

2025 Prayer Booklet



Camp Carl
Summer Staff

Summer Theme Verse

¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

Psalms 63:1-4 (ESV)





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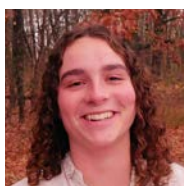
Sofia Hamilton

Staff Bio

This is my fourth summer working at camp! I was a camper for three summers before working here so camp has a very special place in my heart. I'm currently working my way into the photo/video world as a video production assistant at Grace church, social media marketer (and hostess) at Vaccaro's Trattoria, and it's also one of my favorite hobbies! Some other things I enjoy are playing guitar, movies, thrifting, live music, hosting dinner parties, and journaling.

Prayer Request

Please pray for wisdom and endurance as I lead others in my position this summer. I'm so grateful to be able to use my creativity to share what goes on at camp so also pray that God's love and word would continue to inspire and fuel me as I take on whatever challenges come my way.



UL: Challenge

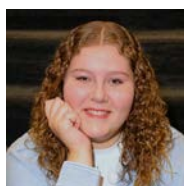
Grace Joyce

Staff Bio

This is my fifth year working at Camp Carl. I have been going to camp since I was a day camper! I love it here and I'm excited for another summer. This past year I have graduated from the University of Akron with a Bachelor's degree in Child and Family Development and a minor in Spanish. I enjoy riding my Onewheel, hanging out with friends, and going on hikes.

Prayer Request

Please pray for me this summer that I can lead the Challenge Team well and be present with campers and staff. Please pray for the fall too, that I will trust God and his plan as I figure out what to do after camp.



UL: Guest Services

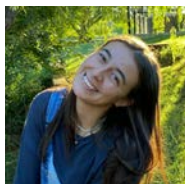
Maggie Mutchler

Staff Bio

Hi! My name is Maggie and I just finished my second year of undergrad at Grove City College as a history major. This is my first year at Camp Carl and I'm so excited to be a Unit Leader for the Guest Services team. In my free time, I love reading, watching movies, and going to museums.

Prayer Request

This summer, pray that our students and staff members would all have wonderful experiences that will only grow their relationships with God. Pray for safety, fun, and for amazing community to grow over the summer!



UL: Female Counselors

Bri Lloyd

Staff Bio

Hi, I'm Bri, and I'm so incredibly excited to spend this summer at Camp Carl! I am a senior at Liberty University studying Strategic Communications with a minor in Global Studies. I am from Texas and love hiking, hammocking, and working at the local coffee shop.

Prayer Request

To be obedient to whatever God calls me to and for him to direct my steps. For God to continue to lead me down the road less traveled and to equip me with the wisdom and strength to follow his will!



UL: Female Counselors

Arwen Wisley

Staff Bio

I am a rising senior at Wheaton College studying Christian Formation and Ministry as well as Psychology. I grew up as a missionary kid in Indonesia where my parents founded an international standard school and cross-cultural discipleship community. This has made me deeply passionate about sharing the gospel and seeing the healing power of the love of Christ in the lives of others. I love all things art, being outdoors, and drinking coffee!

Prayer Request

I get the opportunity to be a Unit Leader this year and am so excited to see the ways God grows and works through me. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as I care for campers and counselors.



UL: Wranglers

Liz Lenarth

Staff Bio

I'm a 2023 Ashland University grad spending this season seeking God's purpose while investing in family, friends, and camp ministry. This is my third summer on staff at Camp Carl—this summer I'm excited to return as Ranch Unit Leader! I grew up on faith, family, and horses—and I've been helping on my family's horse farm since I could walk. When I'm not at the barn or around camp, I'm probably out by a campfire, floating in a pool, or singing along to some good tunes. Can't wait to see what God has in store this summer! Can't wait to see what God has in store this summer!

Prayer Request

I hope God uses me this summer to pour into campers and my peers, as well as show others the beautiful love and purpose He has for them. I'd appreciate prayers for endurance, leadership, and intentionality as I aim to glorify God in every part of this summer. May it all be for His Kingdom!



**UL: Male
Counselors**

Walker Wisley

Staff Bio

This is my second summer working at Camp Carl. Last summer genuinely changed my life and set me on fire again for the Lord. I am excited to serve the Lord and can't wait to see what he will do. I am going into my senior year at Wheaton College. I am studying Christian Formation and Ministry with the hope of becoming a career missionary overseas. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to work at Camp Carl not only because it's awesome, but because of the way it's shaping me for my future.

