

Join Us At CHYC in 2024!

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Spring Newsletter 2024



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Remarks from Sidney McGinnis - Camp Board Chairman

Ready...Set...GROW! Happy New Year! Christian Harbor is getting *ready* for another exciting year of camp in 2024! There are many exciting projects and activities that are in the works and already in process as we prepare for another year in striving to fulfil our mission: “To provide a camping experience where campers are drawn into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.” As we look forward to another year, we are *set up* for success with the tremendous work of so many people. I want to take a moment to point out just a few.

Maria Stone, our camp manager, has several projects that are in the works, near completion, and on the horizon. But above all the great work that she has done to keep our campus ready for every week of camp, I really want to take a moment to acknowledge her heart of service. If you’ve been to a week of camp since Maria has taken over as manager – you know that more than anything, she is there to serve. To serve the deans and help facilitate the best camp experience for every camper. To serve her staff in setting an example of what a true servant leader looks like, and above all to serve her Lord and Savior by giving of herself in sacrifice to Christian Harbor Youth Camp.

Tim Stone, our camp Program Director for the past several years, is always looking to make every year better by working with our deans, helping recruit new deans and co-deans, assisting in reaching out to find quality godly men and women to come along side our deans as faculty to help support each week’s program.

How Can I Get Involved?

Volunteers

One of the biggest needs Christian Harbor has is finding cabin parents for our youth weeks. Cabin parents act as family leaders, and are there to support the campers in the daily activities, and help guide them in their walk with Christ. Cabin parents fill a crucial role for each youth camp week. If you are interested in being a cabin parent, please contact Tim Stone or the corresponding camp dean.

Financial Partners

Through your generous financial support, Christian Harbor Youth Camp is able to run weeks of camp at a fraction of the cost for each individual camper. Through donations, we are also able to complete projects for expansion to keep up with our growing camp! Thank you so much for your financial donations, your impact has made a difference in the lives of the campers at Christian Harbor Youth Camp!

Prayer Partners

Partner with us in prayer for the upcoming camp season! Pray for the campers, the faculty & staff this season. CHYC’s continued ministry operates under God’s grace and your continued prayer support.

Work Weekend

Work Weekend is a prime opportunity to put your skills and talents to work! The weekend is filled with many projects and activities that will prepare the camp for the upcoming camping season. This year’s work weekend is June 7 - 9. We are also looking for groups of people who are interested in special projects. Please contact Maria Stone @christianharbor@gmail.com if you are interested in helping!

Ladies Retreat

Do you want to RELISH God's love? KETCHUP with Jesus and His blessings? Have Faith as small as MUSTARD seeds that you can move mountains? Then join us Aug. 2-4 for Ladies Retreat 2024 - **Condiments of Faith: Seasoned with Prayer.**

We will be learning about and growing our prayer life to become more like Jesus. Because Jesus loves us from our heads to our To-Ma-Toes! Our speaker will be Amy McGinnis from Rochester, MN. Our mission will be CHYC as we continue to improve our facilities.

5 Chicks and a Mother Hen under the wings of Viroqua Church of Christ are busy working on a this faith filled weekend.

Viroqua Church of Christ Ladies, 2024 Coordinators

CHYC Promotions Team

The CHYC Promotions Team would love to connect with you! We coordinate with churches to present about CHYC. If your church is interested in having a presentation, or wants more details, please contact us! We can be reached @promotions@chyconline.org.

CHYC Promotions Team
Danny & Heike O'Day
Kayla Ashley

Over the past 3-4 years, Tim has worked diligently to secure our deans almost a year in advance. I want to thank Tim for this many times “thankless role” in his passion for our camp and serving in the capacity of Program Director for Christian Harbor.

Finally, Kayla Ashley. Kayla has a passion for using her gifts and talents, and a willingness to take on new and sometimes challenging roles. Kayla serves as part of our Promotions Team, specifically in our technology efforts to keep campers, supporters, and churches informed through several media outlets such as our website, Facebook, email blasts, and newsletters. Most recently she has taken on assisting the camp registration process utilizing Planning Center to better facilitate our check-in process, registration, and maintain an accurate, up-to-date database of all our campers and faculty. Thank you Kayla for helping make CHYC relevant 24/7 – 365, and helping us become more efficient in our efforts to fulfil our mission.

