

April, 2025
Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Newsletter
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More information on Disaster Ministry and Camp Sugarwood including complete schedules, registration forms, etc can be found on the district website: www.sodcob.org.

Camp Sugarwood Updates

It's time to register for Camp!

Find the registration form online at sodcob.org. To hear more about camp this summer watch the promo video on Youtube. Search for [campsugarwood2025](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

June 6-8 Winning Character Camp: a time to enjoy games and fellowship for youth and mentors, not just drawing up characters who win at tabletop games, but winning for ourselves the virtues of Christian character as we grow as disciples of Jesus. (completed 7th grade through 12 grade and Adult Mentors) [Click here](#) for letters from the camp dean.

June 8-14 Trailblazers (formerly Senior Creative Arts Camp): traditional camp full of swimming, group games, Bible study, worship, workshops, and service projects. For those who have completed 7th grade through 12th grade. **Register by April 15 for Early Bird price of \$300.**

June 8-14 Pathfinders (formerly Junior Creative Arts Camp): traditional camp full of swimming, group games, Bible study, worship, workshops, and service projects. For those who have completed 3rd grade through 6th grade. **Register by April 15 for Early Bird price of \$300.**

June 8-10 Exploration Crew (formerly Junior Discovery Camp): for those who have completed 2nd grade through 4th grade to get a taste of camp. Enjoy all that the traditional camp week offers in a shorter time.

June 16-19 Sewing and Crafting Day Camp for those who have completed 6th grade through Adults. This is a time of working on your own projects or learning how to make new projects from our leaders as well as having plenty of time for fellowship and Bible study.

June 20-21 Buddy Camp (formerly Adult Child Camp) A first taste of camp experience for those 3yrs-7yrs with an adult buddy (parent, grandparent, etc).

June 22 District Picnic This will be held at **Cricket Holler**. 4:00 Games 5:30 Free Meal 6:30 Vespers. This will be a time of fellowship and enjoyment of the campgrounds. Please RSVP to Carrie at cdrees23@gmail.com.

June 23-25 Adult Vacation Bible School A day camp for all adults. Come enjoy fellowship, Bible study, crafts, and other activities. 9am-3pm each day.

June 25-28 Woodworking Camp A new camp to learn woodworking skills, safe tool use, Bible study, and fellowship. Grow in faith while growing woodworking skills. Two projects will be completed. This camp is for those who have completed 7th through 12th grades.

August 5-8 Pieceful Quilt Camp at **Maria Stein Retreat Center**, bring your quilting projects to work on and enjoy times of fellowship, games, Bible study, and learning or relearning new techniques.

Camp Volunteers are the Heart of Camp!

Many hands and hearts are needed to make the summer camps successful. If you would like to



volunteer please contact Carrie Drees at cdrees23@gmail.com, 937-564-7346 or Charlene Foster at charbyclark@aol.com, 937-572-2882.

Volunteers are needed in various areas. Here are some of the volunteers needed:

Kitchen Helpers help prepare breakfast, lunch, and supper for campers. Breakfast prep starts at 7am, lunch prep at 10am, and supper prep at 4:00 (times may be adjusted depending on the menu). Kitchen helpers also wash dishes after each meal.

Counselors get to hang out with the campers all day and all night. Counselors are needed for Trailblazers, Pathfinders, Exploration Crew the week of June 8-14 and Woodworking Camp June 25-28.

Mentors for Winning Character Camp: Check out this letter ([link](#)) from the camp dean Caleb Kragt.

Camp-set up helpers on June 4 starting at 9am until finished.

Vespers Leaders to lead a short vespers service in the evenings.

Workshop leaders for Trailblazers and Pathfinders Camps and Adult Vacation Bible School, this can be any skill like making bread, crochet, financial literacy, juggling, water bottle rockets. If you enjoy it, the campers will too! Lead the campers in 45 minute workshops teaching them various crafts and activities. Some that we have had recently were: woodworking/making stilts, card making, origami, learning to crochet, making and launching bottle rockets, cake decorating. The sky's the limit for creative workshops.

Other areas you could participate in are leading songs or telling stories at a campfire. Perhaps lead a drumming circle or teach the campers a special way to pray. **If you have an idea to share, I'd love to hear it!**

Camp Sugarwood Scholarships Sought

Have a heart for the camping ministry, for children, and teens but cannot volunteer? Would you be able to support our camping ministry by contributing to scholarships needed for many of our campers?