Prayer Request

I am quite nervous coming into this role, and honestly don't feel competent. I know that it is only with the Lord that I can complete the task before me, so please pray I will rely on Him the entire summer and that I will fill my cup from His. Pray that I will pour myself out whether I am "full and overflowing" or feeling dry and drained, deepening my relationship with Jesus regardless of how I am feeling. Finally, please also pray that I will love the kids and my coworkers well, not for their sake alone, but for Christ and His Kingdom.



**UL: Male
Counselors**

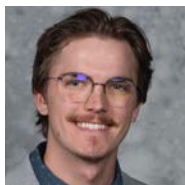
Ethan Siders

Staff Bio

I'm a junior at Ashland University, majoring in Sport Management and pursuing a Master's in Educational Leadership. This is my second year working at camp, and I'm excited to be back! I first got connected through friends and instantly felt at home. Outside of camp and school, I'm passionate about fitness, my faith, and helping others grow. I love working out, being outdoors, diving into Scripture, and spending time with people. Camp has been a huge part of my journey, and I'm grateful for another summer of impact and adventure.

Prayer Request

I'd love prayer for boldness and a servant's heart this summer. I want to be fully present and intentional with every camper and staff member I encounter. I'm praying that God uses me to encourage others, reflect His love, and be a light in every moment. I also hope to grow deeper in my own walk with Christ, learning to trust Him in every step and leap out in faith wherever He leads.



UL: Day Camp

Jacob DeVol

Staff Bio

I'm from Yorkville, IL. I'm a second-year grad student in the Master of Divinity program at Cedarville University! I received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science in May '24. I am hoping to do vocational ministry with my life, Lord willing. I've worked at forest preserve camps, as well as volunteering at Christian camps about every summer since 7th grade! I am all about camp--I love the mix of fun and crazy and learning about Christ. I found out about Camp Carl through Sam Howdyshell visiting one of my classes. It looked incredible! I am extremely humbled, grateful, and excited to serve as the Unit Leader of Day Camps. I love reading and writing about theology; music of all kinds (listening and playing!); hanging out with my friends; doing regular-person sporty things (I am not an athlete!); and honestly just laughing about silly stuff. I also adore working with kids.

Prayer Request

Please pray that the LORD would continually grow me throughout my studies at Cedarville and equip me to serve His people well, both in the future but also right now at camp. Pray that I would continually submit to His will for my life (Luke 22:42).



UL: Lifeguards

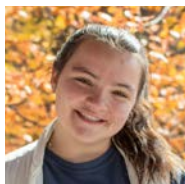
Bel Simpson

Staff Bio

I am currently going into my sophomore year at Kent State University, studying to be an airline pilot. Hopefully I'll be getting my private pilot's license in the fall! This will be my third summer working at camp, and my second summer being a counselor. Camp is one of my favorite places to be! I love dancing, I love matcha and chai tea, and I love the Lord and what He does here at camp! I am thankful to be a part of such a beautiful ministry.

Prayer Request

I would appreciate prayers that God would help me to see people through His eyes this summer and that my love for His children would grow to be like His love.



**Ella
Shelestovich**

Staff Bio

This is my 4th year working at camp! I graduated high school from Lake in 2024, and I am in the Delta Leadership Residency program at camp. This summer I am working in programming alongside the rest of Delta. I am excited to get to pursue camp's mission and to love on campers!

Prayer Request

- Prayer for good health and good rest
- Prayer to love the campers well and give my whole heart to them
- Portray camp's mission well, no matter how tired or exhausted I may get
- Prayer that campers really open their hearts and minds to learning about the Lord and His gospel



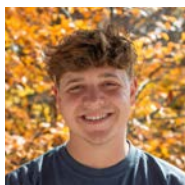
**Joelle
O'Connor**

Staff Bio

This past year I have been a Delta Leadership Resident at Camp Carl. I have grown and learned so much this year and am so excited for the summer. I will be working as a programming intern and challenge team assistant. I'm looking forward to being out on the course, helping kids face their fears, and tying it back to their faith! I love being outside, connecting with people, and helping at the ranch.

