

Encouragement from the Director

Dear Parents and Campers:

Camp Occohannock provides an outdoor ministry that is a viable and effective means for fulfilling the ministry and mission of the church. Summer Camp 2011 will provide living experiences in "a place set apart" to explore God's story, to experience the vitality of Christian community, and to grow in Christian faith.

The curriculum entitled, **Got Spirit, Finding God in the Everyday**, is biblically grounded, theologically informed, experientially based, culturally aware, environmentally responsible, developmentally appropriate and inclusive of all persons. The curriculum is developed by the Committee on Outdoor Ministries of the National Council of Churches.

Daily activities and discoveries, will focus on different aspects of the campers spiritual journey. Campers will learn that they can find God in the everyday, in simple ways, with everyday things as ordinary people, and leave camp ready to use their courage and faith to "Find God in the Everyday," as described below:

Discovery 1

Wonder Makes God Real Everyday
Psalm 8

Discovery 2

Gratitude Makes God Real Everyday
Luke 17:11-19

Discovery 3

Hospitality Makes God Real Everyday
Luke 24:13-35

Discovery 4

Generosity Makes God Real Everyday
I Corinthians 12:1-26

Discovery 5

Worship Makes God Real Everyday
Psalms 96 & 100

Discovery 6

Living in Christ's Love Makes God Real Everyday
John 15:1-17

Campers will continue to enjoy traditional age appropriate camp activities listed in each camp description. We look forward to having your camper at OOTB, an Eastern Shore tradition for generations of families!

Summer Staff

Ben Sperlazza and Michael Henry will serve as the Summer Camp Program Coordinators in 2011. Michael is continuing his education towards a Bachelor's degree in music education, and is currently teaching music at Northampton County High School, has been the Percussion Director for two High Schools for four years, and played in a Praise and Worship band for six years. Michael has served as a camp counselor at OOTB for four years and Summer Camp Program Coordinator for three years.

Ben graduated in May 2011 from Longwood University, with a degree in English. Ben has served as a camp counselor at OOTB for three years and this summer will be Ben's first summer as Summer Program Co - Coordinator. We look forward to Ben's ideas and leadership.

Many other returning junior and senior counselors will continue the continuity of our long-standing reputation of safety, Christian Education and FUN.

It is important for you to know that each staff member completed an application, provided four individual personal references including parent/guardian, Minister/Sunday School teacher, employer/teacher and a character reference. In addition, each staff member successfully interviewed, passed a national background check and has been selected by the Leadership Team.

Summer camp staff receive intense and comprehensive training including but not limited to: safety/accident prevention, first aid/emergency procedures, CPR/AED, and methods and content of our educational goals and camp activities.

"Miss Emily" will again prepare meals for our campers, as she has for the past 28 years.

Health Supervisors will be available each week of camp to assist in keeping our campers and staff healthy and safe. As a parent/guardian you are the greatest source of information about your child's health, therefore at registration, we need your assistance in the completion of health forms and the management of medications.

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM

If you have a youth 15 years old, who is an experienced camper, loves camp and wants to learn Christian leadership skills, consider the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program. Each CIT must enlist for at least 4 weeks of summer camp. This is wonderful preparation for a possible future as a paid summer camp counselor. The \$100.00/week fee for CIT's covers their food/food service costs.

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OOTB IN MINISTRY YEAR ROUND

The facilities of Occohannock on the Bay Camp and Retreat Center are available year round for church, scouting, mission teams, community organizations, Weddings, and business retreats. Accommodations include lodging, home cooked meals, worship, recreation and conferencing facilities.

4TH ANNUAL POLAR DUCK DIP

Saturday January 28, 2012, 2:00 pm

Plan to arrive at 1:00 pm for registration and join the other "ducks" to take a dip in the Occohannock Creek at 2:00 pm. A day of fun, camp fire, food, coffee, hot chocolate and more (for purchase). This is a fund raising event to support the ministries of Camp Occohannock. Contact the camp office 757-442-7836 ootbay@verizon.net www.ootbay.org, to register.

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN CAMP

August 14-19, 2011

A camp ministry for children of incarcerated mothers. Campers enjoy full camp activities and conflict resolution training. Volunteer adult mentors (at least 17 years old) provide supervision, companionship, and compassion. Camp staff led activities. This program is sponsored by the Virginia Conference United Methodist Church, contact Casey Torrence at caseytorrence@vaumc.org for an awesome volunteer experience.

