



HOME TEAM SCOUTING REPORT

2023 FCA Camp Update

Camp, a powerful word, a life-changing event. I've often heard these words come from a young person as they share their testimony prior to being baptized; "I came to know Jesus as my Savior at camp." I attended camp just one time (8th grade), and like everyone else it was life-changing for me too!

Our FCA office is committed to hosting a camp that develops leadership skills, equips young people with spiritual tools, and creates a healthy environment for strong relationships to be grown. It takes a team of committed staff, board members, donors, and prayer warriors to accomplish this goal. Praise God for another successful summer camp! Take a few minutes and step into our FCA "Camp" experience.

The Battle Before Camp Began:

We know our battle is spiritual and not physical, and the enemy tried to defeat us before Day 1 at camp.

- A Huddle Leader notifies us a week before camp that he's not able to get off work.
- A Huddle Leader realizes that she has misread the dates and must go to her Division 1 coach to see if she can get off practice for the three days of camp she wasn't planning on.
- A Huddle Leader wakes up the day before camp with a swollen face from having her wisdom teeth removed three weeks previously. Eight hours prior to the camper's arrival she goes to the ER.
- A Huddle Leader has a flat tire on the way to camp.
- A Court Coach has a flat tire on the way to camp.
- Three FCA staff members are contacted the night before camp starts that a garage who belongs to their backyard neighbor is on fire.
- An FCA staff member gets notified that her name has been used to file a fraudulent unemployment claim.
- A Huddle Leader is notified that her bank account as well as all her family's accounts have been hacked.

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:12) Therefore, we recruit and ask people to pray 30 days prior to camp and throughout camp!

Our campers arrive excited and nervous. Although returning campers can't wait for the first activity to start, first time campers and parents are hesitant and anxious. Our Huddle Leaders greet the campers and take their suitcases and sleeping bags to their cabins. But what we don't realize is that the campers have also packed a few extra things. Through an activity at camp, we discovered that all our campers experience large amounts of negative thoughts. Thirty-one percent of our campers are weighed down with the thought, "I'm not good enough." Bottom line, they arrive at camp...spiritually drained and defeated.



The Elements of Camp:

Campers experience physical challenges of competition, Huddle activities (climbing wall, zipline, high ropes), and evening group games! Every game and activity have a purpose to teach, empower, and stretch campers. Campers also experience spiritual challenges throughout the day at Strength Training (How to read the Bible, pray, and share their faith), Huddle time, and evening chapel! Although the camp features an incredible waterfront, gymnasium, and all kinds of fun activities...the campers love the spiritual aspect of camp the most!

A final survey from all the campers show that the top five things about camp include: Chapel (worship, Josh Lane's messages), Monday night's chapel (prayer time), relationships made, Huddle time, and sharing/hearing testimonies. Those were the top five! Fifty-two said the number one thing was chapel. Only two said "free time!" Seems obvious these kids are spiritually hungry!

The Good News:

Praise God, victory is found at camp! The enemy can try to slow down the staff, fill the campers' minds with negative thoughts, and discouragement, but OUR GOD wins!

At FCA camp, eight campers prayed for the first time to ask Jesus to be their Savior, repenting and confessing to God. Sixty campers, who already have a relationship with God, asked for forgiveness and recommitted their lives to living daily for God.

Thirty-four campers said they sensed God asking them to live in a new way for Him! WOW...GOD IS GOOD!

The cabins were empty, and the camp was quiet by 1:00 pm on the last day of camp. But it's not over. We have a plan to follow up with each camper over the next month! New relationships have been formed, group text accounts have been made, social media reports continue to share the highlights, and lives have been touched for eternity!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support! This is a team effort....thank you for being part of our team.



Saturday, September 23, 2023

Ironwood Golf Club

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Join us on Saturday, September 23rd, for our annual Buckeye Border FCA Golf Scramble. Every year we raise extra funding to cover the expenses of FCA Camp and Campus Ministry expenses. Our goal this year is to raise \$15,000.

Our Scramble begins at 9:00 am (registration begins at 8:00 am). Your entry fee covers your 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, and an incredible gift bag!

You can enter a foursome to golf, sponsor a hole, donate prizes, or more! Register your team or become a sponsor online at:

bbfca.org/golf-event