



# CAMP CHRISTOPHER BULLETIN

## HERE COMES SUMMER!

Before the fun begins, here are a few important reminders:

- Camp fees are due before May 15th.
- Resident Campers: Look out for an email with important info three weeks before your session start date.
- Day Campers: Look out for an email with important info one week before your session start date.
- Cancellation Policy: Deposits are non-refundable/non-transferable but the remaining fee is refundable for cancellations that occur 14 business days or more before the camper's session.
- Keep reading for details on camper mail, packing lists, and drop-off/pickup.
- If you have questions about your registration please email [campchristopher@ccdocle.org](mailto:campchristopher@ccdocle.org)



**Sunday, March 23, 2025 from 1pm-3pm**  
**Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 1pm-3pm**



## CAMPER MAIL

Campers love receiving mail during their stay! While care packages aren't allowed, standard-sized envelopes are welcome. Mail is delivered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

*How to send your camper mail:*

### Drop off at check-in\*

- Include camper's name, cabin, and preferred delivery day. (limit 3 envelopes)

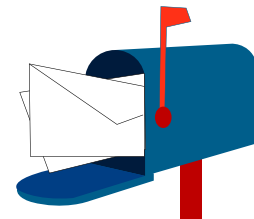
### Send an email to [campermail@ccdocle.org](mailto:campermail@ccdocle.org)

- Include camper's name and cabin (campers cannot reply).

### Send through USPS

Camper's Name  
Cabin Name  
Camp Christopher  
P.O. Box 267  
Bath, OH 44210

*\*We recommend dropping off mail during check-in to avoid post office delays.*



### For Campers

*How to send mail home:*

Campers may send letters home by dropping mail in the "Outgoing Mail" crate located in the Dining Hall. Outgoing mail is delivered to the post office throughout the week. Please send your campers with stationery and pre addressed, pre stamped envelopes if they plan to send mail while at camp.

# T-SHIRT & PATCH CONTEST



Design Camp Christopher's 2025 Patch or T-Shirt & Win a FREE Week of Camp! The theme is Trail of Hope. Get creative - your design could be part of Camp Christopher History!

Submit your original design for a chance to win a free week of camp (up to \$735, non-transferable)!



Deadline: April 21

Email entries to: [madeline.munoz@ccdogle.org](mailto:madeline.munoz@ccdogle.org)

Catholic Charities Corporation staff will select winners. Contestants agree that Catholic Charities use the winning design and winner(s) name(s) for both advertising campaigns and/or marketing materials in the future. Contestants assign all ownership rights, including all intellectual property rights to, Catholic Charities Corporation. Catholic Charities reserves the right to not select a winner if, in its sole discretion, no suitable entries are received.

Camp Christopher's 2025 theme, Trail of Hope, reflects the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year focus on pilgrimage and renewal. Inspired by Pope Francis's call to embrace hope and trust in God, Camp Christopher invites campers to embark on their own journey of faith and growth. This theme reminds us all that every step, both on the camp trails and in life, leads us closer to God and the hope He provides.

At Camp Christopher, the Trail of Hope comes to life through hikes, reflection, and many meaningful activities with others. Campers will explore the beauty of creation, share moments of gratitude, and deepen their faith through prayer service, Mass and spending time in community.

## CAMP STORE

All campers receive a complimentary t-shirt and patch during their camp session. The Camp Store (PX) is open throughout the summer to provide campers an opportunity to shop for clothing, merchandise, snacks and drinks!

The PX will open at Camp Christopher beginning on June 9th from Monday-Friday, 12pm-4pm during summer sessions. We do not accept cash at the camp store, but you can add a camp store deposit within your registration account at any time. We do accept debit or credit cards for any families looking to purchase.



# RESIDENT, EXPRESS & LEADERSHIP CAMPS

## PACKING LIST

*Please label all items with your camper's name.*

### Clothing:

- T-Shirts
- Sweater or Sweatshirt
- White Shirt for Tie Dye
- Bathing Suit (one-piece only)
- Underclothing/Socks
- Boots
- Tennis Shoes
- Beach/Shower Shoes
- Raincoat or Windbreaker
- Jacket
- Shorts
- Jeans/Slacks

### Linens:

- Laundry Bag
- Sheets (regular twin sized)
- Extra Blanket (if needed)
- Sleeping Bag
- Washcloth
- Pillow/Pillow Case
- Towels

### Toiletries:

- Soap
- Toothpaste/Toothbrush
- Shampoo
- Comb/Brush

### General:

- Sunscreen
- Flashlight
- Bug Spray
- Lip Balm
- Reusable Water Bottle



## DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

### NEW IN 2025!

#### Staggered Check-In:

- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Female Camper Check-In
- 3:15 PM – 4:00 PM Male Camper Check-In
- (Families with boys and girls can check-in at 2pm, but male cabins open at 3:15 PM.)
- Leadership Campers please check-in at 3:30pm

