



Camp Allen is 70!

Camp Allen has had a rich history of introducing students to Jesus, building friendships, worshipping God and having a whole lot of good wholesome fun in the process! Your memories might include “Big Bertha” on the big field, the giant slip ‘n slide on the big field, Ooga Booga club, the old cabins with and/or without air conditioning, the night time treks to the bath house and the long walks up to the tabernacle. Maybe you were a volunteer in the kitchen, a cabin mom or dad, or you had a part in building one of the buildings that we now use year around.

We want to say a “**BIG THANK YOU!!!**”



None of what Camp Allen is now would be possible if it had not been for the great “Life Changing Experiences” you had down through the years that have served to ignite the legacy of lives changed for a lifetime and for eternity. Couples have fallen in love and been married, strangers have met and become lifelong friends, young people have heard the call of God on their lives and have answered that call and now have served faithfully for many years in churches, missions, and ministries all over the world. Camp Allen has been and will continue to be a very special place with a very special purpose! “We love you Camp Allen...Deep down in our hearts...”



Special points of interest:

- Debt payoff plan
- Mental Health First aid Community Training Event
- Retreat Highlights
- CIT Training
- Fish Fry (April 27)
- 70th Anniversary Celebration

Camp Allen Adult Volunteer Training for 2024 Camps / Retreats

We feel that training is extremely important and it is essential to the success of our 2024 camps. Therefore, the Camp Allen board is requiring that **ALL volunteers serving in camps during the 2024 year must attend one of the in-person training events.**

These events cover a wide range of topics including but not limited to camper safety, cabin discipline, emergency protocols, policies, expectations, CIT partnerships, Cell phone use and many others. We feel so strongly that in-person training is necessary,

that we will no longer be allowing exceptions or last minute add ins. Plan now to attend one of the following dates: **March 2, 9 or April 20.** Times: **9:00 am—12:00 pm.**

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Let's Pay Off this Loan!!!

Camp Allen staff and board members praise God for His faithfulness to the camp as we plan for the camp's 70th anniversary. We are VERY THANKFUL to our Father in heaven and to everyone who support the camp by sending campers, volunteering, praying and donating funds. This past summer we had a total of 431 campers who journeyed just a little closer to Jesus after having spent a week at camp. We had our usual winter youth retreat and our kids retreat in the spring. Just last month we started a college retreat that was well attended and everyone had an awesome time.

This year we celebrate 70 years as a camp. You can help us to have a "debt free" celebration on Saturday, November 2, 2024 by giving either \$7/month or a one time gift of \$70. Our hope is that we will have 1,000 supporters that will give

according to this plan. (January–October) \$70,000 will pay off the remaining



balance that was originally \$465,000 and was used to build the chapel, swimming pool and our new DNR certified water well. You can make \$70 gifts individually or thru your church. Donations can be made designated "debt free" and mailed no later than October 23. Since 2003 camp has had a monthly payment of \$2,215.00 in principal and interest. With your help, Camp Allen's debt will be eliminated, resulting in a savings of \$26, 580 yearly. We understand that it is difficult to make an additional donation. Camp Allen also is being adversely affected by continual price increases due to inflation. Our 2023 budg-

et was \$420,000.

If you have any questions about the camp's finances, we can show you monthly reports we receive from Coffman & Co., our certified public accounting firm, and condensed monthly reports prepared by our finance chairman, David Silverberg.

Please join us on November 2, 2024 for a fantastic time of celebration!

Camp Allen Staff:

Jonathan Rice, Administrator
Kendra Moore-Wilder, Admin Assistant
Angie Rice, Cook & Kitchen Supervisor

Board Members:

Bill Robison, President
Jerry Hart, Vice President
Michelle Smart, Secretary



Scan to download an ACH form for monthly giving from your checking or savings account.

College Retreat January 5-6, 2024

College retreat was a success! We had 30 students and a great ministry team to share the gospel and to encourage students to live for Jesus in the world around them.

Our worship band was a group from the Dexter area named Pioneer Movement. Our speakers were Preston & Kellie Owens.

We had a number of

breakout sessions that dealt with several hot button topics in the young adult world. Students tried out our brand new glow in the dark 9 square in the air game, played corn hole and ate pulled pork nachos.

We have plans to do it again next year. Students promised to talk it up and invite all of their friends for the next time!

2025 retreat dates TBA!!!

"You can't love Jesus Most, if you love something else more!"

