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COME HOME MORE ALIVE.



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IF YOUR LIFE IS PERFECT, FULL OF ADVENTURE AND PURPOSE & CLOSENESS WITH GOD AND OTHERS, YOU CAN STOP READING RIGHT NOW.

Camps are for the rest of us.

EXPERIENCES SPECIFICALLY **DESIGNED TO TAKE YOU TO A NEW PLACE** RELATIONALLY AND SPIRITUALLY. A BREAK FROM THE DAILY GRIND. AN OASIS OF ADVENTURE & FUN. IF THAT STRIKES A CHORD, KEEP READING. **WE HAVE A CAMP FOR YOU.**

FAMILY CAMP PG.4

An adventure the whole family will remember. Memorial Day Weekend.

May 27-29, 2023

FATHER+SON CAMP PG.6

For dads, father figures, and boys 7-17. Spark manhood in your son. And have a blast doing it.

June 2-4, 2023

MOTHER + DAUGHTER CAMP PG.8

For moms, mother figures, and girls 7-17. A weekend of quality time that could change both your lives.

June 9-11, 2023

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP PG.12

For current 8-12th graders. Also known as the BEST. WEEK. EVER.

July 5-9, 2023

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP PG.12

For current 5-7th graders BEST. WEEK. EVER, middle school edition.

July 24-28, 2023

COLLEGE CAMP PG.14

For anyone ages 18-24. Trade in life's chaos for a weekend of freedom. Get restored and revived for what's next.

October 6-8, 2023

VETERAN CAMP PG.16

For men, active duty and veterans of military service. Made by vets, for vets. Everything you miss about serving, nothing you don't.

April 14-16, 2023

SENIOR GETAWAY PG.18

For men and women 60+. Designed by seniors for seniors. Connect with a vibrant community of folks asking: "God, what's my next adventure?"

**April 4-5, 2023
Sept 19-20, 2023**

COUPLES CAMP: COMBAT PG.20

For husbands and wives. Love is a battlefield. Get what you need to fight for one another.

April 28-30, 2023

MAN CAMP: THE COMMISSIONING PG.22

For men 18 and up. Inspiring everyday guys to become the confident leaders God made them to be. Also shenanigans.

October 20-22, 2023

WOMAN CAMP: SET FREE PG.24

For women 18 and up. Escaping the world's burdens and expectations to be refreshed, refilled and freed.

September 22-24, 2023

GETAWAYS PG.28

Fresh event ideas we're cooking up for you.

VOLUNTEER PG.29

Make a difference in somebody's life this year.





FAMILY CAMP

MAY 27 - 29, 2023

For: Families

Packing the family up and living in a tent for a weekend might be the hardest thing you do all year. It will probably also be the **most rewarding and most**

memorable. Come discover what your family is made of and have a ton of fun in the process.

“*My kids were shocked mom and dad didn't have to work, be on our phones at all, and just be fully engaged with them.*”



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“*My son was crying when we got home because he wanted to go back so bad. Such a fun experience for us, and proved to be the perfect way to bond.*”

One weekend can change a lot. **Spark manhood in your son's life.** Ditch your phone. Play catch. Shoot guns. Spend time with God and brave your way through the woods.

Fatherhood is meant to be an adventure. Being a kid is meant to be fun. Father+Son Camp is both.



FATHER+SON CAMP

JUNE 2 - 4, 2023

For: Fathers (or father figures) and their sons (7-17)



MOTHER+DAUGHTER CAMP

Nothing creates a connection like a challenging shared experience. **Bond with your daughter in a way that everyday life doesn't allow.** No chores. No carpooling. No phones. Just nature, laughter, and a unique experience with God that you'll never forget.

JUNE 9 - 11, 2023
For: Mothers (or mother figures) and their daughters (7-17)

“ **There seems to be many opportunities for my husband and son to go away on weekend campouts and experiences but this was a first we found for us girls.** ”



Few topics among men are as polarizing as... camping. Some love it and live for it. Some hate it and avoid it. I believe that there are things about us as men (probably women too, but I can't be certain because I'm not one) that will not be unlocked unless we make our peace with camping. I'm not talking about backpacking into the woods with only a bag of granola and recycled TOMS shoes. I'm just talking about being outside with no bed and absent of central heat/air.

Strong words, I know – but they come from a former camping hater. Six years ago, I took my son on a bike trip out west and knew I couldn't afford gas, food, and hotel for two people so we camped. Spending 7 days straight around a campfire and in a tent changed me and my perspective. That trip has led to roughly 200 nights camping since; put simply, I've become a camping evangelist. Here's why...

CAMPING BUILDS MEMORIES.

Remember that time you stayed at a Holiday Inn and watched SportsCenter? Of course not. But I remember and still talk about the trip when we had cheap gear and were on the edge of a gorge and the

wind kicked up and pancaked our tent on top of the two of us.

CAMPING BUILDS IDENTITY.

Humanity has been camping for most of its history. Camping enables us to have a primal connection to pioneers and settlers – men with a toughness – that the average male today simply doesn't have.

CAMPING BUILDS CAMARADERIE.

