



DuBois Center 2009 Summer Camp



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Summer Camp Staff



DuBois Center hires 18 to 20 college-age young people as Summer Camp Staff. This includes two International staff who are introduced to us through different camp agencies. We review applications and are in phone conversation with our prospective counselors and staff. Many questions are answered from both sides. Our USA staff comes to us from all over Illinois and sometimes other states. We hire certified directors for all of our activities such as Aquatics, Archery, Teams Course and Equestrian — and as many counselors as needed for that particular summer. All staff participates in our nine day staff training program. Our ACA certification requires certain policies and standards that we follow for staff training and our summer camp program and facility. Every staff person is certified in CPR, AED and First Aid. They learn the routine, rules and regulations, camp songs and skits and much more. All are introduced to our current Curriculum “BREAKTHROUGH” which was chosen through New Earth Christian Resources for the Outdoors from the National Council of Churches. Our Staff training days include everything that we will be doing in summer camp sessions. We also have time for fun, riding horses and participating in all our activities and getting to know each other through team building and fellowship. In fact, our summer staff becomes a Christian community of young people who work, pray, sing, eat, and play together to ensure that all the campers have a great experience at camp.



BREAKTHROUGH CURRICULUM

“What would it have been like to meet Jesus? The gospels provide a variety of accounts of those who encountered Jesus during his lifetime. Some reacted negatively, actively seeking to stop his ministry. Others had no reaction, choosing to ignore him or walk away. But for many others, their encounter with Jesus was a breakthrough — a transforming experience that changed their way of seeing God, themselves and the world around them.”

The theme of ‘BREAKTHROUGH’ will explore a series of biblical stories that represent transforming encounters with Jesus. These are: Jesus Welcoming Children, (Jesus Welcomes) — Campers will explore ways to be welcoming; Bartemaus, (Jesus Listens) — Campers will learn the importance of listening to others; Good Samaritan, (Jesus Loves) — Campers will learn to explore being a good neighbor; The Paralyzed Man and His Friends, (Jesus Shows Compassion) — Campers will consider the importance of having compassion for others; The Bent Over Woman (Jesus Transforms) — Campers will learn ways they can be agents of transformation; The Great Banquet. (Jesus Invites) — Campers will explore ways they can extend an invitation to others beyond the camp community.

We will use different storytelling methods such as making puppets (finger puppets, paper plate puppets and clothespin puppets), creating skits, using an artistic response (mural, cartoon, song) and writing an easy poem.

“BREAKTHROUGH” is divided into four children’s age groups: 6-9 yr. olds, 10-12 yr. olds, 12-14 yr. olds, 15-18 yr. olds plus adults. The New Earth Publishers believe, “Human beings develop physically, emotionally, spiritually, and cognitively throughout their life span. One way you can express love and care for young people and build their sense of worth as children of God is to expect behavior of them that is appropriate for their ages. The opposite side of this is to show your love by not expecting behavior that is appropriately expected only of older children.”



DuBois Center is accredited by the American Camp Association. Only 25% of all camps meet ACA standards. DuBois Center has been accredited since 1974. Our camp upholds the standards of the ACA and applies those standards in all aspects of its operations. For more information, visit www.acacamps.org.



DUBOIS CENTER - 2009 Summer Camp Sessions

Just You and Me Camp

(adult and child aged 5, 6, or 7)

This special camp is for one parent or grand-parent and one child (age 5, 6, or 7) to come together. Both adult and child do all the usual camp activities. Moms and Dads, sons and daughters, grandparents of any combination are welcome. Come spend some special time together. | **Conference**

Pioneer Camps

(completed 1st-3rd grades)

Pioneers get a chance to sample many of the activities at camp. The half-week experience is a great introduction to a special summer tradition. Activities include horseback riding, swimming, games, crafts, boats, songs and more. Special time each day is spent in faith enrichment activities and evening vespers. | **Conference**