#### Check-In Steps:

1. Arrive at 1930 N. Hametown Rd, Akron, OH 44333 and park in the lower lot.
2. Unload labeled luggage; staff will direct placement based on cabin location.
3. Enter check-in line for cabin assignment, health screening, and lice check (Campers with active lice infestation will be dismissed from camp.)
4. If bringing medication, both parent and camper must check in with the nurse.
5. Drop off mail (optional).
6. Move into the camper's cabin during the designated check-in window.

#### Pick-Up (Saturday, 9:30–10:30 AM):

1. Park in the lower lot and walk to your camper's cabin.
2. Sign out with staff; luggage will be at the cabin or brought to the field.
3. Check the beach fence for any missing items.
4. Pick up medications from the nurse and/or your child's counselor.
5. All campers must depart by 10:30 AM.
6. Check your child's luggage before leaving to ensure nothing is missing.

# DAY CAMP & SUMFUN

## *PACKING LIST*

*Please label all items with your camper's name.*

What to Bring:

- Swimsuit (one piece)
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Bugspray
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Tennis Shoes
- Long Pants for Horseback Riding

Lunch is provided, but if you would like to pack a lunch for your camper that is also acceptable.



## *DROP-OFF & PICK-UP*

Camp Christopher uses a "curbside" drop off and pick up model for day programming. This involves campers being taken directly from their vehicle, to their camp counselor. No other individual besides the camper will be permitted to exit their vehicle unless there is an emergency.

### **Drop-off: Monday-Friday**

*Campers Ages 5-8 years: 8:45 am-9:00 am*

*Campers Ages 9-12 years: 9:00 am - 9:15 am*

- Parents will pull into camp during their designated time, and follow the signs to the drop-off lane
- Parents will remain in the car during the check-in process while their campers exit the vehicle with the help of camp staff.

### **Pick-up: Monday-Friday**

*Campers Ages 5-8 years: 3:45 - 4:00 PM*

*Campers Ages 9-12 years: 4:00 - 4:15 PM*

- Display your child's last name in the windshield of your car.
  - If a driver does not have the sign, they will be required to show a form of identification.
- Vehicles will pull into camp and follow the signs & staff to the designated pick-up lanes.
- Staff will escort the campers to their vehicles.
- Campers will only be released to authorized adults noted in their registration.

If you have campers in BOTH age ranges, please default to the first timeframe. Please refrain from arriving earlier than 3:45 PM. Once check-out begins, it is a constantly moving line but arriving earlier causes a large back-up.

If you are running late, please arrive before 12 PM. We are unable to accommodate late drop-offs beyond this time. If your camper will be absent throughout the week/is running late, please text (330) 618-3034 with the campers name and arrival time.

# SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPS

Camp Christopher is proud to offer inclusive and enriching camp experiences for individuals with special needs. Our specialized programs provide a safe and supportive environment where campers can build friendships, gain independence, and enjoy the great outdoors. If you know someone who would enjoy or benefit from these programs, we'd love for you to share this with them!

## Extended Respite Camp

Ages 18+ | August 10-15, 2025

This week-long overnight camp is designed for adults with special needs, offering a blend of recreation, relaxation, and community. Campers will participate in engaging activities while receiving the support they need in a structured and caring environment.

## Weekend Respite Camp

Ages 18+ | Multiple Sessions Throughout the Year

These weekend getaways provide a break for both campers and caregivers while fostering socialization and personal growth. We offer one session per month including our Fall Festival Weekend (Oct. 10-12, 2025)!

## SumFun Day Camp

Ages 5-21 | Weekly Sessions: June 9 - July 25, 2025

This summer day camp gives children and young adults with special needs the chance to enjoy classic camp activities in an inclusive, nurturing setting. Camp runs Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM.

# JOIN THE CAMP CHRISTOPHER TEAM!

Each summer, Camp Christopher hires over 100 dedicated staff members to help create an unforgettable experience for our campers. We have a variety of roles available, and there's a place for you on our team!

Available positions include:

- Resident Camp Counselor
- Day Camp Counselor
- Counselor for Individuals with Special Needs
- Equestrian Staff

This is a perfect opportunity for college students looking for meaningful summer work. If you or someone you know is 18 or older and ready to make a difference while having an amazing summer, encourage them to apply soon! Hiring is underway, and spots are filling up.

For more information or to apply, visit [campchris.org](http://campchris.org)!



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