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OUR MISSION

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Welcome to Camp Crosley's overnight summer camp program. As a father to three children, I know how important it is to partner with solid, dependable people and organizations to help strengthen your child's development. My weeks spent at summer camp as a child shaped who I became as an adult, and now, in my role here at Camp Crosley, I, along with our staff would love to serve your camper and family.

Camp provides a significant developmental experience for children, while, at the same time, offers extraordinary fun. Camp should inspire personal growth, foster lasting friendships, provide golden memories, and delight with moments of pure joy. For over 100 years, Camp Crosley has delivered such an experience.

You have high expectations of your child's summer camp experience; we hope to exceed those expectations. Our committed counselors provide loving oversight and care. Our leadership staff together has 55 years of experience in education, child /youth development and programming, and most are parents as well. Thanks to the support of great volunteers, we have one of the finest facilities anywhere, and offer some of the best activities possible. **Our first and foremost priority is to provide a safe and unforgettable experience for your child.**

It is a privilege to hold the position I do, and it honors us that you are considering trusting us with your child. I am always available for any questions, concerns, or suggestions that you may have. We are looking forward to meeting all of you this summer here at Camp Crosley. Join us!

Live for Others,

Mark Battig

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Just Belong

Over 100 years ago, the YMCA of Muncie, Indiana started a youth camping program for boys in its community. It was during this time that the Ball family of Muncie experienced the heartbreak of losing their young son, Crosley. In his memory, the family purchased and donated the original parcel of land to the Y for a permanent campsite, and Camp Crosley was born. Over the years, the family and its foundations have grown, and with them so has camp, now serving over 2400 campers every summer from all over the world. We are a traditional, co-ed, overnight summer camp that serves youth ages 6-17. Our mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

We strive to live out the four core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility, and in so doing join in the Cause of the YMCA - strengthening the foundations of the community.

Our story is timeless. It's the story of a family turning their personal tragedy into the gift of belonging for thousands of children for generations to come. It's the creation of a sacred space where both campers and staff alike can learn, grow and thrive. It's the awakening of the heart that happens when connected to God, nature and others. It's the story we believe in sharing and continuing. It's the story of a little boy named Crosley Ball.

Kids belong at Camp Crosley YMCA. Join us.



Just Be Safe

Safety of children, staff and guests is priority at Camp Crosley.

Activity Safety

- Camp Crosley YMCA is accredited by the American Camping Association
- All staff pass state and federal background checks
- All staff are CPR and First Aid Certified
- Our wrangler attends and completes the certification course through the American Horsemanship Association
- All motor boat drivers are certified lifeguards through either the YMCA or the Red Cross
- Our boat drivers attend training through and are certified by Waterski Works
- Swimming time in the Whoa Zone is overseen by certified lifeguards.
- Our archery and riflery instructors are trained under the guidelines of US Archery and the Civilian Marksmanship Program, courses that emphasize not only skill but also safety
- All program areas are overseen by a full time Crosley staff person
- All high ropes personnel attend, complete and are certified through Pro Image Inc
- All campers using the wakeboard cable use helmets
- Mini bike trainers are certified



Cabin Safety

- All staff and campers follow our Rule of 3. Campers are never alone with staff. Campers are never alone with each other
- All staff complete a comprehensive Child Abuse Prevention Training per the YMCA of Muncie personnel policy training
- Our camp counselors attend a week long training that emphasizes camper and staff safety, teaches child development benchmarks, trains in identifying and helping with homesickness and coping strategies and educates in matters of inclusiveness and bullying prevention
- Cabins have at least 2 cabin counselors per 10-12 campers
- Campers are assigned to cabin by age and are within a year of each other in the cabin
- Camper showers and changing areas are completely private and counselors are present to oversee bathroom activity



Just Be

Yourself

"Camp is the one place where I can just be myself." Both campers and staff repeat this over and over. Why? Because we give them the safe space they need to think independently, choose independently and act independently. People from different places, different socio economic levels, different family situations and even different faiths surround them, and they learn to navigate new friendships, new skills, new situations and new ideas.

And it's not just our campers; it's our staff too! From a big ol' football player teaching dance to our tiniest of counselors leading 300 kids in cheers - camp stretches all of us....together!

Choosing Independence

We let campers choose the skills clinics they want to take throughout the week. On Sunday we explain what all the clinics are, and they choose their top five. We assign them three from that list. This is a great way for kids to exercise independence. Parents don't choose for them. Staff doesn't choose for them. They choose for themselves. They learn new skills. They meet new kids in their clinics. All of this is in a safe environment that fosters curiosity, learning and mastering.