Prayer Request

I would love prayers for the daily reminder of God's presence--seeking it out and leaning into it every day! Pray that my life would radiate Christ, having grace and humility when it is needed. Pray for the hearts of campers, that they'd be eager for the gospel, and for the staff's eyes to be open and share Christ in love. Pray for discernment in where God is leading me. I don't quite know where it is yet, but I'm confident it's going to be great!



**Ethan
Schwartz**

Staff Bio

I'm part of the Delta Leadership Residency. I'm 21 years old and have been involved with camp since 2019. I love cooking, playing just about any sport, and spending time in nature, especially going on walks. I also enjoy music and learning any song on the guitar.

Prayer Request

This summer, I'm praying that every kid hears the gospel clearly and has an unforgettable, joy-filled experience at camp. I pray they feel comfort here and truly experience the love we have for them. I'm also lifting up the staff. As the days get busy, I pray we all lean into Christ for strength, not relying on our own, but trusting fully in Him.



**Jonathan
DeLucia**

Staff Bio

I'm excited to work at camp again this summer! I've been a counselor in the past and am now stepping into a new role of Programming and am so excited to see how God is going to use this camp for His kingdom once again! I attended Grove City College for 2 years after graduating from CVCA in 2022 and now plan to enter Stark State's Physical Therapy program. I'm passionate about ministry and seeing kids come to know the Lord. I love all sports and things outdoors!

Prayer Request

You can be praying for God to be in and through my heart this summer, so that in all things I'm seeking His good. Pray for energy and excitement, and that I can be a light to pick others up when they are down. Pray that I can be a small piece in the 9-week long celebration of God moving this summer!



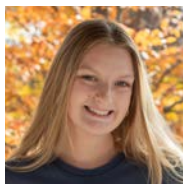
**Lydia
Patrick**

Staff Bio

I graduated high school last spring and for the past year have been in the Delta Leadership Residency program at Camp Carl. This is going to be my first summer working at camp. I plan to attend Moody Bible Institute in the fall for Intercultural Studies. In my free time, I love hanging out with friends and doing anything that's active and outside.

Prayer Request

I would appreciate prayer this summer that I would be intentional in the different areas that I get to work and interact with people. And that I would be a light to the kids and show them Christ in my actions.



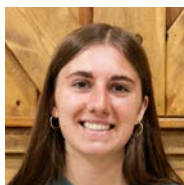
**Sam
Hampton**

Staff Bio

I am one of the Delta Leadership Residents here at Camp Carl! I am heading into my junior year of college, majoring in Theology and Ministry, and will be at Lipscomb University in the fall. I have been a camp counselor for a few years, but am so excited for my first summer at Camp Carl. When I am not at camp, I love hanging out with my friends and finding new coffee shops to try!

Prayer Request

Please be praying for all of the staff as we work to convey the Gospel as clearly as possible to campers! I am looking forward to seeing God work in new and powerful ways throughout this summer. I pray that His work is evident to me, and I can see Him!



**Ali
Menendez**

Staff Bio

I will be a senior at Baldwin Wallace University. I play Women's Basketball and am involved with Fellowship of Christian Athletes. God has blessed me with faithful friends that I worship with each weekend. I am from Hudson, Ohio and the youngest of my siblings. I love bible journaling, being outdoors, and spending time with family and friends. This will be my first year working at Camp Carl but I attended as a generational camper, as my mom, siblings, and I all had amazing experiences as campers.

Prayer Request

I pray that the Holy Spirit will equip me this summer to speak biblical truth to the campers. I also pray that the campers will see my love for Jesus and desire the same things for themselves. I pray that my relationship with God will grow deeper and that I will rely on him throughout the summer.



**Alli
Helm**

Staff Bio

I just finished my freshman year at the University of Akron and I am studying nursing! I found out about camp through friends I met on campus. While I am home for some of the summer, I am working at a local coffee shop. I enjoy hiking, reading, and listening to music.

Prayer Request

I would appreciate prayer for my time as a counselor at camp this summer. Pray that I would lean on the Lord at all times for strength and endurance and to keep a good attitude! I'd like to see the Lord shape me into someone who is not afraid to share the Gospel and to ultimately be a vessel of His love for others.



**Audrey
Miller**

Staff Bio

I will be a sophomore at the University of Toledo, studying Early Childhood Education. I play softball and have the demanding schedule of a Division 1 sport. I love to listen to music, read books, spend time outside, and call my family. This will be my first year at Camp Carl! My summers were always busy with sports, but I felt it on my heart to serve the Lord with my time this summer. I am so excited to be a part of this community. I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store!

