



# Top 10 Things Churches Need to Know about Summer Camp 2018 at DuBois Center

## 1 Why Church Camp?

Because church camp is joyful fun! It is a sacred place. It is intensely relational, and positive role models abound! Camp is different from Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. Campers and leaders live, work, play and worship together from early morning until late into the evening. They grow together through shared experiences and form an intentional community. They hear our faith stories in new places and new ways, and find opportunities to share their own.

### Celebrate Camp this Spring in Your Church!

We invite you to lift up our shared ministry. Select a Sunday this spring for your **Camp Sunday** and have fun celebrating! The summer camp schedule, creative ideas for promotion, bulletin inserts, posters and additional support materials are included in this packet.

**FYI – Brochures have already been mailed directly to campers from the last three summers.**

## 2 Summer Curriculum

What if God was bigger than you ever imagined? Would it change the way you think of the world and your place in it? We are reminded throughout the Bible that God’s love is greater, wider and more powerful than we



can ever envision. What if the life and teachings of Jesus truly inspired us to walk in his footsteps and make a difference?

With scripture as our compass, we will explore how God can be seen in the vastness of creation, in the power of community, and even in our own hearts.

### Questions?

**Registration** forms and questions will again be directed to the ISC DuBois Center office in Highland.

**Program** inquiries will continue to be taken at DuBois Center.

#### Registration

**Registrar:**

**618.654.4052**

register@DuBoisCenter.org

#### Camp/Program

**DuBois Center:**

**618.787.2202**

dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org

**www.DuBoisCenter.org**

## 3 Share & Care

Help us change lives this summer & beyond.

Last summer, our camper families and churches voluntarily paid over \$13,000 above and beyond their base camp fees. This amazing generosity allowed us to provide more summer camp scholarships and better maintain our facilities and equipment. Because of your support, our ministry was able to touch more lives.

With your help, we hope to continue this tradition of helping others this summer while simplifying the process for everyone. We are returning to a single (subsidized) price for each camp.

When registering, all families will have the option to make a tax-deductible contribution beyond their camp fees – in any amount – to support the actual cost of the camp experience and provide scholarships to help families in need.

## 4 Family Share & Church Share

Summer camp at DuBois Center is an important piece of year-round faith formation for many ISC churches. To encourage and support their congregation’s families, many churches pay a portion of the camp fee. We call this the “church share”.

To make bookkeeping and end-of-summer billing less complicated, we encourage churches to determine a set amount of support per camper versus a percentage of the fee. (For example: \$250 for full-week campers, \$275 for horse campers and \$125 for part-week campers.) In this way church support remains the same, no matter which discounts a family selects.

**Save time!** Pay for all your church’s campers with one check. We’ll bill the church toward the end of the summer camp season. *This delayed church payment does not affect a camper’s Early Bird discount.*

## 5 Online Registration

Families may register and make payments through the mail OR online for DuBois camps. Go to **www.DuBoisCenter.org**. Click REGISTER at the top of the home page and follow the directions on the web site. Online registration requires online payment.

A digital version of the camp brochure and applications for volunteers and paid staff are also online.

## 6 Early Bird Discount & More!!

**Early Bird Deadline: April 5!** Families who register online or postmark their registration and non-refundable deposit by April 5 will SAVE \$20 on full-week sessions and \$10 on part-week sessions.

**Invite friends** who are new to DuBois Center or have not attended since 2015, and SAVE! When they register, you receive \$30 off your camp fee for each of the invited friends who attends a full-week camp and \$15 off for each friend who attends a part-week camp. More friends, more savings!

**Family Savings!** When two or more children from the same immediate family attend summer camp at DuBois Center, take \$25 off each child's camp fee.

**Financial Assistance** is available to help enable young people from families that are struggling financially to attend camp. Contact the DuBois Center for more details.

## 7 Be a Hoyleton Buddy

Looking for a close-to-home, overnight mission experience? Consider Buddy to Buddy, **June 30-July 3**. Youth from your church (completed grades 8-12), with adult chaperones, get hands-on experience in acceptance and inclusion serving as Hoyleton Buddies. During the day, Buddies are paired with one or two young people from the Hoyleton residential programs and participate in activities with them – crafts, nature hikes, dock swims, canoeing, etc.

After the Hoyleton day campers head for home, Buddies reflect on the day's experience, plan for the next day and complete a physical work project at DuBois Center. There is also time each day just to relax or play. Registration is by church group, not individual. Adult chaperones must accompany youth participants. **SPACE IS LIMITED.** A flyer is enclosed in this packet.



## 8 Summer of Service for Young Adults

It has been said that serving on camp staff is like being on a mission trip all summer long. Putting faith into action, building Christian community and making a difference in the lives of the young people we serve – it's great for the soul and the resumé. Young adults gain valuable experience for careers in ministry, teaching, recreation, social work and other service-related fields.

**Have young adults to recommend? Contact DuBois Center or use the enclosed form.**

## 9 Bring Your Youth Group!

On Sunday, **May 16**, from 1:00 - 4:30pm

we will host the *RUSTIC* **BLOCK PARTY**

to introduce youth in grades 5-12 to how we live on the "other" side of DuBois Center. We'll have games, contests, music, and roast some dogs and marshmallows over the fire. This free afternoon of awesomeness is a great intro to camp life – including a meet and greet with some camp leaders, and horses too! Youth groups are encouraged to attend the FREE event, **but MUST preregister and be accompanied by adult chaperones.** Call or email DuBois Center with your Youth Group count by April 30!

## 10 Serving and Growing

Leadership Development is a priority for DuBois Center. Our ability to serve as an extension of your ministry is greatly enhanced through volunteer leaders. Mature, caring **ADULT VOLUNTEERS** significantly impact the lives of young people as their mentors and faith-filled role models. Volunteer chaplains, counselors, barn helpers, nurses and resource people are vital to our ministry. Most are 18 years of age or older and serve for a week, (though one- and two-day spots are available). Help us **spread the word** about these meaningful service opportunities.

**VOLUNTEER NURSES**, most of whom are RNs, serve as part of our team during the summer at DuBois Center. Many return year after year, citing their time at camp as one of their most rewarding ministry experiences. **Who in your congregation might be able and willing to answer this call?**

**CIT (Counselors in Training)** was developed for young people who have completed grades 10-12 and have a desire to serve in leadership roles. CIT includes a mix of leadership training, faith discussions, work with younger campers and team building. A limited number of campers can be accepted and they must be referred by local church leaders. **CIT often fills quickly!**