Settler Camps

(completed 3rd-5th grades)

Along with faith enrichment activities and evening vespers, Settlers can participate in arts and crafts, field sports and games, canoes, and more. Afternoons are spent with the family group doing creek walks, horse-back riding, team building activities, swimming, nature study, etc. | **Conference**



Trailblazer Camps

(completed 5th-7th grade)

Trailblazers live in cabin villages in our Rustic camping area. Part of the morning is spent with special faith enrichment activities. Afternoons find Trailblazers playing sports, swimming, on the teams' course, and doing other great activities. Horseback riding will be scheduled as well. Crazy evening programs, campfires, and vespers round out the day's events. | **Rustic**

Pathfinder Camps

(completed 7th-9th grade)

Pathfinders reside in cabin villages in our Rustic camping area. Part of the morning is spent with special faith enrichment activities. Afternoons find Pathfinders with their family groups playing sports, swimming, on the teams course, hiking and doing other great activities. Pathfinders ride horses 2-3 times per week. Crazy evening programs, campfires and vespers round out the day's events. | **Rustic**

Explorer Camps

(completed 9th-12th grade)

Explorers reside in cabin villages in our Rustic camping area. While much of their schedule is flexible, part of the morning is spent building their faith by spiritual enrichment activities. Explorers play sports, swim, challenge themselves on the teams' course, and do a whole lot more. Horse rides are 2 times per week. Engaging evening programs, campfires and praise services round out the day's events. | **Rustic**

Settler/Trailblazer Horse Camp

(completed 3rd-7th)

This introductory Horse Camp gives the campers a taste of the Rustic side of the lake for a half week. They will continue to participate in the regular Settler activities: swimming, canoes, team building, nature activities, along with faith enrichment activities, and evening worship. Daily horse riding and the basics of horse care are included. | **Rustic**



Horse Camp 1 & 2

(completed 5th-7th grades)

During Horse Camp the campers will have an emphasis on horse care and related horse activities. Along with the horse activities the campers will have time during the day for faith enrichment, evening worship, boats, crafts, and many other camp activities. This is among our most popular camps. | **Rustic**

Horse Camp 3

(completed 7th-12th grades)

Pathfinders and explorers spend one night away from their cabins, to ride their horse to a remote location — where they will cook their own dinner and breakfast. Each day there is time for activities like swimming, canoeing, teams course, games, and more. Evening programs and vespers round out the day. Horse campers spend additional time daily riding and caring for the horses. | **Rustic**

Trailblazer/Pathfinder Horse Camp

(completed 5th-9th grades)

Can't spend a whole week at horse camp — here's a shorter time period for you. Pick your favorite horse for daily riding sessions. Campers will also feed and care for their horse and learn more about it and the rest of the herd. Campers can also pick from the usual camp activities of swimming, boating, crafts, archery, games, etc. Evening activities, morning watch, and evening vespers centered on the "Breakthrough" theme will also be presented. | **Rustic**

Night Owl Camp

(completed 7th-9th grades)

This camp revolves around exploring the wonders of the night. The schedule is designed so that the campers stay up later at night and sleep later in the mornings (making their own breakfast) in order to fully experience the night. Night activity will include star gazing, night horseback rides and night hikes. This camp stays at the Deer Run Area, the perfect place for lessons on astronomy and night animals. Tom May of New Athens (and from the National Audubon Society) and staff from the Illinois Birds of Prey group will give hands-on animal demonstrations. | **Deer Run**



Aquatics Camp

(completed 9th-12th grades)

This camp will concentrate on being in and on the water, learning how to sail, canoe and kayak. Campers will spend time swimming and just having fun in the water. Teams Course, Horse rides, Archery and spiritual enrichment sessions will be also available. One afternoon/evening will be spent at a local water park. | **Rustic**

Counselors In Training (C.I.T.)