These are just a few examples of the passionate people I get to serve with as part of Christian Harbor. There are so many others. All these people, and all of you who prayerfully, financially, and sacrificially support our camp with your gifts, time, talents, and love really make us “Ready” to reach our youth for Christ. “Set” us up for success and prepared to serve and prepare us to reach our youth to “GROW” in Christ. It is an honor to serve in God’s Kingdom with each of you at Christian Harbor Youth Camp!

Remarks from Maria Stone - Camp Manager

Hello Friends of Christian Harbor Youth Camp!

The mission of CHYC is our guide as we prepare for another camping season which will be here very soon!

In preparation for the 2024 camping season, I am working on building the team of individuals who will serve behind the scenes in the many important roles at camp.

We are working on plans and a schedule to refresh the kitchen and dishwashing room. We are very excited to use the new walk-in cooler/freezer unit that was completed after the 2023 camp season. Plans to expand the lodge on the north end continue to evolve as we strive to anticipate growth and space needs in the future!

Camp would not be possible without your continued love and prayers. Please join us in prayer asking God for protection, strength, and wisdom as we continue the mission of Christian Harbor Youth Camp in 2024!

I look forward to seeing you this summer at camp!

Maria Stone, Camp Manager

Guy Challenge

Starting 7pm, Friday (8/9)

Calling All Men, are you ready to **STEP UP** to the challenge? This summer we are excited to announce that Dr. Mark Scott is coming to Christian Harbor Youth Camp to equip us, to spur us, and inspire us to be the men that God is calling us to be.

Dr. Mark Scott is a dynamic and sought-after speaker. Mark has been married to his wife Carla for 51 years and have 4 children, & 14 grandchildren. He is the Lead Minister at Park Plaza Christian Church in Joplin, MO and previously served as Professor of Preaching & New Testament at Ozark Christian College. He's spoken multiple times at several national conference and conventions such as CIY, NACC, & ICOM.

We are grateful to have this event that is exclusively built for men again this year at Christian Harbor. Guy Challenge equips men with practical tools to be courageous followers of Jesus in their everyday life.

We are also excited to be welcoming back Jesse Hamble to lead us in worship this summer. Do not miss what God has in store for you at Guy Challenge 2024!

Register for Guy Challenge today for only \$30* Includes the event and breakfast & lunch on Saturday. All men ages 25 & under are free. Lodging at the camp available with freewill donation. *After July 14 price increases to \$40

To find out more, and to register visit

<https://www.guychallenge.org/>

Family Camp

July 3 (3PM) – July 7 (10AM)

The theme for Family Camp is **“Now What!?”** As we live our Christian lives, we have many opportunities to be excited to see what the Lord has for us next. We wait in eager anticipation to see His hand at work and how He may include us in His good work. There are also times of wonder, uncertainty, exhaustion, and doubt. We contemplate if God is really asking us to do the impossible, messy, or ugly.

Come join us as we discover “What’s next” in our Christian walk as families. Family camp is such an amazing time of connecting families and growing spiritually. There will be age-specific classes the mornings of July 4-6. Chapel will be at 7pm July 4-6 and at 9AM on July 7th.

There are so many opportunities for families to reconnect as individual families as well as reconnect with the Family of God! With the additional room in the cabins, there is more space to accommodate additional families. Register today and I look forward to seeing you at Family Camp in July!

Tim Stone, Family Camp Dean

Testimony from Chet Cooper

“How has CHYC impacted my life? I grew up there in many ways. I was a local boy from the Sheldon/Conrath area. My grandfather, uncle, father and many other relatives worked to help build it. Our church always supported it financially and with projects as well as being deans, staff and volunteers. I went to camp as a youth every year I could. I have been to weddings, receptions, birthday parties, anniversaries and family reunions at camp. I met lifelong friends at CHYC. I met my future wife at camp as well. I may have more fond memories of camp than anywhere else in the world. It is a place that I have shared with my children, and I hope some day with my grandchildren. It has natural beauty and sweet peace that welcomes you and makes it home. It’s campfire songs still play in my mind. Most importantly is a place of God. A place where the spirit calls to the ears of those who enter. I was thankfully raised by a family of faith and attended church my whole life. But camp is where I first called out to Jesus - where I truly felt the power of His love and acceptance. A place where faith was all week long; evident in every activity and shining brightly in men and women who loved their lord and loved all his children. Even the hard ones to love. It is a place where I learned how big the “church” really is and how that faith family is a gift from God. I have witnessed more baptisms and people giving their lives to God at CHYC than any other place. It has been blessed to facilitate some of those. It is truly aptly named. “Christian Harbor.” For it is truly a place of harbor in the storms of life for so many children and adults as well. But not only a place a shelter, but also a place where a multitude of lives have set sail in faith in service to our Lord Jesus Christ. How has CHYC impacted my life? Blessing beyond measure. It has been my Harbor and where I met the captain of my soul.”