VIRGINIA DISTRICT BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE

September 16-18, 2011

Contact Chris Trapp for more info: cbeartrapp@aol.com

E.S. DISTRICT YOUTH RETREAT

October 14-16, 2011

Contact Karen Hatch for more info: bongowania@verizon.net

or

The Eastern Shore District Office: esdsumc@verizon.net

Please visit ootbay.org to see events added to the camp calendar or contact the camp office at 757-442-7836 or ootbay@verizon.net



Got Spirit 2011

OCCOHANNOCK ON THE BAY PROGRAMS



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2011 SUMMER CAMPS

DAY CAMP

Ages 5-6

This program is designed to prepare your younger child for future overnight Christian camping. Day Camp provides children an introduction to the joys of camp through crafts, songs, games, water fun, nature study and more. This camp is held daily, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. Includes lunch, nap, and T-shirt. **Fee: \$160.00**

Day Camp 1	6/20 – 6/24	Day Camp 5	7/18 – 7/22	Day Camp 7	8/1 – 8/5
Day Camp 2	6/27 – 7/1	Day Camp 6	7/25 – 7/29		

MINI-CAMP

Ages 7-9

Mini-Camp is for young campers and offers a safe and comfortable 2-day, 2 night introduction to resident camping. Fun, games, silly songs, water fun, Bible lessons, bedtime stories, crafts, nature study, and special campfire programs make this camp a popular choice. We encourage parents to accompany their camper through registration, making their bunk and meeting their counselors. Mini-Camp is Fun. Includes T-shirt. **Fee: \$190.00**

Mini-Camp 1	6/22 – 6/24	Mini-Camp 5	7/20 – 7/22	Mini-Camp 7	8/3 – 8/5
Mini-Camp 2	6/29 – 7/1	Mini-Camp 6	7/27 – 7/29		

ELEMENTARY CAMP

Ages 9-12

This week is filled with 5 nights and 5 days of adventure. Program activities are by co-ed units of 12 – 14 campers and 4 – 6 counselors. Each unit plans their daily schedule with activities including canoeing, kayaking, swimming, crafts, fishing, group games, skit night, archery, challenge course, and campfire worship. Plus several NEW activities at OOTB. On Wednesday campers experience an on-site overnight cook-out and camp-out in tents. What a great week of camp! Includes T-shirt. **Fee: \$300.00**

Elementary 1	6/19 – 6/24	Elementary 5	7/17 – 7/22
Elementary 2	6/26 – 7/1	Elementary 6	7/24 – 7/29
Elementary 3	7/3 – 7/8		

ELEMENTARY DAY CAMP

Ages 9-12

This week is for the camper that just isn't ready to be away from home at night. 5 days of adventure and activities are by co-ed unit of 12 – 14 campers and 4 – 6 counselors. They will plan their daily activities including canoeing, kayaking, swimming, crafts, fishing, group games, archery, challenge course, and more. Plus several NEW activities at OOTB. What a great week to grow your camper in preparation for overnight Christian camping in the future. This camp is from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Includes lunch and T-shirt. **Fee: \$175.00**

Elementary Day Camp 3	7/4 – 7/8
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ELEMENTARY SPORTS CAMP

Ages 9-12

Sports OOTB style. Softball, soccer, disc golf, volleyball, ultimate frezby, archery and more, Camp Occohannock Style. 5 days infused with learning the basics, improving skills, sportsmanship, and sport rules and regs. All while enjoying traditional camp activities such as canoeing/kayaking, swimming, crafts, fishing, devos, campfire worship, skits, songs, and on-site overnight cook-out and camp-out. What an awesome week of camp! Includes T-shirt. **Fee: \$350.00**

Elementary Sports 6	7/24 – 7/29
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ELEMENTARY BAY ECOLOGY CAMP

Ages 9-12

Nancy Biegel and Sally Richardson, both local school teachers, and Pat Morrison from the Master Naturalist, along with OOTB's awesome counselors, will lead campers through a week of marsh mucking, field trips, and getting wet in the bay discovering life above and below the water line. Canoeing, kayaking, night fishing, devos, skits, songs, camp-out, challenge course, and more. Come ready to stay wet, get muddy, meet new friends, and learn more about God's Creation. Includes T-shirt. **Fee: \$350.00**

Elementary Bay Ecology 5	7/17 – 7/22
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ELEMENTARY MOON CAMP

Ages 9-12

What can be better than staying up all night? The answer is staying up all night at camp for a week and having most of your activities under the light of the moon and stars! This camp is 5 days and nights filled with the nighttime adventures of star gazing, moon hikes, shimmering swimming, moonlight Bible study, fishing by feeling, group games under the canopy of the sky, skit night with flashlights, and so much more! Program activities are designed for co-ed units of 12 campers and 4 to 6 counselors. Insect spray might be a good idea, here on the Eastern Shore. By the end of this week of fun, campers may not know when to wear pajamas or eat breakfast! **Fee: \$350.00**

Elementary Moon Camp 1	6/19 – 6/24	Elementary Moon Camp 7	7/31 – 8/5
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MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

