Look at all these smiles! Why do we love camp? Because this is where we, as staff see your campers **SHINE**!

Hiring this staff takes months! We look for interesting individuals who want to work with children and teens, interview, listen to their references, and do extensive background checks. During two intensive weeks of staff training, we cover everyÂ thing from leading worship/JAM small group time, homesickness, neurodivergent campers, nature walks, eating with their campers around a table, to so much more In addition, staff spend time acquiring the extra training certifications needed for camp: ropes, lifeguard, archery, first aid, etc. We know that quality staff make the camp experience what it is and we spend a lot of time supervising, checking in and supporting their mental and physical health throughout the summer. Finally, the staff take the mission statement very seriously: "Where all may gather, where all are welcome, where all are invited to share gracious hospitality, joyful Christian ommunity, and the wonder of God's creation."





# **DAILY CAMP** SCHEDULE

B:00 - Breakfast :45 - For the Good of the Community 9:15 - Worship 10:00 - JAM (Small Group Time) 10:30 - Activity Block 1 11:30 - Activity Block 2 12:30 - Lunch 1:15 - FOB (Rest Time) 2:30 - Free Swim 3:30 - Change for Activities 4:00 - Activity Block 3 5:00 - Activity Block 4 6:00 - Dinner 6:45 - Evening Program

**3:00 - Vespers** (Evening Worship)

# **2024 SUMMER** SCHEDULE

<b>WEEK 1</b> June 23 - 28 <b>WEEK 2</b> June 30 - July 5	<ul> <li>1-3 Genesis (June23-</li> <li>2-5 EPIC Elementary</li> <li>6-8 MS Rides and Slid</li> <li>6-12 Wonderfully Made</li> <li>2-5 EPIC Elementary</li> <li>6-8 Middle School Maye</li> <li>6-12 Music Camp</li> <li>9-12 High School Hange</li> </ul>	les e nem
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<b>WEEK 4</b> July 14 - 19	<ul><li>2-5 Mystery Camp</li><li>6-8 MS Night Owls</li><li>9-12 HS Night Owls</li></ul>	
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### **FRIENDS DAY** Saturday July 13

10am - 4pm Tier 1 \$25 Per Person

Tier 2 \$15 Per Person Ages 0-5 Free Join us for a day at camp! Spend time on the lake, in the pool, on the trails, in the Adirondack chairs, in the Butterfly Garden, on the ropes and zip line, and filling your belly with a delicious lunch in Lower Meadow. For everyone... camper families, neighbors, alumni, new friends. Come enjoy Johnsonburg and all we have to offer in the summer.

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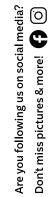
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# Johnsonburg 2024 SUMMER CAMPS www.johnsonburg.org 🛛







Sometimes I am asked: Why should I send my kids to camp? Why Johnsonburg? Why now?

Here is what we know- both from years of experience at the special place known as Camp Jburg, and from dedicated research by the American Camp Association (the national organization that accredits camps in the USA- look to your right!). Camp reduces summer learning loss. Camp stretches the imagination and provides opportunities for creative problem solving, which exercises new parts of your child's brain. Camp Jburg is especially wonderful for the young brain because we do not allow technological devices. We recognize this is very hard- especially for teens- but the reality of being present, playing, exploring, moving one's body and living in a different environment with new friends and encouraging adults, is immensely positive for great mental health. Finally, this is one of the best places for your camper to experience God's love and presence. So don't delay... send your kid to camp today! They need a nature bath in God's creation; in fact, we all do. That is why we've listed opportunities throughout the year for the whole family to come to camp (Winter Fun Day, Spring Fun Day, Get Away to Play, Friends Day, Fall Fun Day). Please join us and invite a friend too! See you soon!

With love **Elise Bates Russell Exective Directo** 



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n the ACA National Impact Study 2023) on camp are two things you should know out camp and your camper:

Research tells us that camp experiences are distinct from other learning environments because kids learn skills at camp that they do not learn in the same way in school.

- working together to build a fire
- hoisting a peer up on the Giant Swing
- paddling a canoe, standup paddle board or kayak
- inquiring about the natural environment on a nature walk
- learning to make a friendship bracelet, play an instrument or create in the Arts & Crafts center
- aiming for the target on the archery range

Research suggests that the skills campers learn at camp last <u>far beyond their camp experience</u>, and specifically help them in school, when they attend college, and in their first jobs.