Prayer Request

All my life, softball and sports have been a huge part of the person I am. However, the Lord has been teaching me that while softball is a part of my life, it will never be who I am. Being away at college has taught me about who I am in the Lord, and has helped me grow as an individual. I would really appreciate prayer for me to continue to grow in an identity that is not found in sports, but found in Jesus and Jesus alone.



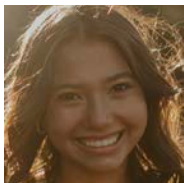
Bria Bucciarelli

Staff Bio

I just finished my first year at Grace College in Indiana. I played intramural volleyball and pickleball and worked in the Education department. I have been around camp for many years now. I came here as a camper, volunteered in various ways, and now I am beyond excited to serve as a counselor again this summer! A few things I love are hanging out at the lake with my friends, playing euchre, and having worship nights around a bonfire.

Prayer Request

My prayer is that God would use me and the summer staff to help every camper leave knowing the truth of the Gospel and how loved they are by Jesus. Pray that I would follow Jesus' example to love and lead my campers well. Pray that I would be intentional about spending time with God and abiding in Him each day, so that I am filled with his Spirit and can pour into my campers. Pray that God would give me a renewed awe and joy of the Gospel as I share it with campers this summer.



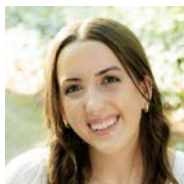
Claire Bennett

Staff Bio

I am going to be a sophomore at The University of Akron, majoring in Emergency Management and Homeland Security and minoring in Spanish. After college, I hope to work for a non-profit organization and provide humanitarian aid to people in need. I have been blessed to be able to attend Camp Carl since I was a day camper, so it has been awesome to see how God has called me back to work at camp! This is my second time being on staff at Camp Carl as an overnight counselor!

Prayer Request

I would appreciate prayer regarding my focus for God's mission. Please pray that I can have and maintain a diligent, intentional, and hard-working heart for the Lord by being committed to spread the Gospel to campers. Pray that I can learn and grow in my faith, building my spiritual maturity. I am excited to see how God is going to move in ways I cannot even imagine! Thank you so much for your prayers and continued support.



**Elizabeth
Calvis**

Staff Bio

I'm a freshman at Cedarville University. In college, I work at the Career Services Office, volunteer with the Students for Life organization, and serve in my church's child care ministry. I am so looking forward to my summer at Camp Carl! I wanted a position where I could disciple others and share the gospel, and God kindly opened up the doors for me to be an overnight counselor. In my free time, I read, play the piano, and spend time with friends. I also love to be outside and enjoy sunsets, hikes, and runs.

Prayer Request

Please be praying that I have a servant heart and put others before myself! I want to take up my cross and be a witness for God to my campers.



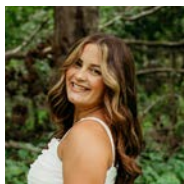
**Ella
Naugle**

Staff Bio

I'm a junior at Wheaton College studying Economics. While at school, I work as a student ambassador for Wheaton's Center for Career and Vocation and I also help lead a women's Bible study on campus called Abide. I love going on long walks with friends, finding new coffee shops, and exploring Chicago! In the summer, I love to paddle board on Lake Michigan. This will be my first year working at Camp Carl. I had a couple of friends work at Camp Carl last summer and they had a great experience and recommended it to me!

Prayer Request

Please pray that I would grow in my faith and be able to share the love of Christ well with campers! I would love prayer that I would be able to serve campers well and stay rooted in Jesus in everything that I do.



**Ella
Erickson**

Staff Bio

I am a junior at Ashland University and studying Primary Grades Education with an Intervention Specialist dual degree. I am on Ashland's basketball sideline cheer team. I also work at Bella's 220 in Ashland. I love to exercise, be with my family (especially my nieces), and friends! I am entering my second year at Camp Carl and am SO excited! I learned about Camp Carl through our Director of Programming, Ryan Schwartz and his family. I am beyond grateful for my relationship with this family and how it has led me to camp and a deeper relationship with the Lord.

