 (10 am)

Saturday, November 10, 2019 (following the Annual Meeting)

Annual Meeting - Saturday, November 10, 2019 (9 am)

**Koinonia Camp  
2019 Snow & Glow  
Elementary Retreat Weekend**

**Grades 3-5**



**February 15-17**

**Weekend Event—\$85 per person**

**Registration Deadline - February 8, 2019**

**Register online at [www.christiancampohio.org](http://www.christiancampohio.org)**

**Click the Snow & Glow graphic on our front page**

**Spur Cross Youth Outreach & Koinonia Camp  
7th Annual Fundraiser**



**March 9, 2019**

**Lifebrand Cowboy Church**

1289 Mentor Ave. Painesville, Ohio 44077

**\$25 - 9 & up; \$10 (3 - 8 yrs.); under 3—free**

**Dinner 5:30 - 6:45 / Live Auction - 7 pm**

**Get Your Tickets NOW!**

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**“ALONE WE CAN  
DO SO LITTLE;  
TOGETHER WE  
CAN DO SO MUCH.”**

**- Helen Keller**

**Never be afraid to trust an unknown  
future to a known God.**

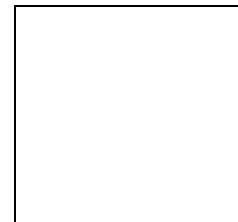
**—Corrie ten Boom**



**NOTICE:**

**Please consider contributing raffle baskets and/  
or items for the Lifebrand and Koinonia fund-  
raising event. Your donations will be very much  
appreciated. Thank you!**

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## Winter 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!