- working together as part of a team (large gro evening program promotes this!)
- serving others (each camper is encouraged to take a turn as the waiter during meals in the Dining Hall)
- communicating ideas and feelings (small group) discussion is a hallmark of our camp model)
- organizing personal belongings and space (cleaning their cabin for the Platinum Toilet Seat Award)
- solving problems (locating missing items, mediating disagreements between friends, or helping find dry firewood to cook a meal over the fire)



Pavilion (with two pizza ovens) + New Canteen

mproved Tabins: (housing for older campers) Solar lights, Shelves + Morel

**Renovated Pool** Restrooms

**Candle Making** Station



### Genesis 1-3

\$475 / 425 / 375 | June 23-26 & July 28 - 31

Designed for first-time campers, this 4 day, 3 night program allows kids to experience all the fun activities camp has to offer. From exploring our woods with your group to swimming in our pool and lake, a Genesis session is a great opportunity to make friends, have fun, and grow closer to God. Campers will experience plenty of love and special attention from staff for this special program designed for the youngest members of our community Please note that Genesis campers must be at least six years old and have completed Kindergarten.

### PIC Elementary 2-5

\$925 / 750 / 615 | June 23- 28, June 30 - July 5, July 7 - 12, July 28 -August 2

Come join us for a week of fun at our EPIC week! Experience living in a community, making new friends, trying new things, and continue to build faith! Fly through the air on our thrilling zip line, climb one of our inflatables in the lake, and build teamworl skills! All of this will be done while enjoying traditional summer camp experiences like staying in cabins, swimming and worship.



sit www.johnsonburg.org for more info

### **Mystery** Camp 2-5

\$925 / 750 / 615 | July 14 - 19 Mystery Camp is similar to EPIC Elementary in that it is a week of fun activities, building faith, forming community, and learning independence. But...there's a twist: a mystery for you and your group to solve. You'll never know where the next clue may be...the pool? The lake? Will you have to take your group into the woods to find the next one, or will it be right outside your cabin? For new and returning campers, Mystery Camp is a great twist on a regular week!

# nimals Camp 2-5

\$925 / 750 / 615 July 21 - 26 In the air! On the land! In the water! Come and spend a week learning all about NJ wildlife and local farm friends. This animal themed week will be filled with opportunities to learn about animals in their natural habitats, interact with animals and learn about ways to better care for the environment in which they live. There will even be opportunities to get a little silly and act like our favorite animals and play animal theme games!

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# Middle School Mayhem 6-8

\$925 / 750 / 615 | June 30 - July 5, July 7 - 12, July 21 - 26, July 28 - August 2

Enjoy God's creation surrounded by friends--laughing, learning, swimming, creating, and worshiping. Every day, your group gets to choose an exciting activity like shaving cream whiffle ball, going up our high ropes course, or zooming down the zip-line! Spend time with your cabin group enjoying all the other thrilling activities camp has to offer while continuing to grow in God!

### ht Owls 6-8 9-12

\$925 / 750 / 615 | July 14 - 19 Enjoy God's creation in the dark--with stargazing, worshiping around a campfire glow in the dark night games, and much more! Campers will get to stay up later and sleep in later, as we adopt a schedule for the week that some teens just wish the whole world ran on. Experience your favorite activities during the day AND by the light of the moon--as well as Night Owl only activities that no other camp sessior ets to do. All night owl small groups are organized into appropriate ages. Don't vl...iust register



# Adventure Trek 6-8 9-12

\$1025 / 850 / 715 | MS : July 7 - 12 HS: July 21 - 26

Adventure Trek was one of our most popular camps last year and a great option for any middle or high schooler. Our campers will split some time between our site, where they will have ample opportuÂ nities to enjoy our zip-line, glacially carved lake, and expansive woods. Then, they'll head off-site to spend some time paddling on a river, hiking a piece of the AT, and rock climbing. Join us for an Adventure!

\$925 / 750 / 615 | June 30 - July 5 **July 7 - 12, July 28 - August 2** 

High schoolers... it is time for camp. Grab a friend or reach out to a friend you met at camp previously, and register for this week now! Each group will choose activities together. Night games and campfire conversations give you and your group time to also chill and soak it all in. This is a week of no school, no social media to keep up with, real people, lots of laughing and playing- something we know doesn't happen often at school!

### LLY MADE 6-12 \$925 / 750 / 615 | June 23 - 28

Wonderfully Made is our week to celebrate our LGBTQIA+ campers and allies. With a dedicated curriculum focused on the love and acceptance we are called to share with others, this is a unique session to support the full diversity of God's creation. The middle and high curriculum will incorporate LGBTQIA+ community issues alongside relevant scripture and theology. Don't forget--there's no less time to enjoy all of the summer activities that campers love at Johnsonburg! Plan to run, sing, laugh, play, boat, swim, and more! NOTE: Do you have an elementary camper who would like to be part of this week? Sign up for EPIC Week 1, and indicate their choice to be part of this special community during worship and other appropriate times! Questions? Please email the office@johnsonburg.org to ask.

