

Waycross Spring 2023 Newsletter



A letter from Melinda (Interim Executive Director)

Greetings from Beautiful Brown County Indiana,

I began my work at Waycross on March 6th and have watched as the spring season comes and goes with a day of beautiful sunshine and warmth followed by days of overcast skies and little bits of snow. My dog and I have enjoyed walking the site and getting to know different spaces at Waycross and visiting the creek at least once a day for canine exploration joy.

My first week involved getting to know staff members and their job duties, meeting guests and learning how they interact with the site and our food service, while observing staff negotiating with grace the needs of more than one guest group sharing space together. I am beginning to review American Camp Association standards with summer staff leaders as this is Waycross's year to be visited. This visitation involves a fellow camping professional coming on site during the summer programming to observe camp and engage in conversation and grading us on how well we meet established standards. It is always a good decision for a camp to be ACA accredited, and Waycross chose this path to superior programming and safety many years back.

I will be meeting soon with the Waycross Board and with Bishop Jennifer to discuss goals for my interim time here, even as the forming of the Search Committee for the future Director has already begun.

As we begin our staff meetings here with each member stating something for which they are grateful, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve at this beautiful place named Waycross!

Blessings,

Melinda Trotti, Interim Director

Waycross Events

Alumni Work Camp 2023 April 14-16 and April 21-23

In the words of Gene Niednagel, "you may not be able to stay forever at Waycross but you are always welcome to come back". So, come back to camp for the day, or the whole weekend, and enjoy time with your friends with a little work mixed in. All skill levels are welcome and every bit of time spent getting the grounds ready for the busy summer ahead is appreciated. Come back to share the old stories and make some new ones! Contact Deb Wepler for more information, waycross.camp@gmail.com or register here <https://waycrossccc.org/new-page-4>



Men's Spring Retreat May 5-7 Growing Our Relationship With God

The men's retreat will focus on fellowship, sharing our stories, and learning new spiritual practices. We will have several sessions with a retreat leader, Dan Hoffman, who is a Spiritual Director. There will also be plenty of spontaneous time for hiking, reading, relaxing, conversations, or reflection. We will have opportunities for community prayer time, music, spiritual reflection, Labyrinth walking, and a fire circle at night. <https://waycrossccc.org/upcoming-events>

Women's Retreat June 17-20 or June 20-24 Let's Go Down to the River to Pray

Women can participate in worship, reflection, breaking bread, crafts, and play while providing time for rest and relaxation. June 17-20 is reserved for women 18 years of age and older, June 20-24 is open for both women and their children. Supervision for children too young to attend Ready, Set, Camp will be provided during group discussions and for an hour in the evening. Both sessions are designed to encourage spiritual reflection and conversation among participants and are enhanced by the opportunity to participate in a variety of group and camp activities <https://waycrossccc.org/upcoming-events> Registration is open now through April 30.

Summer Camp

Camp Counselors

Interviews for summer camp counselors are going on now and there are a few spots left on the 2023 staff roster. Interested candidates should contact Deb Wepler, waycross.camp@gmail.com or apply here <https://waycrosscenter.campbrainstaff.com/>



Summer Camp - Let's Go Down to the River to Pray

We are proud to provide what we feel is one of the best summer camp programs available: one that encourages positive character development and personal growth and that helps children become secure, independent, well-adjusted young people. Camp registration is open and there is still time to get in on the early bird savings! Register by April 14th to save \$25. <https://waycrosscenter.campbrainregistration.com/>



**Thank you for being
a friend to Waycross
and may the renewal
of Spring fill
your heart with joy!**