Chet Cooper

Testimony from Dale McGinnis

“What does Christian Harbor mean to me? I don’t know exactly what Heaven will be like, but to me Christian Harbor is a lot like Heaven. When I get there, time and dates mean nothing to me. World news, weather, TV and radio don’t seem important when I am there. The joy of being with other brothers and sisters in Christ are high on my list. I mainly go to camp for the children who don’t know about Jesus, and the love Christ has for them and the love Christ has for me. I want to pass that love of Christ to others. It has always been an honor and privilege to be able to teach children about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I also like to hear what the kids have to say about who Jesus is, and how He fits into their lives. I like to be able to teach on the pontoon boat and to see the bald eagles each year. I am grateful that all my children were able to attend camp each year, and got to see my grandchildren attend as well. I am very grateful for the vision the men had 60 years ago to create this camp along this body of water, the place I believe God had chose for His Glory to be revealed. Camp makes me feel like a kid myself and the fun I have there is tremendous. If I have any talents I know my God gave them to me, and He gets all the Glory. When I was working, my vacations were spent each summer at camp. Now that I am retired I get to spend more time at camp. Last summer my wife and I got the opportunity to do some cooking for the camp, another opportunity to praise God and show the Love of God to all. In closing, I would highly recommend getting involved at camp. Thank you for allowing my wife and I to serve God in this way, and with God’s blessings be able to be at camp for many more years.”

Brother in Christ, Dale McGinnis

Last Chance Camp

Last Chance Camp is a great way to reconnect and rekindle your passion for God as we end the camp season and prepare for the school year. We love to see CHYC alum from our high school camp but are now in college or recently graduated come and join us for the weekend. The weekend is relaxed with time to connect, laugh, play, and of course worship and seek God. We are excited to announce that Brad Dewing, our speaker from last year, will be joining us again! See you Labor Day weekend 2024!!!

Jeremy Allard, Last Chance Camp Dean



10th - 12th Grade

Has life ever been too real? So real you are not sure what to do, say, and think? We have good news for you! In the reality of the real life struggles, issues, and challenges there is Jesus. He's real and ready to walk alongside you in your life. Come to high school week to experience and connect to the real Jesus waiting for you. The week will be filled with adventurous fun, real people who desire real relationships, and opportunities to connect to Jesus through worship, quiet reflection, great discussions centered around the truths of your **Real Life with a Real Jesus**. See you in June!!

Jeremy Allard, 10th - 12th Grade Dean



Dear Jesus...

real life with a real Jesus.

Testimonies from Campers

"I've been coming to CHYC for many years and it's always been a highlight of my summer. Each year I've come, I have experienced a time of deep connection with God that challenges me to keep intentionally growing closer to Him outside of camp. I always feel rejuvenated and Spirit lead during my time there which pushes me to go deeper in my relationship with Christ. I'm so grateful for the time I've spent at camp over the years and the opportunities I've taken to volunteer and bless other people with the same experience I was given!"

Hannah Crick

"Camp has provided me with a place where I can feel the peace and presence of God. I've never felt more connected to Him than when I am at CHYC, surrounded by other believers. In addition, camp has provided me with my best friends. Friends who put God first and truly care about you as a person as well. It's full of selfless people who all love Jesus. Christian Harbor Youth Camp has been a miracle for me and for others."

Mitchell McGinnis

"Christian Harbor Youth Camp changed my life. I wasn't raised in a Christian family, and I wasn't taught about Jesus growing up. Camp gave me the knowledge that I needed to live as a Christ-follower and the family to support me in my walk. I've learned so much about how to live as a Christian and so many people I met have made such big impacts in my life. Last summer I was baptized at camp and it was the most amazing thing that's happened in my life. I can't even imagine what my life would be like if I'd never been to CHYC."

