



Camp Ernst: Traditions old and new



OCTOBER, 2022
 DEAR FRIENDS,
 WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR
 [412] SUMMER STAFF WHO
 HELPED [3823] OVERNIGHT
 CAMPEERS AND [433] DAY
 CAMPEERS HAVE FUN, MAKE
 FRIENDS, AND GROW IN SPIRIT,
 MIND, AND BODY THIS SUMMER!
 MORE THAN [400] OF THESE
 CAMPEERS WERE ABLE TO ATTEND
 THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS GIFT.



WITH THE HELP OF A LONGTIME
 CAMP SUPPORTER, WE ALSO OPENED
 A NEW AMPHITHEATRE—DEDICATED
 TO 60S/70S CAMP ALUM JIM "GUM"
 WIGGLESWORTH—CALLED "THE Q".
 AND WE OPENED A BRAND NEW
 HIGH ROPES COURSE, "THE DOUBLE
 DISCO" THANKS TO A TRANSFORMATIVE
 GRANT FROM YUSA. SEVERAL OTHER BIG
 CAPITAL GIFTS ALLOWED US TO
 IMPROVE FACILITIES/COMPLETE "DREAM"
 PROJECTS. THANK YOU!!!
 FAMILY CAMPS CONTINUE TO GROW
 AS WELL—HERE YOU CAN SEE THE LONG
 FAMILY (GENERATIONS OF CAMPEERS SINCE
 THE 1950S) READY TO TAKE ON THE
 DOUBLE DISCO. AND "DINO DIDDLES"
 BROUGHT SOME GIANT SNAKES AND
 OTHER REPTILES FOR A VISIT TO OUR
 CAMP-IST BLACK FAMILY REUNION
 FAMILY CAMP!



AND... IT'S NOT ALL "NEW STUFF."
 MEAL TIME IS STILL A "PARTY" IN THE
 DINING HALL. CANDLELIGHT REFLECTION
 TIMES STILL CONJURE FEELINGS OF GRATITUDE.
 LEADERS ARE STILL ICONIC IN THEIR
 ANNOUNCEMENTS, KIDS STILL LOOK FOR
 SALAMANDERS, PONY LOVERS CARE FOR
 THEIR HORSES AND ENJOY TRAIL RIDES.
 BETWEEN GIANT GAMES OF TAG AT SUNSET,
 CANOE RIDES WITH FRIENDS, AND
 COMSLORES HELPING TO ROAST HOTDOGS AND
 SMORES (LOVE THAT CAMPFIRE SMELL!!!),
 A CAMP ERNST EXPERIENCE
 SPARKS MAGIC IN YOUNG
 LIVES. THANK YOU FOR BEING PART
 OF IT! ERNSTEORE,
 Eli
 (Elizabeth "Eli" Cochran)
 Camp Director



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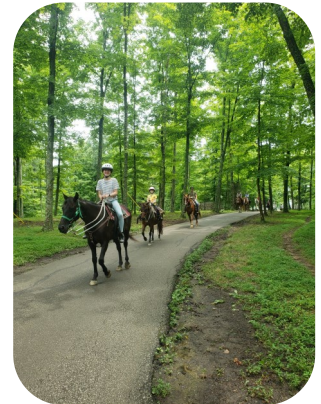


The **people** are what make Camp Ernst so special, the unwavering sense of love and **belonging** that each counselor tries to give to each camper who walks into their cabin." -Maya



Camp was great for me because it provided the perfect atmosphere for me to **grow and learn** as a kid. I was shown the values of kindness, inclusivity, and how to embrace your **true self**. I chose to keep coming back so I could continue to foster that camp magic for kids after me! -Maggie

"Camp really helped me learn how to **express myself** and gave me a safe place to build my social skills." -Kelsey



"What makes camp great is that your cabin goes from everyone being strangers to everyone **becoming best friends** within a day or two!" -Katie



"I work at camp because I love the **open mindedness and inclusion** of it. Also I want to show campers what diversity looks like because they may not see it at home or school." -TL

"I love working at camp for the great opportunity of benefiting the youth with **amazing experiences** and building life-long **friendships**." -Grant



I feel like I was able to make an **impact** on so many kids and carry on the **camp magic** that made me beg my parents to send me back to camp each year when I was a camper.

-Olive

