

# Camp Paddy Run's Youth Retreat Program

## What is the Youth Retreat Program?

The Youth Retreat Program at Camp Paddy Run is an opportunity for you- as a youth leader - to bring your group out to Paddy Run for an exciting, fun-filled and educational experience. It's a time for your youth group to leave their usual 'comfort zone' and bond in a truly unique way. Members of the Paddy Run Outdoor Ministry Team, Amy Tubbs and Lori Orndorff, will be your hosts for the entire weekend- leading games, lessons, outdoor adventures, and meal preparation. Not outdoorsy? No problem!... We make it easy.

We've chosen some of our most successful themes from past retreats and packaged them in a way that makes it easy to choose the retreat best suited for your group. We encourage creativity, team projects, group discussions and leadership and simply 'being yourself' while at Paddy Run.

Our mission is to bring as many youth as possible out to Paddy Run to begin or strengthen their journey with God.... AND...to equip youth leaders with the tools they need to engage youth in fun, meaningful study and fellowship. It's an opportunity to grow closer with your group in a way that doesn't happen in the familiar surroundings of your church or everyday life. Here at Paddy Run, we are living in true Christian community... and it's a beautiful thing!



**Step 1: Choose the retreat theme that's best for your group.**

**Step 2: Pick your date.** It's best to have at least 2 dates that work for you in case your first choice is already booked. The retreats offered in this brochure are typically for 1 overnight and 2 half or full days. Fees vary, but will include costs for groceries, materials and honorariums.

**Step 3: Contact Us.** Fill out the online reservation form at [www.camppaddyrun.org](http://www.camppaddyrun.org) or call at 540-692-9029.





## JESUS CHRIST: REALITY STAR!

Don't change that channel!... Andrew Lloyd Webber might have given our Savior the spotlight in Broadway's *Jesus Christ Superstar*, but this Youth Retreat focuses on how Jesus is the star of your very own REALITY. And by following his teachings, you can be the SUPER-STAR in your own life!

The weekend will also engage youth in activities and challenges inspired from some favorite reality TV shows, such as *Dancing with the Stars*, *Survivor*, *Ace of Cakes*, *American Idol*, *Project Runway* or *Top Chef*.



## EMOTION COMOTION: Biblical Foundations for Balancing Life's Ups and Downs.

Happy, sad, frustrated, intimidated, envious... Let's face it, our emotions are always in charge—telling us what to say, what to do, and how to respond. We can rarely control our emotions, but we can certainly control what we do next.

During this weekend, we're diving deep into life's ups and downs and exploring what the Bible says about how we can handle some of these destructive emotions. Prayer journals, role playing and hilarious games are all part of exploring our many emotions.



## GOING FOR GOLD: Victory in our Lives

Ideal for the groups that love a little friendly competition—this retreat hosts a long list of wacky Olympic games as well as studying God's word and turning our attention to the race we are running in our own lives. Every successful athlete needs discipline, coaching and encouragement—the very things the Bible gives to us.

Our victory and rewards remain in Him. And through scripture, songs, play and prayer, we will get ourselves spiritually fit for life! Host this event in the summer for water sports— or wait until cold months for a twist on the Winter Olympics!



## THANKS BE TO GOD: Nurturing an 'Attitude for Gratitude'

This weekend combines the excitement of a challenging scavenger hunt throughout the camp's vast acreage with a more reflective time as we explore the many things we are thankful for. Realizing that God's grace and goodness extend far beyond our basic needs, this weekend delves deeper into realizing our gifts and understanding how they are important to the body of Christ.

Expect a weekend of fun and surprises—whether on the challenging outdoor course, through trust exercises, or while enjoying great food and fellowship. We conclude the retreat by writing a prayer of Thanksgiving to be shared with your congregation.

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL THEMES:



### **WONKA WISDOM: Sweet Lessons about Godly Character**

Get ready for a larger than life sugar rush!... This weekend is about candy and everything dandy. Using the original *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* movie as our guide– this weekend retreat takes a close look at Godly character through the vastly opposite viewpoints of our friends Veruca Salt, Mike Tee Vee and Augustus Gloop. Savor the delicious demise of these villains and hold fast to the wisdom of the Oompa Loompas. Complete with Everlasting Gobstoppers and Fizzy Lifting Drinks!



### **FIT FOR A KING!**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Let it be known that this retreat will journey back in time to the early monarchs of the Old Testament– starting with King Saul and ending with the Prince of Peace and the King of Kings – our Lord Jesus Christ.

Throughout our adventure, we will enjoy a light-hearted look at the revelry and traditions of the medieval kingdoms– featuring games, challenges and good-natured ‘Tom Foolery.’ It is sure to be a weekend like none other– reminding us all that we are, in fact, inheriting the Kingdom!

### **CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS!**

In this fun-filled, festive weekend, we celebrate an entire year and all the great holidays that come with it.... Including some you might not know about or fully appreciate. Ever wonder why we celebrate St. Patricks Day or Halloween?... and what about Epiphany and Pentacost? What are they really all about? Well, strap on your Easter basket and join us for this humorous yet thought provoking look at all of our great American traditions and the God that gives us all good things. Complete with Thanksgiving dinner and trick or treating!