(completed 10th-12th grades)

This is an opportunity for Sr. High campers to get a taste of what it's like to serve on Summer Staff here at DuBois Center. The CIT's will be given a condensed version of the rigorous pre-camp Summer Staff training. In addition, during the last half of the week, the CIT's will work directly with the Pioneer campers — under the supervision of the Summer Staff. This is a great experience for those considering being camp counselors. To make this the best camp possible, we will accept only those applicants who are serious about this type of training. **So if you are interested please call and we will send you an application. After we receive your application we will call you for an interview.** This process is somewhat the same as applying for a counselor position. CIT's will also engage in many of our great camp activities: aquatics, horse rides, crafts, curriculum and Bible study, etc. | **Deer Run**

Mission Trip

(completed 9th grade-adult)

Midwest Flood Recovery in the Quincy, Il. area. Join others to live out your faith in a real and powerful way. We will help families rebuild their homes and towns that were damaged in the Summer, 2008 Mississippi River floods. Arrangements are coordinated with the UCC Disaster Response Ministry. Housing and meal preparation will be at a Quincy area UCC church. We will travel by vans from a central location on Sunday afternoon and return the following Saturday. Friday will be a "play day" at a local area attraction. Previous experience is not required, but some adults experienced in renovation and power equipment are needed. Information on type of work, housing, and what to bring will be provided to participants prior to the trip. Church vans or buses for the trip are also needed. Maximum of 30 persons. June 14-20 | **Offsite**



Harry Potter 1

(completed 5th-8th grades)

Harry Potter 2

(completed 3rd-5th grades)

Hickory Lodge will be transformed into the dining room at Hogwarts. Throughout the week, we will find examples from the Harry Potter books about faith, action, trust and fun — starting with "The Sorcerer's Stone" and ending with "The Order of the Phoenix". We will watch a Harry Potter movie each night. Through our curriculum, "Breakthrough" campers will explore the importance of welcoming, listening, being a good neighbor, having compassion and learn ways they can be agents of transformation. Come join in the fun of Harry Potter, making new friends and picking out your own camp activities. Bring your Harry Potter stuff and get ready for a great week at Harry Potter Camp! | **Conference**



DuBOIS CENTER -

2009 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

DATE	CAMP NAME — AGE	LOCATION	CAMP #	FEE
June 7-9	Just You and Me (Adult & child age 5, 6, 7)	Conference	11JYM	\$180/\$125
June 10-12	Pioneer (1st-3rd)	Conference	11b	\$180
June 7-12	Horse Camp 1 (5th-7th)	Rustic	21H	\$390
June 7-12	Counselor in Training (10th-12th)	Rustic	21CIT	\$180
June 14-16	Pioneer (1st-3rd)	Conference	12a	\$180
June 17-19	Pioneer (1st-3rd)	Conference	12b	\$180
June 14-19	Settler (3rd-5th)	Conference	12	\$353
June 14-19	Trailblazer/Pathfinder (5th-7th)	Rustic	22	\$353
June 14-19	Harry Potter 1 (5th-8th)	Hickory Lodge	32HP	\$390
June 14-20	Mission Trip (9th-adult)	Offsite — Quincy	52MT	\$180
June 21-26	Settler (3rd-5th)	Conference	13	\$353
June 21-26	Horse Camp 2 (5th-7th)	Rustic	23H	\$390
June 21-26	Night Owl (7th-9th)	Deer Run	43NO	\$390
June 28-30	Magical Kingdom Camp (1st-3rd)	Conference	14a	\$195
July 1-3	Pioneer/Settler/Trailblazer (1st-7th)	Conference	14b	\$180
June 28-30	Trail/Path Horse (5th-9th)	Rustic	24a	\$195
July 1-3	Settler/Trail Horse (3rd-7th)	Rustic	24b	\$195
June 28-July 3	Habitat Mission Work Camp	Deer Run/Offsite	44Hab	\$180
July 5-10	Horse Camp 3 (7th-12th)	Rustic	25H	\$390
July 5-10	Aquatics Camp (7th-12th)	Rustic	25AQ	\$390
July 5-10	Harry Potter 2 (3rd-5th)	Hickory Lodge	35HP	\$390
July 12-15	Family Camp (all ages)	Hickory Lodge	36FC	see camp description
July 12-17	Settler (3rd-5th)	Conference	16	\$353
July 12-17	Sports Camp (5th-8th)	Rustic	26SP	\$353
July 19-24	Nature's Classroom (3rd-9th)	Conference	17	\$353
July 19-24	Trail/Path/Expl (5th-12th)	Rustic	27	\$353