Choosing Responsibility

We don't focus solely on outward skills. We teach and model personal responsibility. Every day, every camper takes part in our Silver Broom challenge. Every cabin is inspected both inside and out for neatness including bunks, floors, emptied trash, lights out and outside areas including clotheslines. The cabin with the highest numbers of points is awarded the Silver Broom for the Day.

We also assign Acts of Service every day to every cabin. It might be something as simple as picking up trash in the parking lot to writing letters of thanks to our kitchen staff. Older campers sometimes help set up for younger kids' evening programming. Camp belongs to everyone, and only through acts that display Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility, can we ensure that it is taken care of for the next generation.



Just Be Growing

OVERNIGHT CAMP

Our programming is divided by ages.



Mini Camp - Ages 6-8

Ready to try overnight camping, but not sure about an entire week? We have the program for you and your camper. Our mini campers stay together in a cabin, and get to sign up for skills clinics and experience cabin activities, swimming at the Whoa Zone and evening programs including a Crosley campfire. You can choose to arrive Sunday and pick up your camper Wednesday morning or arrive Wednesday afternoon and pick up on Saturday morning. Our mini camp cabin counselors are specifically trained to work with this age group, and love leading our little ones. Register online at campcrosley.org.

Pathfinders Ages 7-9

Pathfinders are grouped together in their own cabin village. They choose their own skills clinics to participate in, and have fun with their cabins at the Whoa Zone during the afternoon as well as participate in other cabin activities such as the zipline, tubing and Giant Slide. In the evening they come together as a group (4-6 cabins) and join in a large activity together such as a beach party at the Whoa Zone or a trip to North Village via pontoon boat. Sometimes they join in a larger camp field game with Explorer campers. Pathfinders stay in cabins with attached bathrooms. Weeks run from Sunday afternoon - Saturday morning. Register online at campcrosley.org.

Explorers Ages 10-12

Our largest group of campers, Explorers, take part in skills clinics in the morning, and have fun in the Whoa Zone every afternoon. They spend time as a cabin group every day, and in the evening join together for huge, fun games at the Whoa Zone Beach, on our large activity field or in our expansive meadows. These evening activities are what Camp Crosley is known for, and our creative, experienced program staff deliver fun, safe, memorable games that campers talk about long after summer is over. Weeks run from Sunday afternoon - Saturday morning. Register online at campcrosley.org.

Challengers Ages 13-15

Camp Crosley prides itself in progressive programming. As campers age, their tastes in activities change, so we've designed a program specifically for them. Challengers stay in a separate camp area called North Village with its own cabin and activity areas as well as a large multi purpose area called The Kiva where they eat breakfast and dinner as well as participate in some evening programming. They have their own chapel program called Crossfire where they discuss topics that matter to teens such as building stronger character, making a difference in the world around them and strengthening self esteem and goal setting. Challenger staff know how to relate to this age group in an appropriate way that guides and encourages them to take the Crosley value of "Live For Others," back home into their own schools and community. Weeks run from Sunday afternoon - Saturday morning. Register online at campcrosley.org.

Leaders in Training (LIT) Ages 16-17

Camp Crosley develops leaders. Participants in this two week program must apply and participate in an interview before being admitted. We choose campers who best exemplify our core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility to help us run our Day Camp program as well as assist our summer camp counselors in Pathfinder cabins in the evening. Our LITs choose to be a part of this program to better prepare to possibly be Crosley summer staff themselves when they are 18 or older. For more information, visit the LIT page on our Summer Camps page at campcrosley.org. Apply online at campcrosley.org.

Day Camp Ages 6-10

Monday through Friday from 9 am - 5 pm, we offer Day Camp. Our Day Camp Director and summer staff along with our Leader in Training campers, oversee programs such as Outdoor Education, swimming and special field sports games that keep day campers, busy and entertained in a gorgeous outdoor setting. Lunch is provided. Register online at campcrosley.org.

This brochure is just a glimpse into what we offer.

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for more information and details about our Summer Camping Program as well as our Groups and Retreats program.

Just Be Daring



SKILLS CLINICS (Campers choose top five, and we assign three.)

American Sports (basketball, volleyball, flag football, whiffle ball, ultimate frisbee, etc.)

Archery (ages 10+)

Arts and Crafts

Canoeing/Corcling

Crosley Card Club

Cheerleading

Dance

Drama

Fishing

Friendship Bracelets

Global Sports (soccer, pateka, rugby, cricket, quidditch)

Kayaking

Log Rolling

Low Ropes

Media (Journalism/Videography)

Mission Possible (High Ropes)

Music Fusion

Outdoor Cooking

Photography

Riflery (Ages 10+)

Stand Up Paddle Boards (SUPs)

Tennis

Videography

Volleyball



Just Be Together



Our recreational pond known as the Whoa Zone is designed to build community. The Wibit challenges kids to work around and over obstacles while cheering each other on and taking turns. Campers take turns racing each other down the water slides, our beach is loaded with activities like GaGa, 9 Square in the Air, Corn Hole and Beach Volleyball.