Ages 12-15

This classic resident camp has a perfect mix of wild adventure and faith development activities to make it an unforgettable week. Small group Christian living is the focus for each co-ed unit of 12 – 14 campers and 4 – 6 counselors with more adventurous program activities and camp skills including: sailing, kayaking, challenge course, devos, biking, overnight off-site camp-out, and canoe trip, just to list a few. OOTB now has a 30 foot rock climbing wall, don't miss this summer. Includes T-shirt. **Fee: \$350.00**

Middle School 1	6/19 – 6/24	Middle School 3	7/3 – 7/8
Middle School 2	6/26 – 7/1		



MIDDLE SCHOOL 12 DAY MISSION CAMP

Ages 12-15

Combine 5 days of traditional camp life, all of your favorite activities including kayaking, sailing, canoeing, fishing, Chance Beach off-site camp-out, challenge course, devos, skim boarding, 30 foot rock climbing wall, and more, along with 5 days of community service, helping those in need, plus a trip to Ocean Breeze Water Park, in between. Includes T-shirt. **Limit 12 campers. Registration deadline: July 14, 2011 Fee: \$635.00**

Middle School 12 Day Mission Camp	6/7 – 7/24 – 8/5
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MIDDLE SCHOOL COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BOATING SKILLS CAMP

Ages 12-16

Ron West, Coast Guard Auxiliary Training Officer for Sector Hampton Roads, and Eastern Shore Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla # 12-02 members will lead campers through boat handling, regulations, communications, knot tying, basic charting, aids to navigation, and more. Upon completion of camp week, campers will receive a "About Boating Safely Certificate" (required in Virginia) from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, to operate a boat and PWC (jet ski). **Fee: \$350.00**

Middle School Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Safety Camp 2	6/26 – 7/1
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MIDDLE SCHOOL KAYAKING CAMP

Ages 12-16

Dave Burden and crew of Southeast Expeditions, along with OOTB's awesome counselors, will lead 12 to 14 campers and 4 to 6 counselors. 5 days and nights of learning the basics of kayaking, exploring the coast line, creeks, guts, and more. The group will spend 3 days and nights kayaking and tent camping along their journey. They will prepare their own meals, and practice no impact camping (leaving no trace that they were even there). They will experience all of the traditional camp activities as well, challenge course, skits, devos, songs, worship, fishing, swimming, and more. Don't miss this awesome camp session. Includes T-shirt. **Registration deadline: July 7, 2011 Fee: \$445.00**

Middle School Kayaking Camp 5	7/17 – 7/22
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MIDDLE SCHOOL BAY TO MOUNTAINS TREK



Ages 12-16

The adventure of a lifetime. Begin at Camp Occohannock with the challenge course and traditional group building camp activities on Monday. Tuesday morning depart for Camp Bethel our partner camp near Roanoke Va. Arrive Tuesday evening to sleep in a screened in shelter, on mattresses. Wednesday night camp out in Camp Bethel's Home in the Woods, building your own shelter, and cooking your own meals. Meanwhile enjoying Camp Bethel's swimming pool, mountain hiking to the Appalachian Trail, Dining Hall meals and their High Ropes Course, including the Jacob's Walk, Cat Walk, Postman's Walk, High Wild Woozy, and Zip Line, all 30 plus feet in the air. Thursday evening join Camp Bethel's campers and staff for Skit Night, Campfire, and Worship Camp Bethel style. Friday morning after a delicious breakfast return to Camp Occohannock, arriving back at camp approximately 5:00 pm. This trek is suitable for beginners and experienced campers.

Limit 12 campers Registration deadline: July 1, 2011 Fee: \$450.00

Middle School Bay to Mountains Trek 4	7/10 – 7/15
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MIDDLE SCHOOL BAY ECOLOGY CAMP

Ages 12-15

Instructors from the Eastern Shore's own Master Naturalist, along with OOTB's awesome counselors, will lead campers through a week of marsh mucking, field trips, and getting wet in the bay discovering life above and below the water line. Canoeing, kayaking, night fishing, devos, skits, songs, camp-out, challenge course, and more. Come ready to stay wet, get muddy, meet new friends, and learn more about God's Creation. Includes T-shirt. **Fee: \$350.00**

Middle School Bay Ecology 3	7/3 – 7/8
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MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS CAMP



Ages 12-15

Mike Brown and MaryBeth Brenner, coaches of a local, award-winning FIRST Lego League Team, and student mentors from a local high school robotics team, will lead campers through the design, construction, and programming of Lego Mindstorms robots. Campers will be challenged to solve obstacle-course like challenges through age-appropriate robotics technology, culminating in a competition between teams of campers at the end of the week. In addition, they will learn the FIRST values of problem solving, team work, and gracious professionalism. The finished robots will be on display for parents to view on Friday night. Campers will also experience all of the traditional camp activities including challenge course, skits, devos, songs, worship, fishing, swimming, camping, 30' Rock Wall, and more. Don't miss this new camp session! Includes T-shirt. **Fee: \$350.00**

Middle School Robotics 7	7/31 – 8/5
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