Camp Name — Age Groups (Completed grade by camp session)

Pioneer = 1st-3rd grades
Pathfinder = 7th-9th grades

Settler = 3rd-5th grades
Explorer = 9th-12th grades

Trailblazer = 5th-7th grades
*CIT = 10th-12th grades

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NEW CAMPS FOR 2009

Magical Kingdom Camp

(completed grades 1st-3rd)

To All Princes and Princesses: you are invited to come to DuBois Summer Camp for a magical time singing songs from your favorite music such as Cinderella, Snow White, The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin and more. Bring your princess/prince costume with you to participate in our Magical Tea Party and a Movie on the last evening. You will create your very own magical wand, crown and goblet to take to the Party. Also participate in other camp fun activities such as horse rides, boats and fun field games. Through our curriculum — “Breakthrough”, campers will hear several Gospel stories through different Bible storytelling methods such as puppets and skits. Don't miss out — register early, this camp will fill up fast. See you at camp! | **Conference**



Nature's Classroom Camp

(completed grades 3rd-9th)

Explore God's natural environment through your five senses (touch, smell, sight, hearing, taste). Choose your favorite camp activities: horseback riding, boating, swimming, crafts, archery, games, etc. The curriculum, “Breakthrough”, focuses on the Gospel stories of Jesus and ordinary people who were transformed in their way of seeing God, themselves, and the world around them. | **Conference**

Family Camp

(all ages)

Experience camp with the whole family — riding horses, canoeing, swimming, archery and fishing. Along with our curriculum “Breakthrough” — learn about ways we can have a relationship with God, others, and all of Nature. Enjoy a hayride with a bonfire and s'mores, and much more. Family Camp is from Sunday afternoon through Wednesday mid-morning — includes 3 overnights, 8 meals, and camp activities.

Fees are; \$130 for each of two adults — \$80 for each additional adult

\$75 for each of two children — \$40 for each additional child
Children ages are 5-18

N/C for children age 4 and under. Lodging will be in Hickory Lodge (some rooms have AC). | **Conference**

Habitat Mission Work Camp

(completed 9th grade-adult)

Join other youth and adults as we partner with the E. St. Louis Habitat for Humanity Chapter on a new house build and a house rehab project this summer. We will gather on Sunday at DuBois Center for some team building and organizational time. Monday through Thursday will be work days at the E. St. Louis sites and evenings and overnights will be spent at St. Paul UCC in Belleville. Breakfasts and suppers provided at St. Paul's and lunches at the work site. Special evening activities are planned in the Belleville area. We will spend Thursday night back at DuBois Center and participate in optional camp activities on Fri. morning. | **Deer Run, Hickory Lodge & Offsite**

Sports Camp

(completed grades 5th-8th)

Come enjoy a week of basketball, volleyball, soccer, kickball, badminton, archery, and many more out-door games. Experience working as a team and helping your team mates. The emphasis of sports camp is not winning but learning that sometimes it's about “us” and not “me”. Along with the sports you will also be able to participate in horseback riding, swimming, canoeing, etc. Experience how God has invited everyone to have a place on the team and to participate according to their talents. | **Rustic**

Youth Group Camping

The Deer Run Camping Area will be available to church youth groups, Girl Scout groups, Boy Scout groups, etc. for several weeks during the summer. Come and do your own meals and program — some camp activities can also be arranged. Sleep in the cabins (each of the three sleep six in bunk beds), the Lodge, in your tents, or out under the stars. Do your own meals — the Lodge has kitchen facilities. Make up your own time frame between Sunday afternoon and the following Friday afternoon of these weeks: June 7-12, June 14-19, July 12-17, and July 19-24. Contact the Center's office for fees and to make reservations.



