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## Judson Launches “Every Kid to Camp” Campaign

### Summer 2014 Schedule

#### Mini Camps

*Entering grades 2-3 in Fall 2014*

Mini 1	June 15-18
Mini 2	June 18-21
Mini 3	June 29-July 2
Mini 4	July 20-23
Mini 5	July 23-26

#### Junior Camps

*Entering grades 4-6 in Fall 2014*

Junior 1	June 15-21
Junior 2	June 22-28
Junior 3	July 27-August 2
Jr. Trailblazers	June 15-21
Jr. Wrangler	June 29-July 2

#### Junior High Camps

*Entering grades 7-8 in Fall 2014*

Junior High 1	June 22-28
Junior High 2	June 20-26

#### Senior High Camp

*Entering grades 9-12 in Fall 2014*

Senior High	July 13-19
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#### Teen Specialty Camps

*Entering grades 7-12 in Fall 2014*

Summer Blast	June 29-July 2
Archeology	July 6-12
Arts Alive	July 6-12
Team Sports	July 6-12
Wrangler	July 6-12
Trailblazers	July 27-August 2

#### Day Camps

*Entering grades K-4 in Fall 2014*

Day Camp 1	June 22-28
Day Camp 2	July 27-August 2

#### Family Camp

Family Camp	July 2-5
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We at Judson believe that family finances should never be a barrier that prevents a child or teenager to experience the love of Jesus and the power of the Gospel at camp.

While we have always had a scholarship fund to assist campers who have needed it, it's name (CAP) has often been confused with Capital Funds for building projects.

As a result, we have decided to rebrand our scholarship fund the “Every Kid to Camp” campaign to provide scholarship assistance to campers who would not be able to participate in our summer camping program without financial help. ***Our goal for 2014 is to raise \$50,000 for Every Kid to Camp.***

All funds received for camper scholarships and from ECHO jugs (milk jugs of coins collected in local churches) will be credited to Every Kid to Camp.

Additionally, the Judson Day Offering and all matching funds we receive from the Erie Community Foundation from Erie Gives will be credited to Every Kid to Camp and help children and teenagers attend camp.

We will also be making a major outreach effort to businesses (particularly those we do business with) asking them to make a contribution to Every Kid to Camp.

Please pray for the Every Kid to Camp campaign and especially for all the children and teenagers that will be blessed by a camp experience because of it!

## It's Not Too Late for Winter Blast!

Winter Blast will be here soon, and while we have students and youth groups registered for both weekends, we still have room for more.

We are providing the Christian speakers, worship leaders, great food, and lots of indoor and outdoor games and activities (including the Judson debut of “Spikeball”). All that's missing is you and your youth group!

You can choose either Winter Blast #1—January 24-26 or Winter Blast #2—January 31-February 2. The cost is \$85 per student (grades 6-12) and \$50 per adult leader. Registration information is available at [www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com) and by calling (814) 922-3834.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for your youth group to participate in a great youth retreat where we do all the planning!

### See inside for information about:

- More about Summer Camp 2014
- Summer Staff Hiring and Volunteer Opportunities
- Long Range Plan Update
- Spring Retreats

# Summer Camp 2014 is Coming!

It may be the Christmas season, but Judson is getting ready for next summer! Here are some things you need to know about Summer Camp 2014:

## Only Days Remain for Early Registration Discounts!

Want to get a discount on your 2014 Summer Camp registration? Then send your \$50 deposit and we'll match it with a \$50 discount for a weeklong camp session or a \$25 discount for a half week camp sessions. Sounds good? All you need to do is mail your check (with the camper(s) name(s) that it is for on the memo line) or use your credit card by calling the camp office at (814) 922-3834 by December 31, 2013.

Early registration can make a great Christmas gift for a child, grandchild, or friend! If you would like, we can even mail you a gift certificate or e-mail you one that you can print!

While the summer camp schedule is available online and here in the newsletter, selecting a camp is not necessary at this time to take advantage of this discount (if you do pick a camp, it can be changed later with no additional cost), so register today!

***Brochures and online registration will be available at the latest by early January, but watch [www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com) and our facebook page to check them out as soon as they are available.***

## Summer Staff Hiring and Volunteers

Beginning January 1, we will begin our summer staff hiring process. Those who are interested in applying should visit [www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com) for a list of available positions (including counselors, waterfront, wranglers, cooks, dishwashers, housekeeping, and maintenance) and job descriptions as well as to apply online or print an application.

Persons interested in serving as a volunteer staff member for a week or two this summer should also visit the website to view a list of volunteer opportunities (including opportunities as counselors, wranglers, dishwashers, housekeeping, and maintenance) or to complete or print a volunteer application.

## Spring Retreats In the Works

We are tentatively planning a variety of retreats for the Spring. These retreats include a Spring Scrapbooking Weekend, Spring Steelhead Weekend, a Youth Leaders Gathering, and possibly a Pastoral Spouses Weekend. Additionally from April 28-30 we will be hosting a Pastor's Retreat for ABCOPAD.

Dates, rates, and information for each of these weekends will be available shortly after Christmas. Watch [www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com), our facebook page, your e-mail (if you get e-mail updates—to subscribe visit our website), or the February issue of the Judson Journal for updates. Camp Advocates for our partner churches will also receive information in the mail, or you can call or e-mail the camp office.