The average male is isolated. Our technology has enabled us to be isolated because we don't need anyone else. But in the process, we isolate ourselves and become cut off from truly needing other people. Camping is a communal effort. Someone gathers firewood, someone starts the fire, someone breaks out the food, people help each other with their tents or a structure to shield the rain, etc. This activity is a springboard into lasting friendship.

CAMPING BUILDS HARDINESS.

We rode to Alaska a few years ago and it was difficult. There is nothing fun about taking down a tent in the driving rain and then setting that

same wet tent up 9 hrs later in a driving rain. But at the end of that trip, I had crossed over into a new territory of hardiness. Things that stressed me out or intimidated me before the trip didn't bother me anymore. I knew I could get through it.

CAMPING BUILDS CONFIDENCE.

When a man learns to build a fire to stay warm, to keep himself sustained without fast food, or figures out how to mend a broken tent pole he becomes a problem solver. Problem solvers have a right to have confidence which gives them a leg up on whatever the future may hold.

Camping scratches something deep inside of us. It produces something different in our character. When we return to civilization, we do so with a changed identity. It is the way it has always been and we would do well to emulate the men who have gone before us in every time period and on every continent.

“ One of the biggest mistakes I've ever made was not getting my family to camp when we were younger. ”

It spurs teamwork, conversations, character, laughter, and memories that no hotel ever will. I encourage you to try it. Make it an easy start. Load up your car with a bunch of food, blankets, and firewood and park it at a sanctioned park where there is a fire ring and restrooms nearby. You can use the wet wipes in the woods the next time.



the **POWER** *of* **CAMPING**

STUDENT CAMPS

* 20% OFF
Through March 20

HIGH SCHOOL

JULY 5 - 9, 2023

For: Current 8-12th graders.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

JULY 24 - 28, 2023

For: Current 5-7th graders.



Student Camp is designed to push students spiritually + relationally, and have a **complete blast in the process**. World-class teachers and worship leaders set the tone. Background-checked,

spiritually mature leaders build into the students, giving them a safe place to process what's going on in their lives.

“ *One week changed my life. Jesus, food, friends, fun. What more could you want in a week?* ”





COLLEGE CAMP

OCTOBER 6 - 8, 2023

For: Anyone ages 18-24

College Camp is a weekend of freedom. It's a break from life's chaos, where you can feel cared for. Where you can make real friends. Where you can hear

from God. And also, where you can have an amazing time. You'll walk away restored, revived, and ready for what's next.

"Not only did I make some good friends but I also accepted Jesus in my life which has been the best decision ever."



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VETERAN CAMP

APRIL 14 - 16, 2023

For: For men, active duty and veterans of military service.

A fun and relaxing time to be understood, surrounded by brothers, and encouraged to become the man you know you can be. **Made by vets for vets.**

No chest-thumping or measuring of any body parts. Just a weekend away to find rest, a fresh spark, and true freedom.

“ *Being a veteran, we all have this stigma that we can do it ourselves. And it's not true, we're all a team. Find your battle buddy here, and fight through it together.* ”





An overnight specifically for those 60+ who are looking for community and a deeper connection with God. Designed by seniors for seniors. World-class teaching and a chance to connect with a vibrant community of folks

asking: *"God, what's the next adventure you want to take me on?"* (By the way, we're going to sleep in beds, not tents.)

SENIOR GETAWAY

APRIL 4 - 5, 2023
SEPT 19 - 20, 2023

For: Men and Women 60+

What's the difference between a camp and a getaway? **Go to page 28.**



COUPLES CAMP: COMBAT

God has brought you and your spouse together. Why? Spend a few nights in a tent connecting on a level that normal day-to-day life just doesn't allow for. **Couples Camp is a 48-hour date** to rest, laugh, and rediscover the incredible purpose God has for your marriage. **This year's theme: COMBAT.** Love is a battlefield. Get what you need to fight for each other.

APRIL 28 - 30, 2023
For: Husbands & Wives

“ The mud, cold, giant wolf spiders, and peeing outside is worth every bit of growth and peace you will get from this time with your spouse and God. ”



MAN CAMP: THE COMMISSIONING



OCTOBER 20 - 22, 2023

For: Men 18+

MAN CAMP is an off-the-grid, primitive weekend camping experience for men 18 and older. **It's a break from the numbing grind of comfort and busyness.** It's like jumping in a sketchy van and ripping away to freedom. But in the woods with a bunch of other guys desperate to breathe some life into their lungs.

This isn't a kumbaya-singing, sit-and-get church camp. You'll be challenged physically, mentally, and spiritually. It's a BYO-Everything weekend, including food. You'll hike all of your gear in with your unit over challenging terrain to find and establish camp.

Everything throughout the weekend is designed for maximum impact, even downtime.

If done right, you'll come home both refreshed and tired. In the best possible way.

This year's theme: THE COMMISSIONING.

A fresh experience to find new direction and awaken your purpose. Be the man God made you to be.

"I spent the weekend with 8 men that I never met before Friday and I can honestly call those men friends now. Scratch that, those men are my brothers now."