DUBOIS CENTER - General Information & Registration

What is DuBois Center and Who Can Come to Camp?

DuBois Center was established in 1965 as the Conference Retreat Center and Summer Camp of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ. Camp experiences are offered for persons as young as 5 and as old as 105. Our facilities are open to all persons — no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey. We provide faith-nurturing activities, such as Bible Study, Praise Services, Vespers, and Curriculum sessions. Everyone is expected to participate in these activities. Among our goals is to help all of our campers and staff to develop closer relationships with: God, the camp community, creation, and themselves.

Where Will I Stay While at Camp?

We have four areas of lodging at camp:

CONFERENCE is the main area on the east side of the lake. There are 4 cottages — each cottage has 2 dorm style rooms with bunk beds, and a central meeting room. Each dorm room sleeps up to 8 persons and has a bathroom/shower attached. Roadside Cottage is accessible. Meals are served in the Oak Lodge dining room.

RUSTIC is on the west side of the lake and has 8 cabins in 2 villages. Each cabin has large screened windows, a ceiling fan, electricity, and sleeps up to 8 persons in bunk beds. There is a centrally located shower house that all Rustic campers and staff share. Meals are served in the Conference area in the Oak Lodge dining room.

DEER RUN area is at the south end of the property with 3 cabins — each sleeping 6 persons in bunk beds. The Deer Run Lodge has a full kitchen and meeting space. The shower house is just a short walk from the cabins. Meals are prepared here or served in the Oak Lodge dining room — depending on the specific camp session.

HICKORY LODGE is a two-story building in the Conference area — with 11 sleeping rooms, two large and two small restroom/shower rooms and a meeting/activity room. Meals are served in the Oak Lodge dining room.

Where is DuBois Center Located?

DuBois Center is located just north of the town of DuBois in Washington County, Illinois. Just 17 miles SE of Nashville, 23 miles south of Centralia, 17 miles north of DuQuoin, and 75 miles E/SE of St. Louis, Mo. Find your way to US Rt. 51, which runs north & south between Centralia and Carbondale. Take

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US 51 to Youth Center Road, the first road north of the DuBois village water tower. Turn east, stay on Youth Center Road for 1.5 miles; DuBois Center is on the left side - follow the signs. The address is 2651 Quarry Rd., DuBois, IL 62831

How can I register my camper?

Complete one registration form per camper (make copies as needed). Please print or type, and fill out the form completely. Mail the form to DuBois Center with a minimum \$50.00 deposit for each camper, or fax the form with your Visa or MasterCard information to 618.787.7701. Upon receipt of the registration and deposit, we will send you a confirmation packet. The balance of the camp fee must be paid in full prior to or at the camp session check-in time. This includes any assistance you receive from your local church.

Can I register by phone?

You can register by phone using a Visa or MasterCard with a minimum \$50.00 deposit. Please call 618-787-2202.

Do you need assistance?

Many UCC churches provide assistance for their member's & children. Check with your local church to see if they subsidize camp fees. Our DuBois Center Auxiliary/Booster Organization provides a limited number of scholarships covering up to one half the basic camp fee for campers needing assistance. Applications are available upon request. For families who receive Public Aid or DCFS benefits, additional help is available. Check with your case worker or call us for more information and forms. 618.787.2202

Discounts and Incentives

Register and Pay Camp fees in full by:
March 16 — receive a "free camp day" at DuBois Center on April 19th
April 15 — receive a free t-shirt at your session check-in
Register a first-time DuBois Center Camper friend and re-

ceive 10% off your camp fee

Family Discount of \$10 per camper for 3 or more campers per family registering (excludes Just You and Me and Family Camp sessions and same child attending more than one session)

Parents as Volunteer Counselors — receive a \$50 credit on child's camp fee. Separate application and pre-approval necessary for the parent.

