



**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.

**What did you learn?**

- "I caught crayfish for the first time!"
- "God made us beautiful in His image"
- "God made me special ON PURPOSE!"
- "How to pray"
- "God is really REAL!"
- "How to use a bow and arrow"
- "To swim the backstroke"
- "Table manners"
- "How to build a birdhouse"
- "What sin is"

*"The thing that God had pressed on my heart in the beginning of the year was prayer. It was the subtle theme that I tried to have Camp focus on throughout the summer. It was in reading what Anna Meahl had said to Pastor Alford that inspired me, "It is prayer that makes Camp work." Over and over she would state that it was prayer and consistent, unquenchable, non-stopping prayer that makes Camp powerful. Prayer is vital to a Christian's walk, to put us in our place and put God in His. My hope was to help the staff and campers to see this during their time at Pattersonville."*  
 - Director Ricky Gerlach

**What questions did our campers share this summer?**

- How do I know the Bible is true?*
- Who wrote the Bible?*
- Why do bad things happen to good people?*
- How can I prove to others that God is real?*
- Is God always watching me?*
- What is the difference between a Jew and Gentile?*
- Will you recognize people in Heaven?*
- Why doesn't God just make people believe in Him?*
- What did God do before creation?*
- Did Adam and Eve start as babies?*
- Why did God make poison ivy?*

**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 \$71,000 to run Camp for a summer and registrations only account for about 1/2 of that amount. Donations can be made on our website or in the enclosed envelope.

**Scripture Learned this Summer:**

- 1 Peter 4:14-19
- Matthew 6:6-13
- 1 John 4:7-12
- Matthew 5:43-48
- James 5:13-18

**Prayer Night:**

We will be having a prayer night in January, in order to give the 2018 season to the Lord before we start to hire and receive registrations. Anyone is welcome to join. More details will follow on our website and on Facebook.

*I love Camp Pattersonville because I'm allowed to ask questions -Statement made by several campers this summer*

## Summer 2017 Stats

Total number of Campers: 199

Total camper weeks (this number is higher because many Campers chose to come for more than one week): 212

Total number of new Campers who took advantage of the first time Camper discount: 91

Places our Campers call home:  
CT, FL, NC, NY, PA, SC, VA

Money invested in Camperships: \$12,070

Number of Campers who acknowledged giving their lives to Christ at Camp this summer: 31

Number of individuals whose lives were impacted by the Gospel this summer through Camp: Countless



### Meet our Staff:

#### Male Counselors

Anthony Liga  
Jacob St Martin  
Luke Moore

#### Female Counselors

Derrinda Strohm  
Abigail Pierce  
Kara Gullie  
Christine Hessler

#### Auxiliary staff

**Directors:** Ricky/Michele Gerlach  
**Junior Staff Coordinator:** Jordie Spawn

**Nurses:** Tammy Mills, Lorraine Reidel

**Cook:** Joan Strohm

**Asst. Cook:** Destiny Lawyer

**WST:** Ryan Dussault

**Handyman:** Ethan Strohm

**Nanny:** Madeline Shafer



### Specific needs you could give towards:

- o Gas string Trimmer (Weed Whacker)- \$200
- o 7 Toilet Seat Covers- \$10 each
- o Large Capacity Washer/Dryer- \$400 each
- o 4 pairs of Walkie-Talkies- \$50 per pair
- o Mini Fridge for the Nurse's Office- \$150
- o Much Needed Repairs on Director's Cabin- \$TBD
- o Riding Lawn Mower- \$1,000
- o Help with Mowing and Raking come Spring (email Al if interested: [steinbachad@aol.com](mailto:steinbachad@aol.com))

Remember, we need your help to make next year a success. Prayerfully consider making a donation by going to our website or by mailing your gift, made payable to Camp Pattersonville:

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