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8 WEEKS OF



644 CAMPERS
AGES 5 - 18
14 SUMMER STAFF
4 JUNIOR COUNSELORS



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CAMPERS SHARED
THEIR COMMITMENT
TO FOLLOW CHRIST
WITH THEIR LIVES

OVER 20
CAMPERS RECEIVED
BIBLES



KANDY KABIN STATS:

Top Candy	Skittles.....	632
Top Beverage	Gatorade.....	607
Top Merch	Faith Bracelets.....	278
#1 Song Request	CHURCH CLAP.....	∞



BRENT KNOLL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Cedar Lake Ministries carries a rich history, clear mission, and commitment to its fulfillment *providing a life changing environment for evangelism and spiritual growth*. Four years ago, I accepted the role of Executive Director and it has since been my persistent pursuit and passion – in partnership with our Board of Directors, staff, and constituents – to live out this mission in all we do as a ministry impacting the lives of people.

As I reflect on God's plans for these "hallowed grounds," I am thankful for His provision, guidance, and blessing. The journey thus far has included a world-wide pandemic, a canceled summer camp season, staff transitions, among other challenges. James 1 has been the source of encouragement and rally cry of my heart:

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

James 1:2-4

As Cedar Lake Ministries embarks on new opportunities and encounters new challenges, our commitment, conviction, and heartfelt desire to fulfill the mission remains our continued focus. This is a living, breathing, God-moving ministry. It encourages my heart to hear stories of life-change everyday. He is our source of joy and works in and through the hearts of people. That is what continues to energize me!

This summer we witnessed exciting ministry growth. Excellence in programming, bringing together staff members aligned to support the mission, the addition of new guest groups as well as those returning, record summer camp attendance – this is why we continue to serve guests and build the programs at CLM. God continues to show up and show off! There will be continued effort and resources put towards these things as they remain our primary means to fulfill our mission.

From CLM's beginning to the ongoing history and missional pursuit of life impact for all, each moment is unique and special to those in the refining fire growth process. The last four years have been a testing of faith, but as I seek to live, and remind the staff – we do all "...as unto the Lord."

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.

It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Colossians 3:23-24

With all our hearts, we work for the Lord. I can say with confidence, we will continue to serve the Lord Christ at Cedar Lake Ministries. We pray for His continued provision, guidance and blessing for the remainder of this year and in 2023.

In His grip,

Brent Knoll | Executive Director

AT THE END OF THE WEEK, CAMPERS REFLECT ON THEIR EXPERIENCE.
TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT THEY'RE TAKING AWAY AS THEY HEAD HOME:

This week, I made the important decision to follow God for the first time and I got my first real Bible!

- Brynlee, Elementary Overnight

I learned how to shoot a bow and arrow this week.

- Tyler, Day Camper

This week, I learned that I have a bigger purpose in life and I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

- Logan, Overnight Camper

This week I learned that God uses little people to do big things!

- AJ, Day Camper

This week, I learned about being a good reflection of who God is.

- Nate, Day Camper

I learned to always pray when I'm troubled and to let God have control

- Brom, Elementary Overnight

My least favorite part of this week was having to leave!

- Anna, Day Camper

I learned this week that you can trust God in anything.

- Moriah, Day Camper

My favorite parts of this week were tubing with my friends and going to chapel... I learned that I need to go all in for Christ and that I don't need to be embarrassed to worship.

- Cuyler, Overnight Camper

This week, I learned how to forgive.

- Megan, Elementary Overnight

This week I learned that you have to work as a team to accomplish hard things.

- Karyssa, Day Camper

This week, I was scared to come to camp but I am so happy that I came!

- Aiden, Day Camper

My favorite part of this week was Rock Climbing! I had never done it before.

- Owen, Elementary Overnight

This week, I learned that God is my Savior and He always protects me.

- Olivia, Elementary Overnight

"All have thoroughly enjoyed camp this summer. Been a blast for them! Appreciate a place they can go and be in Christ and have a lot of fun. It is a place they can go and be taken care of. Thank you!"

- Jaime (camper mom - boys 12 & 7)



STAFF PROFILE

VERSE TO LIVE BY

Romans 12:1-2

"Therefore, I urge you, brother and sisters, in view of God's mercy to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice - Holy and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing, and perfect will."

SCHOOLING

BS in Elementary Education
Ball State University

PREVIOUS CAMP EXPERIENCE

Accepted Christ at *Camp Otyokwah* in Ohio at age 9;
Summer Staff 2 years & Full Time Staff 5 years at *IdRaHaJe* in Bailey, Colorado

HOBBIES INCLUDE:

- Hiking (one of her achievements being Gray's Peak: 14,278ft)
- Crocheting (self-taught at 19)

FUN FACTS:

- At Ball State, Brooke was a member of the trumpet line of The Pride of Mid-America Marching Band
- Brooke has over 400 hours of experience leading Adventure activities - High Ropes, Low Ropes, Climbing, Rappelling, Zip-Lining, etc.