Our large pavilion provides tables and space to play cards, make friendship bracelets, visit the camp store and just "be," for those who may not want to spend time in the water.

Cabin Activities

We designate special time during the day as "Cabin Activity" time. This allows counselors and campers to bond with one another in their cabin group. Cabins may go tubing or spend time together at the cable park. Campers get to experience either the zipline or the giant swing. Some cabins challenge each other to games of kickball or Ultimate Frisbee. We also have a game room, Giant Slide and Jumping Pillow just to name a few more options. It's at these times that friendships grow, laughter is shared and bonds are strengthened. We train our staff to be intentional with this time in cabin groups, and they use the opportunity to strengthen the cabin culture.

Evening Programs

Large Group Games are kind of our thing. Every year our staff develop, plan, organize and execute some pretty amazing activities - Water! Water!, Organized Mass Chaos, The Triwizard Tournament, Ultimate! Ultimate! - the list goes on. Research shows that kids aren't playing outside with friends like they used to. We believe play is a cornerstone of learning - learning teamwork, learning spatial awareness, learning character development, learning sportsmanship. Every evening we come together whether for games, for campfires or for an artistic performance. Together is more than what we do. Together is who we are.

Meals

Our meals are eaten family style with each cabin sitting together with their counselors, and leadership staff is present at all meals. Our kitchen staff has years of experience accommodating campers with food allergies. Please list these allergies when registering online for camp. You can also speak with and meet our cook directly during Check In on Sundays. Food safety for all is priority. Our cook is a certified International Food Safety Manager.



Just Be Challenged

Crosley Core Values

Since camp began in 1915, we have been promoting the Y's core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. On Mondays we wear red to signify Caring. Tuesday is blue for Honesty. Wednesday is yellow for Respect and Thursday is green for Responsibility.

Every day we start the day with Flag Raising and "First Word," a short challenge, skit or story to remind everyone of that day's core value. We continue the day's core value emphasis during our time of chapel together as well as a time of reflection that evening within every cabin.

Honor Traits and Honor Camper

Our first and longest serving director, Herbert Pettijohn, started the Honor Camper tradition that continues today. He chose eight traits: reverent, trustworthy, dependable, loyal, sportsmanlike, helpful, clean and considerate that he hoped each and every camper would value and pursue. We challenge campers at our opening campfire to identify one trait to work on during the week. At the end of every week we award an Honor Camper to those two young people who best exemplify these traits.

During our Honor Bead ceremony on Friday evenings, every cabin gathers together to reflect on their week at camp, and every camper chooses one bead that represents the honor trait they are willing to work to improve on during the year. Together, the cabins make bead bracelets. Each camper has their own bracelet to take home as a reminder of their own personal goal.



Crosley Ragger/Leather Program

The Rag/Leather program is open to all campers and staff. Rags/Leathers are outward symbols of the acceptance of an inner challenge for personal and growth. The program started over 80 years ago at a Y camp where a counselor noticed one young man who was physically challenged could not participate in certain activities and thus couldn't receive an award. This man decided to start to challenge and reward young people for pursuing and achieving spiritual goals such as personal sacrifice and service to a greater good.

An idea born of simple beginnings has transformed thousands of lives over the years. What was true nearly a century ago, holds true today: the recognition of positive traits provides an incentive for others and the understanding that we grow by challenging ourselves. We refer to our rags/leathers as such because that is exactly what they are --- worthless pieces of materials. Your rag/leather has only the meaning YOU give it. The program is designed to encourage campers to take an in-depth look at their beliefs, their strengths and their weaknesses and invites them to accept the challenge to grow in spirit, mind and body. There is no test or pre-judgment as to whether a camper can be a part of this program, but rather it is based on the camper's interest and commitment to be involved in this program. Rags and Leathers aren't magic. They're merely tools used by camp to help youth find direction in their lives.

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Welcomed

Camp Crosley is not just a summer camp for kids; it's for all, all year round! Our groups camping program can be shaped for whatever goals your group or organization is working to achieve. We offer team building training, outdoor education, supervised recreational activities, or simply space to meet.

We can work with interested wedding parties during non summer months.

Visit the Groups page at campcrosley.org, submit your inquiry form, and our Groups and Retreats Director will contact you to answer any questions or requests you have.