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WOMAN CAMP: SET FREE

A unique camping experience designed by women for women. A place for you to rest, let down your guard, get outside your comfort zone and slowly walk into beauty and adventure. Set up a tent. Start a fire. Start a conversation. Connect with God. Take your place at the table. Find your people. Experience beauty and the wild love of God. **Awaken your soul.** Be set free.

This year's theme: SET FREE

God wants women to walk in freedom. Yet it is so easy to feel trapped under the weight of things we carry that keep us from experiencing the fullness of God's plans and purpose for our lives. The good news is that no matter what burdens we carry into camp, we can lay them down and walk out in freedom. **As daughters of God, we have been fought for, rescued and ransomed.** At camp we will be SET FREE.

SEPT 22 - 24, 2023
For: Women 18+



“ God blew my mind this weekend. I am undone, raw, exhausted, and overwhelmingly grateful.”



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FAQS GEAR UP

WHERE DO WE CAMP?

At Base Camp.* It's 430 beautiful acres of rolling hills and forest about 45 minutes east of Cincinnati, owned and maintained by Crossroads.

* The exceptions to all this are Student Camps and the Senior Getaway. Student Camps happen at Bowling Green State University, and Senior Getaway happens at Higher Ground Campground.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

At a minimum you'll need your own sleeping bag, a camp chair, headlamp, water bottle, and something to eat on. You'll work with your pre-assigned unit to figure out big stuff like tents and coolers. For some camps (like MAN CAMP), you hike in and out over a mile with everything you pack. Others (like Family Camp), you can drive right up to your campsite.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE CAMPING GEAR?

You'll be assigned a group at every camp. Nobody goes alone. This will be your crew for the weekend. You'll share a campfire, meal prep, and any gear needs. You solve everything as a team. Even if you're the indoorsy type, there's a whole crew of people that will have your back.

I'VE ALREADY BEEN TO A CAMP. WHY SHOULD I GO BACK?

You ever have a great steak dinner and decide, "Welp, that's enough of that, guess I'm a vegan now"? Is that one time you worked out in high school "plenty"? Do you crush your numbers in Q1 and then coast the rest of the year? Well, all of that is just dumb. If you've been to camp and hated it, cool. It might not be for you. If you liked it you know that there is something incredibly special that happens there. You may not think you need to go again, but there is more for you there. Every single camp hits different. Each time is a unique experience since YOU are a huge part of creating the experience. If you're ready to step up and lead at camp, you absolutely should. You could even try a different camp. There are tons of options.

GET WAY MORE QUESTIONS ANSWERED AT [CROSSROADS.NET/CAMPS](https://crossroads.net/camps)

GETAWAYS

Getaways

So we've got this amazing 430 acres of land just east of Cincinnati. Why not use it more often? We're working this year to create fresh experiences where people can get away to experience God and connect with other like-minded folks. We created a whole new bucket of events called Getaways. **These things are so fresh we haven't even planned them all yet.** But here are some of the ideas we're thinking about:

CAMP WITH YOUR CREW	Reserve a spot to camp with your group, your friends, or your family. We supply the land, BYO-Everything else.
OVERLANDING GETAWAY	Meet up with other folks who do overlanding, even if you're just interested in the idea. Learn about gear, how to cook a great meal where there's no cell reception, and practice marshaling (navigating obstacles in a vehicle as a team).
BASE CAMP DRIVE-IN	Watch a movie under the stars and camp.
MEDICAL GETAWAY	Medical professionals deal with a lot of things that regular folks don't. We're working on an event where doctors, nurses, first responders, and other people in the medical field can get healing and rest.
OVERNIGHTS FOR CAMP LEADERS	If you've ever served at a camp, we're working on overnights where you can actually be off and get inspired for your next leadership move.



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VOLUNTEER

Nearly 40,000 people have experienced a camp. The only way this happens is by the dedication of hundreds of volunteers. **It might be the most satisfying hard work you get to do this year.**

- >> **Trip Captains & Campsite Hosts:** Lead a group of campers for the weekend. It's critical frontline work that makes a bigger difference than you might think.
- >> **Build community:** Camps are only the beginning. We've got a ton of opportunities to get people into meaningful relationships after camp events, and we need leaders to make it happen.
- >> **Logistics and administration:** A surprising amount of spreadsheets go into these off-the-grid adventures. If that sounds like your wheelhouse, we'd love your help.
- >> **Prayer team:** Maybe the single most powerful piece of a camp is what happens under the prayer tent. See God move in powerful ways when you serve.
- >> **Work on the land:** Get your hands dirty and prepare the way for God to meet people at camps.

STAY IN THE KNOW. SUBSCRIBE FOR GETAWAYS UPDATES

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Everyone wants "30 day abs" or that "get rich quick" scheme, but we all know that stuff isn't real. **Camps are real.** And they will do more for your life, faith and general happiness in one weekend than you can even imagine. **Spend a weekend with God focused on you.** Without all

the conveniences and technology that traps us in the day to day. **A weekend where you are actively part of creating the experience, not passively consuming one created by someone else.** Join a thousand (or two) other folks who are all stumbling in the same direction as you.

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