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Camp Newsletter

Spring 2025 Camp Update

OVCA preps for another busy camp season with Work Day and Camp Kickoff

With more than 40 acres, multiple buildings, a pool, and many complicated systems (like our dishwasher and septic plant among others) there is ALWAYS work to do at OVCA. Thankfully we have a wonderful group of people from local churches who love serving the camp and have the skills and experience to get things done.

Many of these same people showed up at our spring work day on May 10th with the goal of getting camp ready for the start of the 2025 season. The turnout for work day was the best we've seen in a long time, helping us to knock out a lot of work in just a few short hours. The best part was that no matter where you went that day it was hard to miss all the smiles, as people were serving joyfully. I cannot tell you how thankful I am for the many, many people who volunteer to make camp such a special place.

The great turnout for work day paved the way for another great turnout for Camp Kickoff, just a little over a week later. On Sunday May 18th we welcomed in campers and their families for a day of fun, food, worship, and fellowship.

We had inflatables, train rides, a prayer walk, great food, and an awesome time of worship as the Jr Choir from 5th Street Church of Christ performed while we ate. Once again, we had so many people donate food, help cook, clean, organize, and more, that it's impossible to thank everyone in one newsletter, but please know how much we appreciate you all.

Many people took the opportunity to register their children for camp that day as well. We had almost 60 individual registrations at kickoff alone! Combine what with the registrations we had received prior to kickoff as well as online registrations, and we are pushing 100 students already registered for camp this summer! Praise the Lord! Who do you know that would benefit from spending a week at OVCA this year?

Our camp theme for this summer is "Journey." Make sure to check out our camp t-shirts with the theme logo!



Scenes from around Kickoff!



CAMP DEBT REDUCTION

HELP OVCA REACH OUR GOAL OF BEING DEBT FREE BY THE...



**DEBT FREE BY THE DAY WE
CELEBRATE THE LAND OF THE FREE!**

We started the program to reduce the debt on the renovations to the dorms in April of 2024. At the time, we owed a massive \$124,000. Through the generosity of God's people, that amount now stands at less than \$40,000. With an additional almost \$8,000 received this week, we are down to just above \$30,000! How exciting is that? We aren't done yet. We know it's a big goal, but we serve an even bigger God!

*To make a gift toward the campaign,
you can make your check out to:*

OVCA

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**Please note "Building Fund" in the
memo line of your check. You can also
donate online through Camp PayPal on
our website at ovcacamp.org*



MEET OUR INTERN



Hi my name is Wiley Palmer and I'm a senior at Morgan high school. I am enrolled in the career tech program. I hope to be an electrician one day... well maybe. I attend Tabor Ridge Church of Christ. I enjoy golf, and pickin around on the guitar. I love to search on Craigslist for cars I can't buy, and sending instagram reels to my friends. I also spend a lot of money collecting vinyl records.

I've loved camp ever since I was old enough to attend. I enjoy the fellowship, fun, and Christian friends I've made along the way. Some of my favorite camp memories are of paintballing during senior high week and hiking at Old Man's Cave. My favorite part of a camp day is definitely campfire. I've previously worked several years as junior faculty under Jack and Mary-Lou Rochotte and Kayla Ross. I am looking forward to being this year's OVCA intern, and hope to give back to the camp that has given so much to me!

*Wiley Palmer has accepted a position
to be our OVCA intern this summer. In
addition to helping with the maintenance
and upkeep of the camp, Wiley will be
assisting the Deans in ministering to our
campers. Take a moment to read more
about Wiley...*

Get to know our Camp MISSIONARY

We are really excited to share with you a new element to camp this summer. For the first time we will have a camp missionary living and teaching at camp the whole summer. Take a moment to read more about Noelle and her involvement with Crossroads Missions Mexico.



Hi everyone! I'm Noelle Mash Moreno and I serve with CrossRoads Missions in Piedras Negras, Mexico. I was born and raised in Athens, Ohio. I went to Alexander until I graduated in 2015 then I went on to college at OU and majored in Visual Communication. I was a member of ROC (Reach Out on Campus where Dodger previously served), and had the privilege of serving on many mission trips on a variety of fields with them.

I began interning with CrossRoads while I was in college and later worked for about a year on staff with ROC. After I got married I started working for the Mexico field of CrossRoads. I interned for a year and have been on staff officially for a little over a year. Because we minister in a border town, we spend a lot of time serving and loving refugees in the name of Jesus.

I love traveling, going to the movies, drinking coffee, hanging out with family, and when I'm back home, fishing. I've been married for 3.5 years to the love of my life, José (aka Chepe). We have a beautiful daughter, Camila, who is a little over a year old. My husband works in maintenance at a Christian school and he also has a taco stand that people can rent for special events.

I'm so excited to be back home for the Summer sharing about missions and getting to know the kids at OVCA! I pray that the Lord uses me to encourage them to live missionally in their communities.

We would love for Noelle to be able to connect with your church. Our goal is to have her visit as many of our churches as possible while she is here. She will be here June 4th - July 9th. Please contact Dodger to set up a visit.

Pray for OVCA

- For another season of camp and for all the amazing things that God will bring about in the lives of students this summer!
- For a blessing on our volunteers who so diligently serve the camp and campers
- Praise for a great work day and camp kickoff
- For our camp deans and faculty who sacrifice their time and vacations to serve
- For camp missionary Noelle Mash-Moreno & her family as well as intern Wiley Palmer

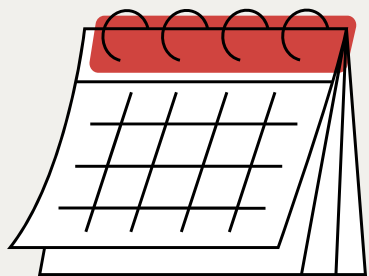
MISSIONS WEEK

A few year's ago a book came out entitled "Sticky Faith." The author, Kara Powell, spent years researching what were the common characteristics among students who remained connected to their faith post high school. Two of the big factors were having opportunities to serve in / with the church, and serving alongside their parents.

With this in mind, we are passionate about giving students and families the opportunity to do both! This summer we will be serving with "Just Help One" a disaster response ministry, in Eastern, TN. The cost for the trip is \$275 and is open to high school / college students and their families. Send your students to serve, or better yet, come and serve with them this summer.



**Because Just Help One is a disaster response ministry, there is a chance that the location of the week may change if there is a need to respond. Please watch our website and social media for updated information.*



2025 Camp DATES

Sr High Camp- June 8-13th
Jr High Camp- June 15-20th
Junior Camp- June 22-27th
First Chance- June 29 & 30th
Day Camp- July 1st
Middler Camp- July 6-11th
Missions Week- July 13-18th

****Make sure to check ovcacamp.org for the full calendar and other information.***



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