

Amazing Grace Day Camps

How is this camp unique?

The uniqueness of this day camp is that it is a tool for outreach to the unchurched. Each congregation strives to invite participants who have not heard the story of Christ's love. Additionally, each congregation is expected to design and implement a plan for follow-up with campers, a crucial component to this ministry.



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What is Amazing Grace Day Camp?

Amazing Grace Day Camp is a unique blend of congregational evangelism, outreach and outdoor ministry. This ministry is a partnership sponsored by the Southern Ohio Synod, hosted by congregations and staffed by Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio (LOMO). It is a vital component in living out the strategic plan of the Synod: Advancing God's Mission – Living Faith.

The strength of Amazing Grace Day Camp is God's grace for all people.

Donations for this vital ministry may be sent to:
Amazing Grace Day Camps
c/o Southern Ohio Synod
300 South Second Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

How is the program funded?

Through a partnership of the Southern Ohio Synod, LOMO, congregations and individuals. Gifts to support this ministry are always welcome and may be sent to the Southern Ohio Synod.

The Camp:

-Provides an opportunity to invite new people to experience the Gospel.

-Values relationships. We require a staff to youth ratio of not greater than 1:10.

-Provides a camping experience for youth who may not be able to attend a resident camp.

-Is designed for children who will be entering grades 1-7

How are congregations selected as hosts?

Pastors and congregations may request to host an Amazing Grace Day Camp by contacting Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Jeff Wick or the Amazing Grace Day Camp Task Force chair. The Task Force members (made up of pastors and lay people) then carefully and prayerfully determines the sites keeping in mind the following criteria:

-The congregation's attitude and commitment to help unchurched children hear the Good News and to continue to reach out to these children throughout the year.

-Provide a safe location for the camp.

-Serve in communities with children living in poverty or where there are limited summer programs available.

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How is the program staffed?

LOMO provides a Team Coordinator and counselors who are caring, committed and prepared to lead your day camp experience. These individuals work directly with the campers, focusing on relational experiences. The Team Coordinator also supervises the staff and provides the necessary administration to the program. LOMO Day Camps are staffed by young adults who are selected for their Christian commitment and love of children.

Each congregation will provide a Congregational Coordinator and volunteers. Volunteers are responsible adults and high school students (entering 10th to 12th grades) and are people who like to have fun, enjoy kids and are willing to share their faith story.



The colorful shirts above were created by campers at one of the Southern Ohio Synod's Amazing Grace Day Camps.