What is the cancellation procedure?

If your camper cancels their registration at least 14 days in advance to the opening of the camp session a refund less the \$50.00 deposit will be honored. Cancellations within the 14 days before the start of the opening day of the session forfeit the entire amount paid, unless due to sudden illness, accident, or emergency. If there is space available in another session we can transfer your camper for that session. If all sessions are full then a full refund is given. DuBois Center can cancel a camp session 10 days prior with a minimum of 10 registrations — giving campers 10 days to re-schedule or receive a full refund.

Does my camper need a physical?

No child can attend camp without a physical examination signed by a physician within 24 months prior to their camp session. The health history portion of the health form must be filled out and signed annually for all campers. We keep on file health forms from the previous year, and will indicate on your registration confirmation if your child is due for another physical exam. The Camper Health History Form must be completed every year by a parent/guardian. **DO NOT mail the health form in prior to your camp session — bring the forms in on the day of your session registration.**

Can my camper bring a friend and be in the cottage/cabin?

Yes, they can — as long as both campers sign up for the same session and write on the registration form that they want to be in the same cottage/cabin together. Please do not chain together names or ask for more than two campers to be together. Also, bring a friend(s) who has not been to DuBois Center before and receive 10% off your registration.

Early registration

Register (Fees paid in full) your camper by March 16, 2009 and enjoy a free day of horseback riding, hayrides, hot dogs and S'mores for your immediate family on April 19th.

How do we get a free T-shirt?

To get a free T-shirt you need to have all of the camp fees paid (postmarked) by April 15, 2009. This includes any scholarship money you receive from your local church. Campers receive their T-Shirt on day of registration.

Multiple Age Camps

Some sessions are set up for a range of age groups. For example, event #14 will have campers from the Pioneer, Settler, and Trailblazer groups. In such sessions, campers will be placed in age-appropriate groups. If you wish for your camper to be specifically placed with other younger or older campers (e.g., a 7th grader with 8th graders or 6th graders), you may indicate that on the "Comments" section of the Registration Form. Please note that placement of campers is sometimes affected by the number of registrations for each age group.

Parent Orientation

On May 17th at 1:00pm there will be a parent orientation session at DuBois Center. Camp tours will be provided. See where your campers will stay and what they will experience while at DuBois Center. Meet the staff — ask questions — get answers.

Camp Lions

We will host the special Camp Lions again this year. It is specially geared for hearing and visually impaired children. Camp Lions is provided free by the IL Lions Clubs through direct involvement of the Lions of IL Foundation. To register and to inquire about eligibility requirements, call the camp registrar at the Lions of Illinois Foundation at 800-955-5466 or TDD 708-449-8870. Dates: July 5-11.

2009 Summer Camp Registration

Detach, complete and mail with fee (\$50.00 minimum) to DuBois Center, 2651 Quarry Rd, DuBois, IL 62831 or Fax to 618.787.7701 or call 618/787.2202 with Visa or MasterCard information

Name: _____ Sex: M F
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Parent or Guardian: _____ Phone (Home): _____
E-Mail: _____ Work: _____
Church/City: _____ Cell: _____
Grade Completed as of 6/08: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____
1st Choice: Event # _____ Date: _____ Event Name: _____
2nd Choice: Event # _____ Date: _____ Event Name: _____
Returning Camper: Y N If yes, previous counselor's name: _____
In same tent/cottage with: (one name please) _____
Amount enclosed: _____ Check _____ MasterCard _____ Visa _____
Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____
Discount: _____ First-Time Friend's Name: _____
"Parent as Volunteer Counselor" Name: _____
Comments: _____