



IMPACT CAMP

Spiritual Outcomes

Our goal for:

All Ages

- The gospel of Jesus Christ will be presented with an opportunity for individuals to make a decision to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Elementary

- Focuses on students understanding God's love for them.
- Discovering Christ's promises.
- Offering opportunities to explore examples of Christian character.

Theme & Worship

This year's curriculum is called Beyond Belief and asks the questions What if God was bigger than you ever imagined? Beyond Belief invites our campers to ask the big questions about God and explore how God can be seen in the vastness of creation, the power of community and even in their own hearts.

Each day, campers will explore the big questions of faith:

- What if...We Belong to God?
- What if...God is Bigger?
- What if...Hope is Real?
- What if...There is More than Enough
- What if...We Speak Up?
- What if...We Change the World?
- What if...We Go Beyond?

Theme of the day is a time of worship held in the Outdoor Tabernacle. We use a Large Group worship and teaching time led by a director, followed by small group discussion and singing.

Vespers is our evening worship time and is also held in the Outdoor Tabernacle. Scripture role plays, singing and a message from one of our directors are a part of the evening worship session.

Activities & Recreation

All of the campers enjoy great activities using our challenge by choice philosophy to help them discover not only adventure, but something about themselves.

Swimming

The swimming pool is divided into three sections, designed for all levels of experienced and inexperienced swimmers. The level of experience will be determined during swim tests on the first night of camp.

Climbing Wall & Zip Line

A 35 ft. vertical, outdoor climbing wall will challenge campers to trust, overcome fears and to be encouragers for their camp friends. Participants fly down our zip line while being encouraged and cheered on by their friends and counselors.

Teambuilding

Participants will be led through a series of activities to build trust, communication and teamwork amongst their team.

Crafts

A chance for campers to be able to creatively express themselves through art.

Nature Walks

An opportunity to learn to appreciate and care for nature through exploration.

Free Play Area

A variety of opportunities are provided for children to practice decision-making skills, to share, to negotiate, and to remove conflicts. Children are allowed to discover areas of interest on their own and engage in the activities they choose to pursue.

Hayride and Campfire Cookout

Campers will enjoy a leisurely wagon ride around the camp with singing and fellowship. Campers will have the opportunity to have a meal cooked outdoors at least once during their week of camp.

Archery and Sling Shot Range

Participants will learn to hold a bow and shoot an arrow at a set of targets.

What is unique about Impact Camp?

Impact Camp is our 6 day, 5 night experience for grades 3rd-6th graders. What makes our Impact Camp special is that this incredible week long experience creates a family feeling - community is created and a sense of belonging is experienced during this week. Through sound Biblical teaching, discussion in small groups, and heart-felt campfire worship, students have the opportunity to learn how to pursue a Christ-centered life.

Daily Schedule Sample

7:00a	Arise/morning devotions
8:00a	Breakfast
8:45a	Cabin Beautiful
9:20a	Theme of the Day, Singing
9:45a	Activity Rotations
10:45a	Activity Rotations
Noon	Lunch, Singing & More
1:00p	<i>Horizontal Hour</i>
2:00p	<i>Activity Rotations</i>
3:20p	Snack &Swimming
5:30p	Dinner
6:30p	Free Time in the Field
7:15p	Evening Activity
8:15p	Snack
8:30p	Evening worship/role plays
9:15p	Cabin Reflections/Showers
10:00p	Lights Out

Cabin Life

Cabins

Otterbein Lodge and our Cedar Cabins are used for our Impact Camps. The lodge and cabins are air-conditioned and have bathroom facilities located inside the building or right next to them. Otterbein Lodge has 12 bedrooms that each sleep 3 campers. Cabins are dormitory style with bunk beds. Three of the cabins sleep 10 each, housing 8 campers with 2 counselors. Our two largest cabins sleep 16, housing 14 campers and 2 counselors. Counselor to camper ratios are two adults for every 14 campers. There are also camp parents, camp medics, camp staff and CITs involved with caring for the campers.

Cabin Groups

A Family Group is comprised of the boy and girl cabin in a cluster. Many activities throughout the week will be done with your Family Group, while some others will be just with your cabin. The purpose of the Family Group is to “create short-term communities in which persons experience the Christian faith.” You will share meals together, play games, study the Bible, etc all as a giant family. This is a wonderful experience for campers. Within a couple days, many campers will take pride in their Family Group and start to feel more at home.

We offer family style meals here at Camp Rivervale. This means that your Family Group will gather around the same table at every meal. Food is served in large bowls and passed around the table for everyone. This creates a wonderful experience for our campers who may not always have the chance to enjoy this kind of setting, have these conversations, and explore the manners at home.

Bring A Friend Or Come With A Church

Camp is a great place to solidify relationships within a student’s faith community. Invite a friend to join or come with your church to create maximum impact in helping to find stability and foundation in your child’s relationship with Christ.