Prayer Request

Please pray that the Lord would soften and prepare the hearts of campers to receive Him and His Word. Pray that the staff and campers would be able to experience and encounter God in new ways that would deepen their faith and relationship with Him. Pray that after camp concludes, campers would have the boldness and courage to live out their faith and apply what they have learned at camp to their daily lives. Pray for the health and safety of each of our staff members and campers as they go through each day!



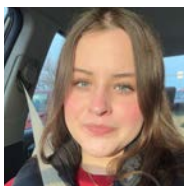
**Grace
Entner**

Staff Bio

I just finished my sophomore year as a Psychology major at Cedarville University. At school, I work in the Financial Aid office and I am involved in AYO, the dance organization, as a choreographer. In my free time, I love writing stories and reading, playing piano, drawing, baking, hiking and being outside on sunny days. I love working with kids and have always wanted to be a camp counselor, so I can't wait to see the amazing things God will do this summer.

Prayer Request

I know that I cannot be his hands and feet without his help and prayer of others. Please pray that God gives me strength and endurance as I serve, and that I can have joy from Christ to pass on to others even when I am tired. That God guides my words and thoughts in difficult conversations and gives me wisdom. That I will look for ways to share the gospel with campers and articulate the gospel in a way the person can grasp. And that I will be a good example to my campers and they will see Jesus' love in me.



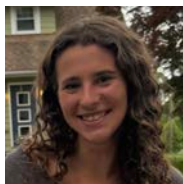
**Kayla
Kester**

Staff Bio

I am an Early Childhood Education major at Kent State University! I enjoy going to the gym, spending time with friends, and running is a huge part of my life. I also volunteer in the children's ministry at my local church in the 5-year-old classroom, which has been a blast! I was a camper here in 2019 and my church has held several retreats at Camp Carl so I am pretty familiar with camp!

Prayer Request

This summer I would like to see God teach me how to rely on Him when I am exhausted. I know that relying on my own strength is not going to work, so I would love for God to teach me how to rely on Him even more and how to be more patient with others. I also want to have a servant's heart and be there for those around me as well.



**Isabella
Bosco**

Staff Bio

I am from Connecticut and I attend Liberty University in Virginia where I am studying Teaching English as a Second Language. I am minoring in Youth Ministries and Apologetics as well. I love to play soccer and to have fun! I am so excited to see God encounter the next generation and myself at camp this year! This is my second year working at Camp Carl.

Prayer Request

That I would have clarity and direction as I go into my senior year of college.



Lena Conzaman

Staff Bio

I'm from Copley, Ohio, and I love being active and spending time outdoors, especially playing beach volleyball and spikeball. I enjoy spending time with friends and family, watching sunrises and sunsets, sewing, and going to concerts. I spent the past year traveling abroad for Bible school and mission trips, sharing the love of Jesus. This fall, I'll return to the University of Akron as a junior majoring in Business Marketing. I grew up going to Camp Carl every summer, and it was always the highlight of my summer! I'm excited to come back this year and relive the fun memories and impactful experiences!

Prayer Request

- Continued personal hunger for the word
- Boldness
- Patience with kids
- To see so many lives changed and salvations
- To never stop leaning heavily on God-- when things are good or bad
- Confidence and peace with what I do next with my life



Sidney Mehling

Staff Bio

I'm a freshman at Malone University, majoring in Wildlife Biology. I currently work as a cashier at Goodwill, and this summer is my first year as a camp counselor and my first time at Camp Carl. I'm super excited for the opportunity and can't wait to see what the summer holds. At my church, I enjoy teaching kids about God on Sunday mornings. In my free time, I love hanging out with friends, making bracelets, and doing any random arts and crafts projects.

Prayer Request

This summer, I'm hoping to see God move through me as I connect with the campers. I want to show them who God is through my actions and words and help them understand His love and character. I also hope to grow closer to God myself by connecting more deeply with nature and His creation and to help kids see just how good and amazing our Creator really is.



Mallory Carbenia

Staff Bio

I am an incoming sophomore at Malone University, where I am studying Business Management with a minor in Communications. I have been going to camp since I was little, and after serving on Crew in high school, I joined the summer staff last year as an overnight counselor, and I loved every minute of it! When I'm not at Camp Carl or Malone, you can often find me exploring a new coffee shop or playing tennis.

Prayer Request

This summer, I would appreciate your prayers as I continue to learn how to sacrifice my time, energy, and love for campers. Please ask the Lord to provide physical health so that I can serve as best as I can, and that God's strength would be made perfect in my weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).



