



The Bay News

2nd Edition

A place where All are **Welcome** Faith is Strengthened Lives are **Changed**

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 - May 22 Spiritual Guide
(Camp Volunteer training)
 - May 26 Women's Emaus
 - June 10 Staff Training Begins
 - June 17 Camp Begins

The Essential Ingredient



I once heard a new director share about what it would take to build a brighter future for the ministry. His speech focused on improved facilities, quality staff, and strong leadership. To be honest, I was disappointed because while all those things are important he missed one vital component to a thriving energy-expanding ministry: God's movement through the Holy Spirit!

Camp is the place where I first met Jesus. I grew up as a Pastor's kid of two fully ordained United Methodist Pastors, but I never really had an encounter with Jesus until I came to camp.

Camp was so fun. I made so many friends, and I just wished I could forever live there (irony right). But camp was more than that. It was a place of belonging acceptance, love, and it was saturated with the Holy Spirit. Anything could happen at camp! Camp was the place where God actually spoke to me, and directed my life into a life of ministry. If Camp Occhohannock is going to fulfill its mission of a place of welcome, faith, and lives changed it can't depend on the look of its buildings, its staff, or even its leadership. The Camp Family (leadership and supporters) must recognize their need for God! It's God that will make all things happen. It's God that

will provide the necessary resources for us to accomplish the great mission before us. It's God that is the difference maker and the one who can change all things. The scripture tells us by his very word that he spoke all things into existence. It's God who changed the world with a few disciples. He is the author and perfecter of our faith!

If God wants us to be successful—it will happen! It will happen! But God doesn't do this work alone, God chose to work with and through people to accomplish the miraculous. Facilities, Leadership and Staff cannot accomplish the mission without the help of God. He desires for us to cooperate with his Spirit, and when that happens things happen. I want to invite you into God's glorious future at Camp Occhohannock. God is already at work, and He and His Spirit are the essential ingredient to the transformation that is occurring!

In Christ's Name,
Joel



Staff Spot Light—Cameron Mears



My time at camp has meant the world to me. From growing up as a camper to becoming a counselor, camp had many blessings to provide. From Mama Grace's cinnamon buns and hugs to Vespers on Tuesday nights, Occohannock really had it all. I met some of my best friends at camp and I had the perfect opportunity to fulfill God's duty - be a fisher of men by spreading the word. I was given the chance to not only lead young people through their week, but also their own spiritual journey. I will

always cherish my times at OOTB because those were some of the best times of my life. I am going to miss waking up in the morning and gazing over the beauty of the bay serving as the background to the cross. So, as I'm sitting here in my dorm room inside the city of Columbia, South Carolina, I would like to conclude with the words of my friend John Denver: "take me home, country roads".

Counselor-in-Training Opportunity



If you are still in High School we do have a "Counselor-In-Training" program that will allow you to develop your leadership skills and is a great stepping stone to becoming a counselor!

You will need to be 15 before Staff Training Begins.

Book Your Date Today

Rev. Joel Coleman would love to come to your congregation or organization and share about the ministry of **Camp Occohannock!** Whether it's Sunday School, a Youth Meeting, Adult Groups or message at a **Worship Gathering**

Contact the office for more info. 757-442-7836



Looking for college-aged staff who are passionate about sharing their faith and working with **children and youth**.

Staff Training -

Monday June 10-June 17

Employment June 10—August 4

Salary, Room & Board, Trainings, Experience

Information about positions located on the **employment tab** of our website .

Apply online today!

<https://www.ootbay.org/employment-form/>

Now Hiring For Summer



Beat the Game



<https://www.ootbay.org/e-s-youth-retreat/>

MARCH 25-27
PARTICIPANTS = 87 YOUTH
& 35 ADULTS.

Camp Spiritual Guides & Training

We will be having a training for all our volunteers for summer camp. Each week we look for someone who will come and provide messages at our evening worship experiences. We have curriculum and message starters to share so that it connects with the theme that we are sharing at Summer Camp. If you are interested in becoming a Spiritual Guide for a week of camp, please contact Camp Director Joel Coleman at 973-224-4672. A training will be held on May 22 with both in person and zoom options.



DISCOUNT DEADLINE
APRIL 15

Become A Camp Ambassador!

We are looking for volunteers to help share summer camp information with their congregations. The goal is to have one Camp Ambassador for each congregation in the Eastern Shore District. Camp Ambassadors help organize annual camp Sundays in their congregation for the purpose of promoting our life-changing summer camp ministry. Information, materials, and video resources will be provided by the camp. If you are interested in being a camp ambassador and want more information please contact the camp office.

