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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.

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.

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.

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 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:

Greatest Need: Two male counselors are needed for the week of June 8-14, 1 for Pathfinders (grades 3-6) and 1 for Trailblazers (grades 7-12). Counselors get to hang out with the campers all day and all night, lead morning watch/vespers, and perhaps a workshop or other activities as needed. For questions or to volunteer, contact Carrie Drees cdrees23@gmail.com, 937-564-7346 or Charlene Foster charbyclark@aol.com, 937-572-2882.

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

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.

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

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.

Plan to Attend the District Picnic

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 by June 19 to Carrie at cdrees23@gmail.com.

Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates

Short Term Rebuild Site in Western NC – Sign up for Hurricane Helene recovery in Spruce Pine, NC. This site is open for two weeks, May 11-17 and 18 - 24. To register, contact Kim Gingrich at the BDM office by May 1. [Click Here](#) for a poster with additional information. Please let Helen Wolf know when you sign up for this trip. If more than one person is going from our area, we may be able to coordinate transportation.

Intergenerational BDM Trip – Don't miss out on the July 20-26 Intergenerational BDM Trip to Letcher County, KY. It's for adults and youth. It's also an opportunity for grandparents/parents/youth (15 yrs. +) to serve together. Youth who are 14 years old, must come with a parent. 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

Sewing Bee – On Saturday, May 24 at 9:00 AM, there will a Sewing Bee at Eaton Community Church. Sewers are invited to come to make school bags for Church World Service (CWS) kits. Bring your sewing machine and a sack lunch. We will not be prepping CWS kit items until we purchase school supplies with the back-to-school sales. [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 fabric to the upcoming 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. Thank you!

CWS Cleanup Buckets – With all the flooding in recent months, CWS cleanup buckets are in demand. In April S. Ohio/KY BDM assembled 240 buckets from donations that were given following Hurricane Helene. These buckets were shipped to Memphis, TN, rather than to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD. This positions the cleanup buckets closer to the point of need, where they are being distributed by Catholic Charities to flood survivors. Thank you to all who made monetary donations and helped with the assembly. Church World Service greatly appreciates our help!



Save the Dates:

Ice Cream Social – Sat., August 2, Happy Corner COB

Golf Scramble – Sat., August 16, Beechwood Golf Course

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.