**Tarolyn
Kunkel**

Staff Bio

I will be entering my sophomore year of college this fall at the University of Akron. I am studying Civil Engineering. I was a camper at Camp Carl for quite a few years, and this will be my fourth year working here! I am super excited to see what God has planned for this summer! I love hiking, hanging out with friends, baking, and being outdoors.

Prayer Request

I would love prayer for wisdom as I seek to encourage, love, and care for the campers well. Please also pray that the campers would come with open hearts and minds, ready for learning more about God and how deeply He loves and cares for them. Please pray for the health and safety of all of the campers and staff throughout the weeks!



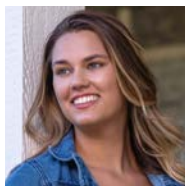
**Grace
Kirkhart**

Staff Bio

I am a second-year Biomedical Engineering student at the University of Akron. In my free time, I love to cook, craft, play sports like volleyball, and just have a good time! This is my first year at Camp Carl. I heard about camp through an on-campus ministry called Campus Focus. Many of my friends from Campus Focus were working or had worked at Camp Carl and they said great things about working here!

Prayer Request

I would love it if you pray for me to let go and let God. I love to plan and be in control of my life but this summer I want to be able to let go and let God take the steering wheel in my life. I want to be able to look at my life and see God using me to grow his kingdom and see his light shining through me -- both of which are only possible if God is in control of my life.



**Tatum
West**

Staff Bio

I'm from Columbus, Ohio, and I'm a junior at Denison University in Granville, studying Ancient Greek and Roman Studies and Religion. After Denison, I'm interested in pursuing ministry. I grew up going to summer camps and have been a counselor for a few summers. I'm excited to spend my first summer at Camp Carl. I learned about it from my grandfather, who was originally from the area. I'm always reading a new book—last year, I read 67. I enjoy spending time with my cheer team. I love painting and sewing, baking, and traveling to new places. My favorite place so far has been India.

Prayer Request

As I head into my last two years at Denison University, I ask for prayers for guidance, wisdom, and clarity in my studies and future decisions. I want to make the most of this time and continue growing in my faith and leadership. I'm praying that this summer will deepen my relationship with Jesus. I also pray that I'll have the opportunity to come alongside campers as Jesus works in their lives, helping them grow in their faith while having lots of fun together.



**Tyana
McNeil**



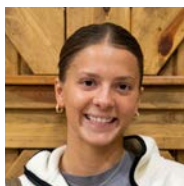
**Evie
Kunkler**



**Callie
Lessing**



**Allie
Ford**



**Kasey
Oser**

Staff Bio

Hi! My name is Kasey Oser, and I'm from Hartville, Ohio. I grew up in the Lake school district and graduated from Seneca High School in New Jersey after my family moved there when I was 16. Currently, I'm on staff at Soul Inspired Dance Complex, where I teach dance to students ages 4 through 18. Dance has always been a deep passion of mine, and I feel incredibly grateful for the opportunity to mentor young girls as they pursue their own love for it. This will be my first year as a camp counselor, and I'm beyond excited to be here to share the love of Jesus!

Prayer Request

During my three weeks at camp, I would love your prayers that the Lord uses me in ways to further His kingdom. I'm praying that each day, I would set myself aside and wholeheartedly prioritize these kids and their walk with Jesus. I ask for boldness to connect with them deeply and authentically. Most of all, I'm praying for real revival and growth in their hearts—and that through the way I love and serve them, they would experience even a glimpse of Jesus' overwhelming love.



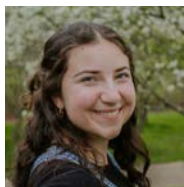
**Kadelyn
Becker**

Staff Bio

I am a Speech-Language Pathology major at the University of Akron. I am a member of the nearby college ministry, Campus Focus, and enjoy serving on the worship team! I also have a passion for performing onstage in musicals and sharing my love for Jesus in this community. This is my first year at camp, and I am so excited to help create an environment of love, fun, and spiritual encouragement with campers!

Prayer Request

My prayer is that the Holy Spirit would guide and speak through me in every conversation I have with the campers, and that the Lord would draw both campers and staff closer to Himself throughout this summer. Also, please pray for peace for both me and campers, as this is my first year counseling!



