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Experience
the Wonder
of God
Psalms 77:14



Please Pray

- Continued prayer for our Mission 4:12 building project and our need for the remaining funds.
- Pray that God would prepare the hearts of the campers who will attend this summer.
- Pray for those who will be busy working in the new cabins to get them ready. Pray for their safety.
- Praise God for the upcoming opportunities we will have to ministry to groups with the new cabins.

Introducing Corey

“Hello! I have been part of Woodcrest since 2022 and have served as a Counselor, Director, Camp Assistant, and now Hospitality Coordinator on the year-round staff. This upcoming summer will be my 11th year taking part in camp ministry, while going on my 5th year at Woodcrest. I have my degree from Ashland Theological Seminary and a published book called *No Loopholes: How to Combat the Justification of Sin*. One of my favorite verses is James 1:12. Whether counselor or camper, we all have a unique story. Together, we grow and lift each other up as we grow more like Christ each and every day.”



School of Wonder Semester

We have a great semester of exciting homeschool classes scheduled for this spring. Classes on physics, sewing, games, creative writing and crafts are being offered.

The School of Wonder is the educational arm of Woodcrest Retreat providing quality, outdoor education. In addition to homeschool programs, we provide field trips for homeschool co-ops, private, and public schools. This spring we are have classes on dissection, rocketry, outdoor cooking, a birding class, plus a volunteer day and waterslide fun day. Learn more online.

www.woodcrestretreat.org/education

While reading through the Bible two years ago, God kept on revealing to me His propensity of using insignificant things and people to accomplish amazing acts of faith. Once I started looking for it, I saw it everywhere. From God choosing Israel as the smallest of nations (Deuteronomy 7:7) to a boy sharing an insignificant lunch to feed over 5,000 people (Matthew 14:13-21). God uses the insignificant.

What makes the difference is that the unimportant person or small object is dedicated to God. That is holy insignificance. It is when something that the world may consider insignificant is set apart for God and He uses it for something big.

Our theme for this year at Woodcrest is unpacking this concept of holy insignificance.



Whether it is God using a high school student to lead a child to Christ at camp or a small gift donated to support the ministry, God takes those people, moments, and gifts and He makes them significant.

There is an old camp song that starts, “It only takes a spark to get a fire going and soon all those around are warmed up in its glowing. That’s how it is with God’s love once you experience it...”

This year’s banquet celebrates the small things that in the hands of God become significant. Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship and fun as we celebrate the big things God is doing at Woodcrest. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, April 14th**. If weather is good, we will offer tours of the new cabins prior to dinner. Festivities start at 6:00 with some small appetizers. Dinner is at 6:30 with a program to follow. Reservations can be made by calling the camp office or visiting our events page by scanning the code.

2026 Events

Truth Summit (for teens) – February 20-22

Senior Citizen’s Day – March 26

Celebration Banquet – April 14

Ministry Conference – April 23

Laughter & S’mores – May 2

Golf Tournament – May 14th

Woodcrest Prayer Walk – May 19

Summer Camps – June 15- August 7 (8 weeks)

Alumni Night – August 29

Fall Family Fun Fest – Oct. 3



Scan for banquet details and registration link

Senior Fun Day

When the days are cold it is nice to have a place to go to have fun at a place that is warm and welcoming. That's Woodcrest's Senior Fun Day. Join us **Thursday, March 26** from 8:30-1:00 in the Indian Rock Center. When you come, be ready to eat. We put on a delicious spread including a full continental breakfast and then a hot lunch with plenty of snacks in between. A local pastor provides an inspiring devotional, there is musical entertainment and plenty of games. This is a FREE event with an offering. You can learn more and register online or call the camp office. This is great for church groups.

Alumni Event

Attention all Woodcrest alumni, you don't want to miss our quinquennial (every five years) alumni event. Designed to bring together past and current staff, volunteers, board members, donors, and faithful friends for a time of community. There will be a picnic, games, volleyball, tours of the new cabins, the pool and waterslide will be open, and some surprises. You can register online from our events page. Look for posts this spring and share it with other Woodcrest friends so that we can cram the camp with the coolest people around—Woodcrest people. **The date is August 29th.**

Winter Friends



Lots of birds enjoyed the seed provided during the snowy days at camp.



Even the sheep enjoyed the snow!

Summer 2026 Is Coming!

Registration for Summer Camp 2026 opened up at the beginning of January. It is exciting to see children signing up to experience the power of summer camp at Woodcrest. For the past several months, our program team has been busy interviewing summer staff to fill the 70+ positions that are needed to make camp happen. God is providing and we are at roughly 85% staffed. There are still a few key roles needed including summer camp receptionist, assistant cook, support staff members, some day camp counselors, and lifeguards.

Planning for the summer is also underway. We are working on revising our summer day camp schedule to create some new activities. Last year we provided nearly \$80,000 in subsidies by allowing families to select their price for camp. We also awarded over \$15,000 in camper scholarships. From the very beginning, Woodcrest has made it a priority to make sure that camp fees never keep a child out of camp. We can do that only by the generous support of our community.

There is also opportunity for volunteers to be a part of the ministry. We are looking for churches to adopt a week of camp. By adopting, you help us staff the kitchen with volunteers to serve meals. Churches are also invited to take up an offering to help offset the \$7,000 a week needed to pay for the food that we serve to campers. Churches are a vital part of the ministry helping to keep our expenses lower which allow us to keep camp fees lower. If you are interested in learning more about having your church adopt a week, please call the camp office and talk with Doris.



The Cabins Are Here!

After more than two years of fundraising, working with our township, and praying, the first five cabins arrived. There is still much to accomplish as we finish up the excavating and then complete the inside with new bunkbeds and changing stalls. Those are things that we can do while it is still winter. In the spring there will be paving of walkways, installing lights, and landscaping so that they are ready for summer camp.



Once summer camp is over, they will be used for our busy field trip season in August. We are excited to have churches renting the cabins for retreats for youth or small groups. There are plans for additional programming once the remaining five cabins arrive and renovations are completed at Poplar View Pavilion.

There is still roughly \$500,000 needed to complete the funding for the second batch of cabins which we hope arrive next winter.



You can donate online by scanning the above code.



Dan and Amanda Esh will perform country gospel music that will encourage & inspire.

Laughter & S'mores May 2 @ 6 PM

Bring your camping chair or a blanket and prepare for an amazing night under the stars. After the concert, stay for our famous S'moregasbord. We are still working on food options and pricing for this event. Information can be found on our event page.



Laugh along with Ryan and Friends as he displays his amazing talents and brings joy to all ages. A great night for the whole family.

Visit: www.woodcrestretreat.org/events

Sponsorship Impact

Business & Church Sponsorships Make Ministry Happen

Businesses, ministries, and churches can make an impact in the work that God is doing at Woodcrest by being a supporting partner. Sponsorships help us to raise funds needed to keep camp affordable. The goal is for sponsorships to cover operating expenses for our various events (Celebration Banquet, Laughter & S'more, Golf Tournament, and Fall Fest which requires roughly \$24,000). There are various levels of support to match any budget. Please consider sharing our Partnership Packet with a business or ministry that you know. You can download our Partnership Packet online at www.woodcrestretreat.org/business or scan the code to the right. Thank you for considering how you can partner with us.

