



## THE KIRKMONT CENTER EXPERIENCE

### Life Skills and Values

At the core of our program is the cabent group and the lessons that come from living together with eight to ten other people. Through this experience, campers learn life skills and values that will serve them throughout their life. Our focus that your child will learn more about themselves and faith while at camp helps set us apart from other experiences. Each night, the cabent group will come together, reflect upon the day and set goals for the next.

### Benefits of Coming to Camp

During your camper's adventure at the Kirkmont Center, they will get to experience many new activities unique to our natural setting. During the week (or more!), activity and cabent groups will be able to explore our beautiful 278 acres, pond study pond, fen, waterfalls, participate in fun games like cageball, work together to solve challenges, or even solve a mystery! During their stay, campers, depending on age, get to participate in morning activities to help master skills, such as target sports, outdoor living skills, canoeing, or creative arts. Friendships grow deeper, children escape the frantic pace of life (especially without technology), and a sense of belonging is created between their groups and cabent mates. This can have a profound, forever memorable effect upon one's life. Our entire camp program is geared toward helping campers gain confidence, build friendships and develop a sense of community.

### Camper Ages and Programs

Although we believe it is important for older and younger children to learn together, our camps are divided into programs that help ensure your child's experience is age appropriate. During some evenings, we participate in big group games for all camp interaction. Our campers range age 7-17.

### Theme for 2020 Summer: This is Our Prayer

Kirkmont Center uses Chalise Press "InsideOut" curriculum. This summer, campers will explore the shared longings of the human heart and all the different ways Christians have prayed throughout history. Through Bible stories and spiritual practices, we discover a deeper connection with God and each other and grow into the beloved community of God, where youth and adults are loved and celebrated for who they are. This is our prayer!



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## Kirkmont Center Camp Descriptions

**You and Me** (3- 9) Share an experience with your favorite young person and create memories that will last a lifetime by heading to Kirkmont for an overnight stay. Your day will be filled with adventures in music, crafts, hiking, fishing, swimming and a campfire.

**Beginner's Camp** (6-9) Is your camper ready for their first resident camp experience? Are you ready? Rest assured our staff are. Your camper is our priority and we will make sure their camp experience makes them long for more trips to Kirkmont.

**PYC and PYC Jr** (9- 18) Campers participate in large and small group activities as well as relevant discussions about faith and life. Make friends, explore faith, learn and have fun in a wonderful and safe place.

**Rejoice** (9-18) Camp Rejoice is an opportunity for young people to grow in faith while engaging in swimming, crafts, campfire vespers, canoeing, and cageball just to name a few. Bible study and worship round out the schedule and service learning is a big part of this experience.

**Quilt Camp** (18-99) Experienced and novice quilters alike are invited to join us at Kirkmont's beautiful Croft House for this week-long camp. Community and friendships grow through Bible study, devotions and the sharing of patterns and techniques. So be sure to bring your machine, fabrics, and current projects.

**Pioneers** (6-8) Is your camper ready for their first resident camp experience? Are you ready? Rest assured our staff are. This is a mini camp for your Pioneer to experience the best of camp in a shorter time-frame. This half-week camp is divided into a Sunday to Tuesday and a Wednesday to Friday program. Your camper is our priority and we will make sure their camp experience makes them long for more trips to Kirkmont.

**Ramblers** (7-9) This camp is perfect for our younger campers. Their time is spent experiencing a multitude of camp activities, from swimming, arts & crafts and campfires to making new friends! Our staff will provide your camper with plenty of love, attention, and guidance as they begin their formative camp journey.

**Hill Climbers** (10 -12) Become a Hill Climber and experience all the fun Kirkmont has to offer! Besides choosing a TRACK, campers participate in traditional camp activities such as: boating, fishing, hiking, archery, climbing, and more! These campers learn ways to be environmentally friendly with our everyday principals and spend a week with new friends in a community centered atmosphere.

**Highlanders** (12-14) Our younger teens spend time experiencing the best of camp activities as well as participating in group activities geared towards community building, teamwork and courage building.

**Voyagers** (14-16) For teens looking for an on-site adventure, the Voyager program is the perfect opportunity. This group will learn skills of backpacking, hammock living while camping out under the stars, outdoor cooking, and exploring the Kirkmont surrounding area.

**Bushcraft Archers** (12-16) For pre-teens and teens looking to gain skill and knowledge in outdoor and primitive camping skills. This program has an added dimension of adding archery and utilizing an interactive shooting trail with 3D targets (not animal like). Campers will also have the opportunity to camp out overnight and put their skills to the test (under appropriate supervision)

**Arts and Drama** (12 – 16) Come explore your creative side! Campers will have the opportunity to participate in educational and exciting hands-on art activities in the Kirkmont tradition of art and nature. Our Drama portion will give our young actors time to practice their craft and these campers will have the opportunity to perform.

**Garage Band** (10-16) Focuses on introducing the concept of a band and what it takes to be in one. Songwriting and developing musical performance skills are a goal. Garage Band is designed to explore many musical styles and will incorporate many instruments. Garage Band members will have the opportunity to play and entertain the masses.

**Fishing Camp** (10-16) This week, anglers can enjoy the sport they love! Campers will explore beautiful Lake Reed with other campers their age, perfecting their skills as they learn more about the lake and surrounding bodies of water, wildlife, and Kirkmont

**Crew** (16-17) The crew program is designed to help individuals grow by working in a team environment, responsibility, initiative, and a caring attitude that crew members will be able to use in and out of camp. To achieve this, the crew will participate in trainings, leadership rotations, guest speakers, and serving at camp during their two weeks stay. Participants will be provided a certificate with hours served to fulfill high school graduation requirements along with the satisfaction and accomplishment of making a difference.