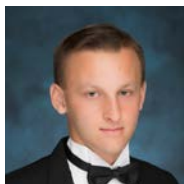
Marissa O'Keefe

Staff Bio

I just finished my first year at the University of Akron and am excited to enter their School of Nursing in the fall! I began my time at camp as a Crew member in high school, and now this is my third summer on staff! I've seen God move in so many powerful ways through this ministry, and I can't wait to be a part of it again this summer! In my free time I love to hang out with my family and friends, play pickleball, and work at a coffee shop!

Prayer Request

Please pray that I would find my strength in the Lord, recognizing that His grace alone is sufficient for me and His power is made perfect in my weakness. Pray that every camper, staff member, parent, and volunteer would be transformed by the truth of the Gospel, and that God would get the glory for all of it this summer!



**Anthony
Barbar**

Staff Bio

I am a freshman at Wheaton College where I play quarterback on the football team and study Business Economics. This is my first year at camp, and I'm so pumped to be here after hearing so many Wheaton football alumni talk about how God moves powerfully in this place. I've always wanted to be part of something that blends faith, fun, and impacts the lives of others. I love sports, graphic design, and just hanging with friends.

Prayer Request

Please pray that I would be fully present this summer. That I will be ready to serve, learn, and grow. I want to see God work in the lives of the kids that come and also stretch me in my own walk with Him. I'm praying that during this time, I will grow in my faith, make real connections, and for God to use this place to do something bigger than I can imagine.



**Aidan
King**

Staff Bio

I took a gap year and worked on a 55,000-acre ranch in Wyoming. I am enrolled at Sheridan College in Wyoming to begin my Heavy Diesel Tech AAS program. Upon graduation, I intend to pursue proprietary training with CAT or Volvo in the heavy diesel electric field. I am a wrestler and plan to coach locally in Wyoming while in college. This is my first year on staff but I have been to camp for multiple events through The Chapel in Green. I love hiking, fishing, ranching, WWII aircraft, and everything heavy diesel.

Prayer Request

This is my first year serving at Camp Carl, and I pray that I would be used by God to impact the campers' lives in a powerful way. Pray that I would be humble and open to the Holy Spirit leading me to reach campers. Please pray for safety for the summer, and that the staff can stay physically and mentally healthy.



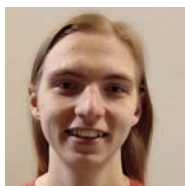
**Darius
Owens**

Staff Bio

I am currently a second-year student at the University of Akron and am in the midst of changing majors to Education. I absolutely adore working with kids and that is what encouraged me to become an education major and to work at camp this year! I was also encouraged through the awesome staff members who showed up to Campus Focus at The Chapel in Akron and explained what camp was all about and how life-changing it could be. This is my first year working at camp, and I am nothing but excited to see what God has in store!

Prayer Request

Please pray that I could really aid in connecting children to God by showing them the love that Christ has brought into my heart. I am slightly nervous -- as being tasked with pointing many children to God is not an easy job, but I believe that if I can connect with them on a personal level and reveal to them what the love of God is like through my actions and words, then there will be tremendous growth in their faith and in mine this summer!



**Gavin
Suttle**

Staff Bio

Currently I'm in the middle of transitioning to living in an apartment of my own. I've been out of high school for about a year, and after this summer at Camp Carl I'll start searching for a place to work. I first found Camp Carl from family when I was young, and I came two summers as a camper. Then I worked here in the summer of 2023 when a friend mentioned that he had worked at camp. For me, it was the most memorable summer in the past couple of years. My major interests are music, guitar and linguistics.

Prayer Request

I recently moved to Ohio, and I hope I can find a church to go to here. I would love for this summer to be a time that encourages me to do devotionals more and to find a community to have fellowship with.



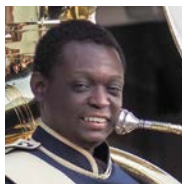
**Ben
Hoff**

Staff Bio

I've been going to camp since Day Camp and I served on the staff Challenge team last year. I'm back for a new challenge as a counselor. I love being at camp and making camp the best week possible for our campers!

Prayer Request

Please pray that I focus on my cabin and stay aware of what they are going through. Also pray that I focus on God throughout my term and beyond.



**John-Michael
Felder II**

Staff Bio

I am junior at the University of Akron, studying Brass Performance, and my main instrument is the tuba.

Prayer Request

To keep patience and having the stamina to get through the whole summer!



