



**Our mission:** To provide a Christ-centered outdoor experience where a relationship with Jesus is cultivated with the Bible as our guide. We will reach the lost, teach the found, encourage the seeker, and inspire the passionate in God's outdoors.

*Thank you to all of you who worked and gave to make this summer run smoothly. Special thanks for the following:*

- The remodeled Director's Cabin & Nurse's Office (It is a great blessing for the Director's family, nurses, and all campers who needed medical care)
- Stewart's Holiday Match for our new washing machine (this one doesn't walk down the porch)
- WGY Christmas Wish for new mattresses (some were older than our oldest staff member)
- Power Pallet for the pallet wood used in the waste basket craft & the Director's cabin walls
- All donations, including scholarships & memorials for Nort Chapin, who served for 50 years on the Camp Pattersonville Board.

**Many thanks to the pastors who answered camper & J-staff questions like these each Wednesday night:**

- How did Noah feed all the animals?*
- How were different races made?*
- How can I know if I'm a true Christian?*
- Did God plan for Adam & Eve to sin?*
- How can I know God's will?*
- Is it wrong not to be satisfied by God's love?*
- If God loves us, why does he let us get hurt?*
- Is it a sin to choose a job only for the money it provides?*

*"I love Camp Pattersonville because I'm allowed to ask any question"  
-Statement made by several campers again this summer*





**Praise, prayer, & opportunities:**

We are excited by how the Lord is moving Camp forward:

- Our Vision Committee is looking at ways to enhance our program and possibly partner with other ministries. Ideas are welcomed!
- Ricky & Michele feel led to step down as Directors, but are anxious to mentor the new Directors that God will provide
- Registrar Mandy is also stepping down and willing to train a replacement. Maybe you?
- Sue Groh joined the Camp Board
- Two ministries are volunteering their skilled labor to upgrade our electrical system. We'll need helpers in May & ~\$10,000 for materials
- Pray that God will continue to bless many campers & families through this ministry!

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**2018 Staff:**

**Directors:** Ricky & Michele Gerlach **Counselors:** D'Asia Mayers, Nikki Santana, Casey Simmons, Maddy Spawn, Derrinda Strohm, Isaac Ayala, Jacob St.Martin, Noah Rogers **Nurses:** Esther Denham, Paula Gorman, Tammy Mills, Nicole & Anne Nelson **Jr. Staff Coordinator:** Jordan Spawn **Cooks:** Christie LeVake, Deb Steinbach, Larissa Strohm **Aquatics Director:** Daniel Gerlach **Nannies:** Calla Elwell, Faith LaFavre, Maggie Sweeney **Handyman:** Ethan Strohm

"I am totally in tears and so blessed!!! My kids have not stopped talking about the amazing week, the DELICIOUS food, they just recited their verse to me and are telling me about how they learned such amazing things about Jesus! It was a tough week for me without them but I AM overwhelmingly grateful!!! Thank you both soooo very much!!!  
 Xoxo"  
 One Mom's report to Directors Ricky & Michele

**Camp Patt Events in January!!!**

- Winter Fun Day for Kids is a great way to reconnect with Campers & staff who are home from college plus meet future Campers
- Prayer Night is to commit the 2019 season to the Lord as we start to hire Staff, promote Camp at churches, & receive registrations. Everyone is welcome to join. Details to follow on [www.camppattersonville.org](http://www.camppattersonville.org) and on Facebook.



**Invest in the Future!**

Remember what it was like to go to Camp Pattersonville? The dinner bell. Finding crayfish at the creek. Building a fire. Playing Camper/Counselor Hunt. Memorizing God's Truth through singing, skits, and Scripture memory. It's time to pass those memories on by investing in the future. It takes about \$70,000 to run Camp for a summer and registrations only account for about 1/2 of that amount.

Donations can be made on [www.camppattersonville.org](http://www.camppattersonville.org) or mailed to:  
 Camp Pattersonville, c/o Al Steinbach, 141 Gordon Rd., Schenectady 12306