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BROOKE NOFER

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

➤ A SUMMER REFLECTION WRITTEN BY OUR NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Laughter from the playground; cheers after another round of carpet ball; water splashing during swim time; feet slapping on the pier as campers run towards the tube, voices singing "I'm trusting you God"; pages of the Holy Scriptures being turned; memory verses being showcased from the stage. These are the sounds that rang loud and clear at Cedar Lake Ministries this summer. What a blessing it was to be part of it!

This being my first year at Cedar Lake Ministries, I didn't know what to expect going into summer 2022. During the planning stages, I was looking through my old CD's (are those even a thing anymore?) and I found Matthew West's Album 'All In'. The title song immediately came to mind and I began searching for a passage that would fit with 'All In' - I soon settled on Colossians 3:17 "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

So that's what we did. Our two overnight weeks and two weeks of day camp revolved around that theme. We planned this summer in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ was honored here this summer - and we are to give thanks to God the Father. It is only through Him that these campers had fun, laughed, swam, ate us out of mini corn dogs, and learned about what it truly means to follow Jesus with their life.

As we look back on the summer that passed, I am thankful for the staff - both paid and volunteer who poured their hearts and souls into these campers. I am thankful for our two interns, Anna and Jacob, who filled the cups of our summer staff so they could fill the cups of campers. I am thankful for the supporting staff and volunteers of Cedar Lake Ministries who made it all happen. And I am thankful for our campers & families who joined us to make this summer a blast!

Now we look forward to another year of providing a place of evangelism and spiritual growth for all ages.



KIM KNOLL
CLM PROGRAM ASSISTANT



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MINISTRIES

As many settle into the rhythm of rest and relaxation during the summer, Cedar Lake Ministries' staff is doing the exact opposite. I wouldn't choose to have it any other way, summer camp holds a special place in my heart. My first summer camp experience at Iowa Regular Baptist Camp as a 16 year old softened my heart to serving in full-time ministry. During college I spent two summers on a ministry team traveling to camps all over the state of Michigan. Knowing first hand the impact those camp experiences had in my life, it's clear that summer camp is a powerful tool in the lives of people. As I reflect on this summer, there are many wonderful memories! Day Camp drop off/pick up opens the door to life-giving conversations and friendships with parents/grandparents. A mother shared during this time that her camper was excited about opening his Bible during chapel and reading it, he was now doing it at home too, she was grateful! The most poignant memory was speaking with a parent about God at work through kids in their neighborhood. As the kids played, they were sharing about Cedar Lake Ministries' Day Camp. Parents would hear about it from their kids and send them to camp. This opened the door for parents in the neighborhood to have discussions about what/why they believe what they do. This was a beautiful example of why CLM plans 8 weeks of summer camp. The scope is far beyond the grounds, and is more glorious than we can begin to imagine! God is relentless in pursuing hearts. He desires to be in a relationship, through the gift of salvation, with his image bearers. What a privilege it is to steward the tools of Cedar Lake Ministries to be a small part of building HIS Kingdom. Am I exhausted at the end of the summer camp season? YES! Yet, "I know that the experiences of our lives, when we let God use them, become the mysterious and perfect preparation for the work He will give us to do." - Corrie Ten Boom

GUEST SERVICES

Our Guest Services Department at Cedar Lake Ministries hosted 1,245 guests in the month of June and 1,876 in July! We are expecting over 1,000 guests each month to join us at CLM in August, September, and October as well.

Our guests have often mentioned while they are here how attentive our staff is and how appreciative they are of our excellent housekeeping and food service staff. We are excited for the opportunity to serve all who will come on site throughout the year and look forward to serving all who plan to join us in 2023.

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CLM GUEST REVIEWS

"The staff was wonderful! Cedar Lake was beautiful. We loved Rest-A-While Lodge!"

"We love the serenity of the environment and great hospitality at Cedar Lake Ministries."

"It's a great getaway / retreat spot that is nearby."

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KARL SCHILLING
CLM SITE DIRECTOR

It was great to see the kids having an awesome time this summer. Listening to some of the sessions was icing on the top. Being able to serve Joni and Friends was another fantastic experience. Watching their expressions during Touch-A-Truck is something I will never forget. After seeing those looks of joy, it reminded me of the Kingdom impact I have.

SUMMER STAFF HIGHLIGHT

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As summer staff at Cedar Lake Ministries, God showed me just how complex and knowledgeable children are. Several staff this summer, myself included, had the blessing to hear from and respond to the kids that were enrolled in our camp. Many of them have questions and thoughts about faith that some adults don't have the time or patience to respond to. We often forget that Jesus Himself encouraged children to come to him, and stated that we, as adults, should be eager to learn in the same way that children are.

