



Welcome to "The Occohannock Current"! This 'updated format' of news from Camp Occohannock has been well received and we hope to continue to be a little blessing in your inbox! Thanks for being a part of the "Camp Family".



FALL WORK DAY
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
 8 A.M. - 3 P.M. (LUNCH PROVIDED) *Please RSVP so we can prepare adequately!

As our busy season winds down, help us with repairs, projects and quieting the camp for winter!

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Fall Work Day - We Need Your Help

Join us on Saturday, November 7 for our Fall Work Day! As our retreat season winds down in November, we would cherish the helping hands to help camp prepare for winter. We have a variety of jobs from cleaning to light construction as we keep Camp OOTB beautiful!



Amazing Youth Retreat

What a weekend for our Middle School Youth Retreat! We had 52 Middle Schoolers and 21 youth leaders at camp. We talked about how God wants the Real You over a 'perfect' or even 'fake' version! We read scripture, we talked about God and his calling on each of us and we also packed in games, fun, delicious food, and worship! We had a wonderful time and were thankful we could spend the weekend with these pre-teens and teens!

Paula is preparing a light grab and go breakfast AND a lunch! We're just asking for you to sign up, so we are prepared with jobs, tools, and food too!

Hope to see you at camp!

Saturday, November 7 from 8a.m. - 3p.m.

Sign Up Today



Guess What Is Coming?

It's hard to believe we're already planning for Summer 2027, but we are! Niki has been planning our summer schedule, along with coordinating all the special things for Summer 2027! We cannot wait to share our schedule with you this month. Be on the look out on our Social Media and website as we launch those!

We are going to be launching our registration on November 1! We will have an Early Bird Discount along with our payment plan so that you can pay camp in low increments before summer! It was a tremendous help for those that used that this year to start in November!

We will be sharing about hiring for Summer 2027 this month as well!

Our speaker was Oso! Oso was a counselor here in 2024 and has since been a part of being a Camp Minister for camp. He brings real world experience with a strong faith!

Please join us in keeping these youth in our prayers that they continue to seek God. These youth had the choice to do almost anything with their busy lives and chose to spend the weekend at camp learning about God and growing in their faith! Praise God for them and their choice to grow in faith!



Fall Homeschool Day

Homeschool Families - join us on **Wednesday, October 28** from **10a.m. - 2p.m.** for our Fall Homeschool Day!

We'll have field games, jumping pillow and playground, Gaga Ball, 9-Square, crafts and other fun activities at camp to just play and have fun with!

Camp will provide homemade sloppy joes and beverages, we are asking if families are able, to bring a side dish to share. There is no cost for the day, but we will take a 'free will donation' to offset the use of camp.

We're asking families to sign up by 10/23 so we are prepared for you!

Sign up Here!

Save The Dates:

October 28 (10a.m. - 2p.m.) - Homeschool Day at Camp

November 7 (8a.m. - 3p.m.) - Fall Work Day

January 16, 2027 - Polar Duck Dip Annual Fundraiser & Duck Dash 5K

March 19-21 - High School Youth Retreat

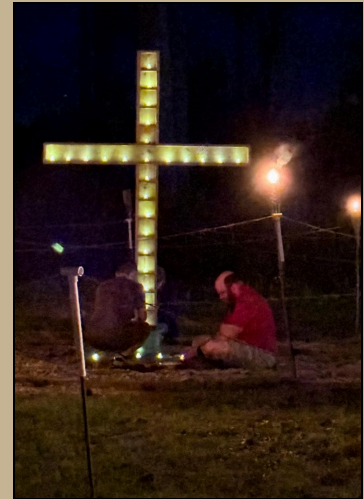


CAMPFIRE STORIES

Chats around the Campfire

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Each week, our Residential Campers participated in a worship service that asked them to dive deeper into their personal relationship with Jesus. They were asked to think about the sin that gets in the way of being in perfect relationship. We had the honor to watch them self-reflect and then respond, and it was so powerful! This summer we witnessed campers 'dump the sand' that represented the sins they were carrying at the cross, to give it all to God. This wasn't a forced activity, but it was an opportunity they could participate in as they felt led. We had some powerful notes and messages about those worship times and here are few quotes about their experience:



"After worship I could feel God physically lifting the weight off of me" ~Middle School Camper

"I actually felt free, for the first time!" ~Middle School Camper

"I let go of my anger and resentment and felt like I can follow God closer." ~High School Camper

During Summer Staff Training, we teach our counselors that the activities we offer are fun, but they aren't the 'point' of what we do. The activities are just a means to allow campers a safe space to grow closer to God in whatever ways that means to them. We won't ever force a camper to believe, we just simply offer the space and opportunity for God to work in each of them!

What a blessing to be a part of transforming lives! We don't take this mission lightly here!





BEHIND THE SCENES

Peek at life at Camp OOTB

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Camp's 'Off Season' isn't so Quiet!



Visit our Website

Inquire about your event

During May - August the camp is bustling with campers, activities, laughter and joy. Most people think that after Summer Camp is over the camp is empty! But we're not!

Camp has seen some great events so far from a Family Reunion, a Quinceañera, a Wedding, College Group Retreat, Emmaus Retreats, School Trips and more!

We love having groups come to experience camp! Whether they want a respite from the hustle and bustle or maybe they want a gathering, party or event - the camp has many options for your group!

If you are interested in having any events here at the camp, we have an easy way to get more information.



FAITH ON THE WATER

Keeping us
Connected to God

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I am always impressed by the drastic changes that occur at camp between seasons. Moving from the excitement and sounds of summer camp to a calmer season heading into the fall. I love walking the cabin trail path both when cabins are full with campers and bursting with life, as well as, when quiet returns and the sounds of nature take over. Those quiet time help me draw from the well and receive a much-needed time of rest and renewal.

Another drastic change happens when the quiet of winter slips away into beautiful spring flowers and the return of green to branches. I feel the anticipation of new life and a new season of possibilities. Serving camp ministries for the last decade has allowed me to experience those familiar cycles with a familiarity, but when I keep my eyes open I discover something I have never seen before.

In the Bible, Jesus Christ is described as the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). In one way I can see the results of an unchanging God through his ever-enduring character of many attributes like his love and forgiveness.

He isn't going to change, there is a predictability of who he is because his character is grounded, and his faithfulness will never end. In fact, God offers stability in a world that continues to change.

However, I also have come to fall in love with a God who changes. I sense regularly, through living in an outdoor classroom, the blessings of this quality about God like Jesse's root thriving out of a dead and forgotten stump. I get what I just said probably isn't a popular sentiment but let me explain my thought process. For me, God is not frozen or sterile. He has to be dynamic, moving and even ever-changing. I like the description of the Holy Trinity as a dance happening between three persons Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This beautiful example reminds me that relationship exists within God's self and the ongoing movement of God and the Holy Spirit. For me, I find great similarities between our God and the on-going life changes that occur both inside us and outside us.

It has been argued that God can't change because he is perfect. In many ways I would agree with that statement. If God changes then He must be less than what He was before the change. Continuing the logic, for God to change from what is perfect would suggest that either he wasn't perfect or he needed to change in order to become perfect. This is a solid argument and there is biblical support for this as well.

But what if God could be perfect and changing simultaneously? What has caught my attention more and more is the indescribable ever-changing aliveness of God! What if God can be relational and is affected by suffering and this actually demonstrates how great and perfect He truly is?

~Pastor Joel Coleman

FROM THE KITCHEN

What's Cookin' at Camp OOTB



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Greetings From The Kitchen..... We're Introducing A New Fall Breakfast Option and we are excited to share it with you!



Occohannock Cheesy Loaded Potato

DOUBLE-BAKED, BACON, EGG, AND
CHEESE STUFFED POTATO!

We start with a baked potato minus the potato filling, add bacon, cheese, mashed potatoes, and finally a fresh egg over the top. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until egg whites are set and the egg is over easy. Enjoy!



Camp's Wishlist



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