Preston Owens



CIT TRAINING March 8-9, 2024

CIT Training is such a vital part of our summer camping season. It is a time when we bring in the 8th-12th graders who want to serve as Assistant Counselors during the coming Summer Camping season. We cover a number of topics like basic camper discipline, expectations, cabin parent vs. CIT responsibilities, emergency protocols, altar times/leading a camper to Christ, prayer with students, and cabin devotions. This year we will be adding a new component to our schedule that will include something called Mental

Health Awareness. This part will be taught by professional personnel from the Butler County Behavior Health Department in Poplar Bluff. We are excited to include this vital training—given the growing risks and issues regarding mental health among children and teens. If you know someone who is interested in this program please contact camp and talk to Kendra, who has been our CIT coordinator for several years now.





Camp Allen Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser 2024

2024 Camp Allen Fish Fry will be on April 27, 2024. We will begin serving at 3:00 PM and end at 6:00 PM. The meal always includes fried American catfish, chicken strips, and all the sides one could ask for. The meal will also include desserts and drinks. The annual Camp Allen Fish Fry is a wonderful place to meet new people as well as reminisce with all the old friends you've made down through the years that you don't get to see very often. It is

also an awesome opportunity to get new folks from your church or your neighborhood to come out and see Camp. There have been a few updates and improvements over the years and if someone has not seen camp in the last 10 years or so—this year would be the year to come. INVITE! We only accept donations and your generous donation goes farther than you think and helps more than you know. We hope to see everyone out for the 2024



Camp Allen Annual Fish Fry.
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Greenville, MO 63944
For more INFO call 573-224-3826 or email: campallen1954@gmail.com

Youth Mental Health First Aid Workshop

Camp Allen will be hosting a community wide Mental Health First Aid Workshop on **Saturday, April 6**
Begins: 9:00 AM
Ends: 4:00 PM
Lunch will be provided
Cost: Free
Who should attend? Teachers, Pastors, school staff, coaches, Camp volunteers & staff, Parents, and youth workers.
Why is Mental Health First Aid Important?

1 in 5
Teens and young adults lives with a mental health condition.

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents age 12-18.

The workshop is being led by Mental Health Specialists from Southeast Missouri Behavioral Health in Poplar Bluff. Camp Allen adult volunteers & staff are

strongly encouraged to attend. Since 2020 and the world wide COVID-19 pandemic, mental health issues among, especially 12-18 year olds, has steadily become a growing concern among those working with this age students as well as their parents. Please spread the word and directly invite those you know that work with students in this age range. Your new found skills could save lives.

70th Anniversary Celebration

1954 was a loooooong time ago and at the same time—just yesterday!
I want to emphasize that, if Camp Allen really means a lot to you, You Will Not Want to Miss This Event!
There have been thousands that have attended camp here throughout these last 7 decades—there is rarely a day goes by that I don't meet someone who sees that I'm connected to Camp Allen that they mention "Hey, I went there and loved

it!" I'm sure you are one of those people. **Please plan to make Saturday, November 2, 2024 a day to remember!**
Five years ago at the 65th Anniversary celebration, we focused heavily on donations and the need for funding. That has not changed, but the focus for the 70th is going to be Celebration!
We hope to be able to announce that our

indebtedness will be completely paid off and we will have a note burning. General Baptist Investment Fund has been really good to Camp Allen over the last several years, but it's time for camp to be debt FREE!!!
I Plan to give a state of the camp address and lay out what I feel is God's vision for Camp Allen for the next several years.
Thank You!
Jonathan Rice, Camp Administrator



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"Camp Allen Exists to provide life changing experiences for a lifetime and for eternity"

Winter Youth & Kids Retreats Coming Soon!

Winter Youth Retreat 2024

Date: February 16-17

Music: Unshaken

(Rachel & Brad & Band)

Speaker: Mark McDowell

Cost: \$60

Grades: 7-12

Starts: 7:00

PM

Ends: 4:00

PM



Register w/ QR code here.

Let's Get 100 this year!!!

Winter Youth Retreat 2024



February 16-17 - Grades 7-12 - Starts 7 pm - Cost: \$60
Unshaken Worship w/ Rachel & Brad Speaker: Mark McDowell



Kid's Retreat 2024

Date: May 3-4

Cost: \$50

Grades: 1-5

Ministry Team TBA

Starts: 6:00 PM

Ends: 3:00 PM

Registration opens soon.