### Rides & Slides 6-8 9-1

\$1025 / 850 / 715 | MS : June 23 - 28 HS : July 21 - 26 MS+HS : July 28 - August 2 A summer favorite, Rides and Slides is a unique and extremely fun way to experience Johnsonburg community. Hang out at camp for the week, making friends with other campers in and out of your cabin, experiencing all the activities that help make Jburg a unique place. Then, sometime towards the end of the week, your group will hit the roller coasters at Dorney Park for a day! We are excited to offer this popular camp and you won't want to miss it!









\$925 / 750 / 615 June 10 - July ! It's time to make a joyful noise at camp! Calling all musicians, singers and lovers of music. This camp is for you! Each day there will be a block of time dedicated to making music together. Campers are encouraged to bring their instruments and voices to camp so they might join with others for practice and creative experiences. Campers will even get opportunities to be part of the daily worship team. Experience or personal instrument not required. We have plenty of percussion instruments to share - the only requirement is a love of music!

# LEADERSHIP

Program (PLTP) 9-11 \$1025 / 850 / 715 | July 21 - 26 Part 1 of the Leadership Track At Johnsonburg, we believe that positive leadership is grounded in faith. During this program, you will learn how a growing faith can guide you through life's challenges and help you navigate it all while enjoying the numerous activities that help make Johnsonburg such a unique place. This is the perfect precursor for those campers who wish to pursue leadership in their life or continue on the Leadership Training Program at Johnsonburg.

### adership Training rogram (LTP) 11-12

\$1350 / 1125 / 925 | June 30 - July 12 Part 2 of the Leadership Track Johnsonburg's Leadership Training Program is our flagship offering for high school campers and our only two-week program in 2023. We'll explore and sharpen your leadership skills while participating in all kinds of Camp JohnÂ sonburg activities. Some focuses include group dynamics, communication skills, personal faith development, and engageÂ ment with the year's theme. We'll put your new skills to the test by assisting



with campers and other aspects of our Summer Program. The Leadership Training Program is a hallmark of Camp Johnsonburg summer programming--you won't want to miss out.

### WE'RE LOOKING FOR SUMMER STAFF!

Too old to be a camper but still want to have Johnsonburg be a part of your summer? We're hiring! We're primarily looking for camp counselors who have completed one year of college. If you're interested in working in our kitchen, helping out on maintenance or hospitality staff, or maybe just being a support counselor for a week or two, let us know!

**Contact Elise Bates Russell, Executive Director**, elise@johnsonburg.org





# ERED PRICING WHY 3 PRICES:

derstanding that financial realities diff om family to family, Johnsonburg has tituted a voluntary three-tier fee ogram. You choose the tier that is most able for your situation. It is really a free r family, additional financial assistanc vailable to ensure all children. vouth an dults have the opportunity to have an nazing camp experience. Please <u>contact us</u> or more informatior

have financial assistance for camp camp and you will see tl cation with the onlin e. but for the best opportunities. submit l

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Tier 2 is a partially subsidized tier that more osely represents the true cost of camp elative to the basic tier fee

Tier 3 is our historically subsidized rate and loes not reflect the true cost of operating







# HOW TO REGISTER:

### Go to www.johnsonburg.org.

Follow the links to register for camp. If you cannot register online, please contact the camp office for further instructions.

All camp fees are due in full 2 weeks before your camper arrives



oin us at Johnsonburg this summer for th rtunity to relax and get away to play with our family or friends! We are excited to offer ge, cabin, and tent space rentals with all eals provided. Come explore nature, eniov pres, spend time in the woods, boat on th ke, swim in our pool, and eat great food.

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/ \$99 for a youth (ages 6-11) s 5 and below are free



# **Johnsonburg Programs Year Round**

Winter Fun Day **Confirmation Retreat Spring Youth Retreat** Spring Spruce Up Day **Spring Women's Retreat** Spring Fun Day **Friends Day Fall Fun Day Confirmation Day Retreat Fall Women's Retreat Fall High School Retreat Fall Middle School Retreat**  February 4 - All Ages February 23 - 25 March 8 - 10 April 20 - All Ages April 26-28 May 4 - All Ages July 13 - All Ages **October 6 - All Ages** October 19 October 25 - 27 November 22 - 24 December 6 - 8

**Once you Have Registered:** 

You will receive a confirmation email with your account balance, payment information, and next important steps.