TaliAnn Donahue

Highlights from 2023



We'll connect with new and old friends and your spiritual life will be reignited. Camp is a high energy and life transforming experience, where you'll get recharged. We have an amazing faculty to serve at camp this year. We are going to dive deep into God's Word in the mornings and in the afternoon and evenings have a blast with recreation, swimming, and an amazing special activity each night. Also, in chapel we'll worship, laugh, and learn together with Tim Stone being our main speaker.

If you are or have a student entering grades 8th or 9th in the fall of 2024, we invite you to join us July 14th-20th for A.I. Discovering Your Authentic Identity!



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8th & 9th Grade

Highlights from 2023

Who am I? This may be one of the most difficult, profound, and enlightening questions we can ask ourselves. Our identity determines a lot of our life choices, friends we have, activities we participate in, our hobbies, and even the way we walk and talk.

Who do I sit with at lunch? Who should I invite over for the birthday party? Should I hang out with them after school? These are all questions rooted in identity.

This year at Christian Harbor Youth Camp Grades 8th & 9th are going to **Discover our Authentic Identity**. Campers will walk away realizing they are known, loved, and valued by God. We will talk about what it means to be in Christ and how that transforms our everyday life.

The Bible reveals the following:

“O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.” Psalm 139:1

So this summer we are going to discover together what God’s Word says about our authentic identity and we will have a blast doing it!



Kindergarten & 1st Grade

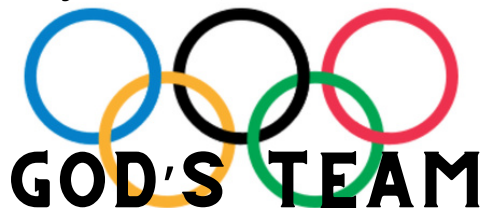
Hey! My name is Blayne, and I'm excited to be the new Dean for Kindergarten and First Grade camp! I grew up in Ladysmith, and attended CHYC as a youth! Five years ago I began volunteering at CHYC as a cabin dad, spending time at camp with my two daughters. Now, I am thrilled to be a Dean! **Noah's Ark** is setting sail on July 31st for all kiddos in Kindergarten and First Grade! If you love games, crafts, snacks, swimming and bible stories, this is the perfect place for you! See you at camp soon!

Blayne Powell, Kindergarten & 1st Grade Dean

2nd & 3rd Grade

Have you ever been part of a team? What did you have to do to be part of that team? How did you feel when you were part of that team? What if I told you that we are all on a team together? Just like other teams we need to practice and work together to be the best that we can be. So, I am encouraging you to join us this summer at 2nd & 3rd grade camp at Christian Harbor to learn the basics we need to be the best team that God wants us to be! Our theme is the **Armor of God**, as we prepare to gear up for God's team! We are also excited to welcome back Chet Cooper as our speaker! We will learn Bible verses, learn to navigate through the Bible, books of the Bible and build our faith with God. We will also have fun with building friendships with others, swimming, games, and camp fire in the evening. Our camp mission will be CHYC! I am excited to see you all there this summer and see what God has planned for all of you!

Sandy Babcock, 2nd & 3rd Grade Dean



4th & 5th Grade

YEEHAW!!! We're roundin' up all rising 4th & 5th graders to have a rip-roarin' good time with Jesus!! What does an armadillo, lizard, horse, cow, and prairie dog have to do with God's plan, power, rescue, provision, and love? Come find out and experience a bit of the cowboy life during 4th & 5th grade camp in the **Wild, Wild West!** The theme this year is **WANTED**, and we are excited to hear from our speaker, Chet Cooper! I can't wait to see you there!

Perry Ashley, 4th & 5th Grade Dean

6th & 7th Grade

Hey everyone! I am Ben Johnson, and I am once again the Dean for 6th and 7th Grade week at Christian Harbor this year. This year's theme is **"Whom Shall I Fear?"** Our speaker for the week will be Paul Roberts from New Life Christian Church. We're going to be looking at Psalm 27 and learning that with God on our side, we have nothing to be afraid of! We have a lot of fun activities planned, and a great staff this year! I can't wait to see you all this Summer, June 23-29!

Ben Johnson, 6th & 7th Grade Dean