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CAMP CHRISTOPHER BULLETIN

...and come September

A Summer to Remember

What a season! From carnivals and campfires to hikes, songs and a special Mass with Bishop Malesic, Camp Christopher was once again filled with the traditions and moments that make this place so special.

Our favorite part is hearing what those moments meant to our campers and families. One parent called their child's week at Camp Christopher "the best week of the year," while another shared that their child arrived not knowing anyone and left smiling, with new friends and already asking to come back.

As camp grows quieter this September, we're grateful for another season of friendships, faith, laughter and memories that will last long after everyone has gone home.



Thank You, Camp Staff!

Behind every great camp memory is an incredible staff member who helped make it happen.

This year, families repeatedly praised our counselors and staff for their kindness, enthusiasm and ability to make campers feel welcome. One camper even said his favorite thing about Camp Christopher was the counselors!

A special thank-you goes to our Lodge staff, whose professionalism, hard work and dedication kept things running smoothly all season. To our entire staff: thank you for another wonderful season and for keeping the Christopher spirit alive!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUMMER 2026

If you need access to the 2026 camp photo album featuring your child, please email Maddie at madeline.munoz@ccdacle.org and she'll be happy to share the link with you.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Bring your school to Camp Christopher this year! Parents and students - please share this opportunity with your teachers and principals! Our Environmental Education program is open for bookings now.

On 165 acres of forests, which includes streams, caves, and trails, Camp Christopher transforms into a living classroom. Our program aligns with Ohio Academic Content Standards and covers science, math, social studies, and team-building. Whether it's a day trip or an overnight adventure, students will experience hands-on learning that sparks curiosity, builds community, and creates lasting memories.

We are still accepting bookings for Spring 2027. Learn more or reserve your spot at ccdogle.org/programs/environmental-education.

PRIVATE GROUP BOOKINGS

Camp Christopher has always been a place for people to come together, and you can bring your own group to experience it too! With 165 acres of trails, forests, and peaceful lakes, camp is the perfect backdrop for a retreat, school field trip, youth group outing, or team-building workshop.

Groups can choose from day use of our grounds and meeting spaces or stay overnight in our cabins. No matter the occasion, the spirit of camp helps create meaningful time together and memories that last.

We welcome groups from September through May, and bookings are now open! To learn more or reserve your group's time at camp, visit campchris.org

As our fall Environmental Education season begins, we're excited to welcome Mike Kosmos as Camp Christopher's Education & Off-season Program Manager!

Mike has been part of the Camp Christopher family since 2017, working in Environmental Education, Day Camp, Maintenance, Resident Camp, Respite and Sum Fun. He also brings an extensive background in environmental science and education, including nine years with Cuyahoga Valley National Park as an Interpretive Park Ranger, Environmental Educator and Resource Management professional, as well as experience in education at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens.

In his new role, Mike hopes to help campers connect with one another and the natural world while gaining a greater appreciation for our environment. When he's not at Camp, you can find him hiking, biking, playing music or spending time with family and friends.

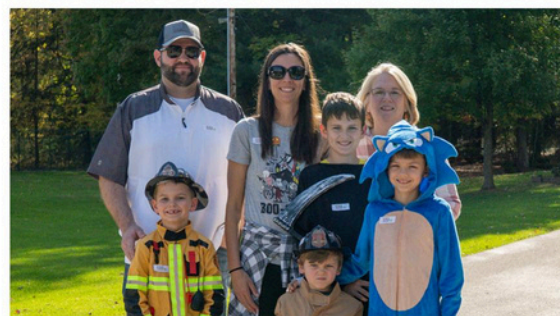
We're excited to have Mike leading our educational programs and helping create meaningful Camp Christopher experiences year-round!





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FALL FEST



Hosted by: Catholic Charities Summit County

October 17, 2026

1:00 to 6:00 pm

Camp Christopher

1930 N. Hametown Road, Akron, OH 44333

Ticket Prices:

\$12 adult (ages 18+) • \$8 child (ages 2-17) • Free—Children under 2

Purchase online at ccdogle.org/fallfest • Pre-sale ticket holders receive a \$5

Camp Store voucher (Only valid on October 17 at the Camp Store)

Schedule of Events:

All Day (1:00–6:00 PM):

- Trick-or-treating
- Face painting
- Balloon artist
- Carnival games
- Local vendors
- Drinks (alcohol available for 21+ must have ID)
- Hayrides — available during the day from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

1:00 to 5:00 PM: Raffle Basket Ticket Sales

(raffle tickets can be purchased online now, and in person day of event)

2:30 PM: Live Magic Show featuring Rick Smith Jr.

3:30 PM: Costume Contest at the Lake Marian Beach

5:00 PM: Raffle Basket Drawing (winners will be contacted—do not need to be present to win)

We're still accepting sponsors, program ads, and vendors.
Visit ccdogle.org/fallfest for details.



Scan the QR code to
visit the event site and
to purchase tickets.



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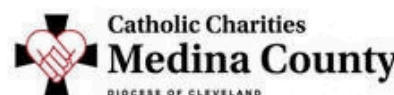


Christmas Memories Resale

Saturday, October 3, 2026 • 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Catholic Charities Medina County • 4210 Jefferson Street • Medina, OH 44256

Providing Help. Creating Hope. Serving All.



Get into the holiday spirit while making a difference in your community! Shop a wide selection of affordable Christmas décor, including trees, wreaths, ornaments, lights, and more.

Every purchase helps support the Help Yourself Food Shelf, which provides nutritious food and essential household items to hundreds of individuals and families in Medina County each month.

We look forward to celebrating the season with you while supporting neighbors in need.

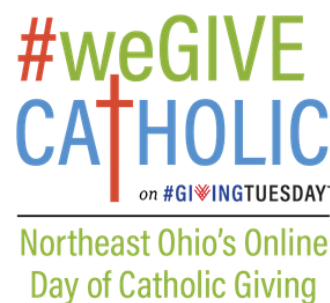
SAVE THE DATE FOR #weGiveCatholic

Giving Tuesday – December 1, 2026

As December approaches, we're excited to announce the launch of our #weGiveCatholic campaign at Camp Christopher! This year, our goal is to raise \$25,000 for 2027 Camperships, which will provide camperships for children to experience the wonders of camp.

In 2025, every dollar of the \$20,000 raised for camperships was put to use, helping dozens of children attend camp. Because the need continues to grow, we're raising the bar this year so even more campers can join us.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 1st, 2026 and join us in opening the doors to more campers. Early giving starts on November 21st. Thank you for being part of the Christopher Spirit!





*Congratulations,
Olivia!*

Congratulations are in order for our Camp Director, Olivia, who is officially married! We're so excited to celebrate this special new chapter with someone who brings so much heart, joy and dedication to Camp Christopher. Please join the entire Camp Christopher community in wishing Olivia and her husband Patrick a lifetime filled with love, laughter and many wonderful adventures together. Congratulations to the newlyweds!