<https://www.ootbay.org/ambassador-training/>

Register: <https://www.ootbay.org/volunteers/>



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\$26,177.44



Exciting Things Happening

Spring Volunteer Work Day



Register:

<https://www.ootbay.org/spring-work-day-2022/>



New Sweat Shirts &

7-Shirts Fundraiser



Preorders Available—

bit.ly/CampStoreOrder

Cabin Upgrades Coming

Fence Erect 50% Complete

Upcoming Trainings

Media Upgrade in Worship Center

Summer Campers Signing Up Early

New Parking Area

Floating Docks Ready to Install

Hydro Drone Programs coming soon



Amazon Wish

<https://bit.ly/OOTBWishlist>

The camp is making improvements and updates as it looks into the future. Check back regularly as the Amazon Wish will continue to be updated. For more information contact campootb@gmail.com



Summer Camp



New Self

Colossians 3:10

God transforms lives! A life transformed by God brings about dramatic change! This year at camp we want you to experience God's power and discover a *New Self* in the Kingdom of God!

The theme of claiming a new identity in faith is a major one throughout the Bible. In reading the scriptures, we discover individuals whose lives are dramatically changed.

Perhaps one of the most powerful examples of transformation is found with the life of the Apostle Paul. Paul experiences one of the most profound conversions in history when he is met by Jesus on the road to Damascus. This encounter completely alters his life, and gives him a *New Self* and even a new name. Paul's story demonstrates that God can transform anyone's life no matter their past. This summer discover what it means to let go of our old self and put on *the New Self*!

Check Out Full Descriptions & Listings: <https://www.ootbay.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Summer-Camp-Brochure.pdf>

June 17 - June 24	June 26 - July 1	July 3 - July 8	July 10 - July 15	July 17 - July 22	July 24 - July 29	July 31 - August 5
Guardian Angel Camp Ages 4-7 (June 17 - June 18)	Young Explorers (1st-3rd Grade) Ages 6-8 (June 26 - June 28)	Young Explorers (1st-3rd Grade) Ages 6-8 (July 5- July 8)	Bay to Bethel Camp (6th-9th Grade) Ages 11-14	Young Explorers (1st-3rd Grade) Ages 6-8 (July 17 - July 19)	Appalachian Trail Camp (8th - 12th Grade) Ages 13-17	Young Explorers (1st-3rd Grade) Ages 6-8 (July 31 - August 2)
Young Explorers (1st-3rd Grade) Ages 6-8 (June 19 - June 21)	Adventure Seekers (3rd - 5th Grade) Ages 8-10	Up All Night Camp (3rd - 8th Grade) Ages 8-13		Adventure Seekers (3rd - 5th Grade) Ages 8-10		Adventure Seekers (3rd - 5th Grade) Ages 8-10
Adventure Seekers (3rd - 5th Grade) Ages 8-10	Horse Camp (6th - 8th Grade) Ages 11-13			Extreme Campers (6th-8th Grade) Ages 11-13		Extreme Campers (6th-8th Grade) Ages 11-13
Extreme Campers (6th-8th Grade) Ages 11-13	Extreme Campers (6th-8th Grade) Ages 11-13			Thrill Seekers (9th- 11th Grade) Ages 14-16		Thrill Seekers (9th- 11th Grade) Ages 14-16
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Day Camp Monday - Friday Ages 4-9	Day Camp Monday - Friday Ages 4-9	Day Camp Monday - Friday Ages 4-9	Day Camp Monday - Friday Ages 4-9	Day Camp Monday - Friday Ages 4-9	Day Camp Monday - Friday Ages 4-9	Day Camp Monday - Friday Ages 4-9



Camp Discounts

- Sibling Saver Discount:** Pay full price for the first 'child' and get \$20 off additional children registrations.
- Early Registration Discount:** Save \$30 by registering early (Between Dec. 15-April 15th)
- Bring a Friend:** Bring a new friend who is new to Camp OOTB and get \$20 off your registration.



Angel Tree Scholarship

Did you know that Camp Occohannock works with Angel Tree. Angel Tree provides 100% scholarship for any child that has a loved one in their home who is incarcerated.

If you qualify for this opportunity. The application for camp can be completed here:

<https://www.ootbay.org/angel-tree-online-registration/>