## Long Range Plan Update

It is an exciting time at Judson! As we prepare to celebrate what God has done over the last 65 years, we are also looking ahead to how God might use us in service to His Kingdom for years to come. Over the last two years, the camp board has diligently sought to discern God's vision for the future of Camp Judson, and we have to come to believe that God is calling us to not only continue to seek to help individual campers and retreat guests to experience the love of Jesus and grow in relationship to God, but also to seek to encourage, support, and strengthen local churches by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, training, and fellowship.

We have come to a place where we have identified many of the facility and staffing needs we will encounter as we pursue this vision, and as we begin the new year we will be pursuing this vision on two fronts. On the first, we are preparing to engage with an outside consultant that works with camps in developing a master plan for our facilities to guide us in meeting the need to repair, update, and maintain our facilities and help us to be the best steward possible of all that God has blessed us and to accurately discern the costs involved.

Second, we are laying the groundwork for a capital campaign that will begin upon completion of the master plan to provide the necessary funding to bring this vision to fulfillment.

We know that with God all things are possible and that God has all the resources that we could ever ask for, and so we ask that you would join us in praying for God's power and grace to be put on display as we pursue this vision for ministry. ***If you would like to commit to daily prayer on our behalf for the fulfillment of this vision for ministry at Camp Judson, or you would like more information, please contact the camp office by phone or e-mail.***

# Judson News and Needs

## We Need a New (to us) Truck!

Our current camp truck has over 220k miles on it and has reached a point where it is much more expensive to maintain than it is worth. In an effort to be good stewards of what God provides for us, we are looking to replace it with a new truck.

We are looking for a truck that is in solid condition, capable of the demands of plowing snow in the winter months to keep our facilities accessible and useful for hauling tools, materials, equipment, and even luggage around the camp property during the non-snowy months.

If you have (or know of) a truck that fits this description that is available for sale or for donation, please call us or send us an e-mail. We would also be interested in vehicles not fitting this description available for donation that we could sell and use the proceeds to purchase a truck.

We would appreciate your prayers and your help as we seek to find a truck that meets our needs.

## Join Us for Monthly Volunteer Days Through the Winter

**Volunteers are invited to join us for a monthly work day through the winter months.** We will be working on a variety of projects (mostly inside) on January 8th, February 5th, and March 5th (all dates are Wednesdays). We'll provide lunch, and even a place to stay overnight to save you from driving too early in the morning, so come and join us for some fun and fellowship!

If you would like to help out, please call (814) 922-3834 or e-mail [judson@campjudson.com](mailto:judson@campjudson.com) so that we know that you will be joining us!

## Celebrate 65 Years of Ministry With Us!

2014 marks 65 years of ministry for Camp Judson and we would love for you to help us prepare for the celebration!

Here are three ways you can help:

1. We have lots of camp pictures, but we would love to collect some more. We would love to receive at least one picture (in digital or print form) from every year of Judson's ministry (from 1949 to present). If you have one you would like to give us, you can mail or e-mail it to our office. Please include your name and the approximate year of the picture.
2. We are recruiting a team of people to help us plan a celebration event. If you would like to be a part of this team (or you know someone who should be), call or e-mail us to let us know.
3. Please pray for us as we prepare to celebrate and that we would reconnect with past campers, staff, families, and friends, and that God would encourage, inspire, and challenge each of us as we celebrate what God has done through Judson in the last 65 years.

## Needed: Folding Machine

The camp office is in need of a folding machine in good condition capable of doing "C" folds, "Z" folds, and 1/2 folds. For more information contact the camp office.

## Pray for Judson

Here are some ideas to guide you in praying for the ministry of Camp Judson:

- Praise God for 65 years of ministry here at Judson!
- Praise God for the volunteers who have given their time and talent to help prepare Judson for the winter months.
- Praise God for his continued provision and protection and pray that God would continue to provide for our every need.
- That God would bless our upcoming Winter Blast Youth Weekends, as well as the retreats we are planning for the spring.
- That God would meet our need for a new (to us) truck to use for snow plowing and other maintenance tasks around camp.
- That God would continue to fill our calendar with retreat groups and bless them during their time here.
- That God would prepare campers, staff, volunteers, and directors for Summer Camp 2014.
- That God would guide us as we begin the summer staff hiring process in January.
- That God would help us meet the \$50K goal of our Every Kid to Camp scholarship campaign to help children and teenagers in financial need attend camp next summer.
- That God would bring His vision for ministry through Camp Judson to fulfillment. (for more information visit [www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com))
- That Camp Judson would become an increasingly effective support and resource for churches throughout Northwestern Pennsylvania as well as our surrounding community and region.
- For our board and outside consultant as we begin work on a master facility plan to serve the growth of the Camp Judson ministry.
- That God would lay the groundwork for the upcoming capital campaign beginning officially in 2014 to fund the improvements laid out in the master facility plan.
- That God would provide our board and leadership with discernment and wisdom as they lead the Judson ministry.

To join our e-mail prayer team, send a message to [judson@campjudson.com](mailto:judson@campjudson.com). Thanks for praying!

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### We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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### Celebrating 65 Years in 2014!

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to learn more about the ministry of Camp Judson, please contact us through our website: [www.campjudson.com](http://www.campjudson.com)  
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