-Ben

Towards the beginning of the summer, I was very nervous to work at Cedar Lake Ministries (CLM) because I had never worked at a camp for the entire summer before, but I was trusting in God and how he had led me here. Now that the summer has ended, I can confidently say that God worked in my life and in the lives of the kids in ways I never would have expected. I was able to walk a camper through the salvation prayer, give a few campers their very first Bibles, and pray with many different campers. As I look back on my summer at CLM I see that God led me here for a specific reason. I was called into children's ministry a few years ago but was feeling discouraged and questioning if this was really what I was meant to be doing. Working at CLM this summer reassured me of my calling and helped me to feel more confident. I created strong relationships with my campers as well as the staff this summer. I can confidently say that this was one of the best summers and I would not have wanted to spend it anywhere else!

- Rachel

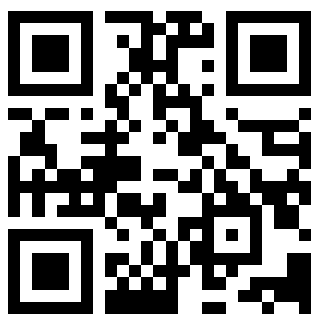
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PICTURED

FRONT: ROGER, LAINEY, ASHLYN, RACHEL, BROOKE

MIDDLE: TRENT, BLAKE, MADDIE, JACOB, JACQUELINE, ALAYNA, KIM

BACK: ANNA, SOPHIE, MICAH, PAIGE, BEN



APPLY TODAY!!
FOR SUMMER STAFF 2023
WWW.CEDARLAKEMINISTRIES.ORG/SUMMER-STAFF/

THE PAST YEAR JACOB & ANNA PAULSON HAVE BEEN A PART OF CLM'S MASTERCAMP PROGRAM. DURING THEIR ONE YEAR HERE, THEY WERE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE BOTH ACADEMIC AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH EACH ATTAINING THEIR MASTER'S DEGREE IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP. BEYOND THIS, THEY GAINED FIRST-HAND INSIGHT ON THE INNER-WORKINGS OF CAMP AND LIFE IN MINISTRY.



"We are thankful for the opportunity that we had to implement what we were learning in our studies in a real world context. We are ending the year feeling better equipped to lead and serve in whatever ministry work God has next for our lives."

This summer I had the joy of supporting our camp counselors and helping provide for their needs so they could be their best for our campers and experience personal growth and development during their time at CLM! As a staff, we walked through [The Disciplemaking Genius of Jesus](#) and the book of John during our team devotion time. It was great to see many of them grow in their understanding of what it truly means to be a disciplemaker and begin implementing it in their lives.

-Anna

It was such a joy to be able to support the summer staff as we worked to show the campers the love of God. We had a lot of fun and Heaven is rejoicing over what happened this summer. I was so amazed to see the response from the campers and how they were already applying what they had learned about trusting in God and treating others well. It was a blessing to be a part of their spiritual growth and I know that these lessons will stay with them for a lifetime.

-Jacob

Upcoming Events



SEPTEMBER 30 -
OCTOBER 2, 2022



OCTOBER 7 - 9, 2022



NOVEMBER 29, 2022



Christmas Gala &
Concert Fundraiser
December 10, 2022

FEBRUARY 2023

- 4 Winter Family Fun Day
- 10 - 12 Winter Camp (MS & HS)
- 17 - 19 Winter Camp (MS & HS)

MARCH 2023

- 24 - 26 Marriage Retreat

APRIL 2023

- 1 Work & Worship
- 21 - 23 Spring Ladies Retreat
- 28 - 30 Spring Ladies Retreat

JUNE 2023

- 12 - 16 Day Camp
- 19 - 23 Day Camp
- 25 - 30 Elementary Overnight Camp
- 26 - 28 Mini Camp
- 28 - 30 Mini Camp

JULY 2023

- 1 Pancake Breakfast
- 4 5K Impact Run/Walk & Kid Fun Run!

JULY 2023

- 5 - 7 Mini Day Camp
- 9 - 14 MS & HS Camp / Water Sports Week
- 17 - 21 Day Camp
- 24 - 28 Day Camp
- 31 - Aug 4 Day Camp

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 16 Grandparent Camp
- 24 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- 29 - Oct 1 Man Camp

OCTOBER 2023

- 13 - 15 Fall Ladies Retreat

NOVEMBER 2023

- 28 Giving Tuesday

DECEMBER 2023

- Christmas Gala & Concert Fundraiser

...WAYS TO PRAY

- As our 2022 Summer Staff return to their routine – school, jobs, family, etc. – following their summer of ministry, pray that the Lord blesses them and provides them opportunity to reflect on all that was accomplished in them and through them during their time serving at CLM.
- Pray over our planning of the coming year. For our programs and the guests we will serve. Praise God for the impact He's had within our ministry and amongst those we've served and ask that it be multiplied in the year ahead!
- Lift up year-round staff – that we would: have hearts postured to serve, lead with steadfast faith, and find joy in each season. Pray for our health – both physical and spiritual. Thank God for His faithfulness and provision as our team grows together serving side-by-side.
- Pray blessing and provision for our guests and groups as they come on site and experience God's peace, encounter servant hearts, and abide in His love during their time with Cedar Lake Ministries.
- Thank the Lord for Cedar Lake Ministries providing a life-changing environment for evangelism and spiritual growth.