About ten to twelve campers each year need your help to experience the life-changing impact of our summer camps and Winter Blast. While some churches offer partial scholarships, many families cannot afford the remaining cost. Your donation will directly support these children, providing them with opportunities for spiritual growth, personal development, and unforgettable memories. Please donate today at sodcob.org or mail your gift to SOKD CoB Camping and Retreat Ministries PO Box 785 Greenville, OH 45331. Thank you for your generosity!

Camp Sugarwood Wishlist

There are several items that Camp Sugarwood would like to have to make it easier for preparing meals in the kitchen as well as a few items for workshops and activities for the camps. If you would like to help us with these purchases, the items are listed here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17UUZ989BSJ4D?ref=wl_share

Thank You to all who have already made purchases from the Wishlist! We greatly appreciate your generosity.

CIT (Counselor in Training) Sessions

Camping and Retreat will be hosting two Counselor in Training sessions. These sessions are for those 16 years old and up who are interested in learning to be a camp counselor with the possibility of counseling for Buddy Camp and Adult Vacation Bible School. The dates will be May 4 and May 17. More info will be available soon. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Carrie Drees at cdrees23@gmail.com or text 937-564-7346

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Intergenerational BDM Trip – Don't miss out on the July 20-26 Intergenerational BDM Trip to Letcher County, KY. It's an opportunity for grandparents/parents/youth (15 yrs. +) to serve together. Youth who are 14 years old, must come with a parent. (Adults and youth 15 yrs. or older may come without



another family member.) We'll work together rebuilding homes for disaster survivors. In the evenings there will be fellowship and group activities. [Click here](#) for the two-page flyer with additional information. Sign up now! Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475, SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities – Volunteers are needed for rebuilding trips to Letcher County, KY. Names can be added to the waiting list for May 4-10. Join the July 20-26 Intergenerational Crew. The fall trips have openings for many volunteers. The work is flood recovery, which includes working on damaged homes and new builds. Here's a link to a video about the site. <https://youtu.be/gmKy5PDf4PE>. Transportation, housing, food, and tools are provided. Call/text Helen Wolf at 937-902-3475 or SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com to join a crew. [Click Here](#) for a flyer with all the 2025 trip dates.

Sewing Bee/CWS Prep – Come to sew school bags or to prepare items for Church World Service (CWS) kits. The next sewing bee is on Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 AM at Greenville COB. Sewers need to bring their sewing machine. All are invited to bring a sack lunch. [Click here](#) for a flyer with the 2025 schedule.

Fabric Needed - Do you have fabric that could be donated for making school bags? We need fabric that is heavier than plain cotton, such as denim, duck cloth, corduroy, etc. Bring it to the sewing bee! If that doesn't work for you, contact Helen Wolf 937-902-3475, SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com. We'll work out a plan for getting the fabric.

Save the Date! **A Brethren Heritage Center Event**

When – the date: Saturday May 3, 2025

What: Flying to Greater Heights

Hear Vince Lewis tell events from his life story that led him to change from a military career to become a nonresistant Brethren

Where: Brookville Grace church building and Brethren Heritage Center

When – the times 9:00 – 11:30 at Brookville Grace

What – two formal presentations

When – the times 1:00 – 3:30 at the Brethren Heritage Center

What – informal conversations with Vince, Charlette, and friends

Details about topics Vince will discuss are coming in a Press Release soon.

Prayer Needs

A very important way we can be supportive of each other is to lift each other up in prayer. The 2025 Prayer List for Congregations is available on the district website.

May we remember those congregations in pastoral transition -

- ◆ **New Carlisle**--Tara Hornbacker, Interim.
- ◆ **Prince of Peace**--John Sgro, Interim.
- ◆ **Donnels Creek**--
- ◆ **Pleasant Hill**—
- ◆ **Eversole** — Brent Driver, Interim
- ◆ **Good Shepherd** -- Dennis Delk, Interim
- ◆ **Circleville**--open position

- There are many issues and situations continuing to face us as we minister in our respective locations, including those who are serving in interim situations and others who are in discernment regarding placement or are considering a move. There are others facing health issues, please keep these situations in prayer. Please contact Nick if you know of prayer situations of which we should be aware. May we lift each other in prayer as we work to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together.