**Eric
Prior**

Staff Bio

I'm a first-year staff member. I'm also a junior studying finance at Bentley University. I never went to camp myself, but both of my brothers have gone multiple years and told me it was their favorite week ever. I love running, hiking, and playing with my dog. I'm currently training for my second marathon, which will be later this summer. I've heard so many stories of camp, so I'm very excited to see how God will move this summer.

Prayer Request

I would like prayer for perseverance. I know camp isn't going to be perfect, and problems are going to come up. So I'd appreciate prayer to help me remember that God can and will work through all situations if we invite him in, to not try and do it by my own strength but together with God.



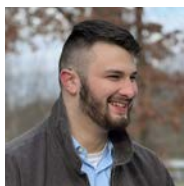
Graham Young

Staff Bio

I have the amazing opportunity to be on Camp Carl's overnight staff. This is my first year working with Camp Carl. I also work at Lake 8 Movies in Barberton. I will be a sophomore at Miami University, studying strategic communication and journalism with a Spanish minor. I lead Young Life at Harrison High School, and it has inspired me to continue doing ministry over the summer. I enjoy hanging with friends and family, and watching sports, especially NFL, MLB, and NBA.

Prayer Request

I'm asking that you pray for boldness and peace. I am getting out of my comfort zone with leading at camp, and nothing can better prepare me than spiritual discipline and a love-abounding relationship with Jesus. Please pray that I find new habits in the word, in praise, or in prayer, and that God would continue to use me for his Kingdom. Finally, please pray that God would show up not only in miraculous ways, but in ways I wouldn't expect him to, so that I may learn more about the character of Jesus and rejoice all the more in how he will move this summer.



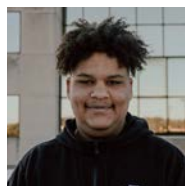
Joseph Gavrilloff

Staff Bio

I just graduated from the University of Akron with a Biomedical Engineering Degree, and plan on getting a job in the field after camp. This is my second summer at camp, and I found out about camp at Campus Focus, which is the college ministry of The Chapel, where I attend. I love sports (specifically football and lacrosse), reading, cooking, and playing video games. I am also incredibly competitive and love to have fun.

Prayer Request

That I would faithfully serve the Lord this summer, in whatever situations come up throughout camp. That I would be able to do His will and spread the good news of the Gospel. That I would remain humble and unabashedly myself, in situations of chaos and turmoil.



Kristian Claybrook

Staff Bio

I'm so excited for my first summer on staff. I'm a freshman at Southeastern University, where I'm studying Ministry Leadership. Music is a big passion of mine, and I love playing piano for both my school's and church's worship teams. Camp has been a huge part of my life for many years, and it's where I've experienced real transformation. I can't wait to see how God moves in the lives of campers this summer. I'm looking forward to growing in faith, building friendships, and making incredible memories!

Prayer Request

I would love your prayers as I step into this opportunity to serve. I pray that God works through me to impact every camper and that we witness His presence in powerful ways. May this summer be one of transformation, deep faith, and unforgettable encounters with His love.



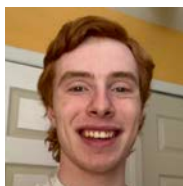
**Luke
Kandel**

Staff Bio

I am currently a student at the University of Akron and am majoring in financial planning with a minor in sales. I found out about camp through Campus Focus at The Chapel in Akron. Camp Carl staff spoke in front of Campus Focus about what they do, and I knew it was something that I wanted to be a part of!!! Outside of school, I love to play the guitar, hunt, and fish.

Prayer Request

I would love prayer over all of the future campers: that they would come to know the Lord and grow closer to Him. I would love for the Lord to use me as a vessel to be a light at camp and also to help lead the campers to the Lord in any way possible.



**Ethan
Smith**

Staff Bio

I just finished my fourth of five years in Mechanical Engineering at Akron U. I am into Star Wars, 3D printing, and board/card gaming. This will be my third summer at Camp Carl, and second summer as a counselor. I'm so excited to see what God does in people's lives this summer.

Prayer Request

Please pray that I have continued intentionality with the campers as the summer progresses. Also pray that I can have unity through encouragement with the other staff around me.



**Noel
Gutierrez**

Staff Bio

I'm 20 years old, I'm from Massillon Ohio, and I just finished my sophomore year as a ministry major with a youth and educational concentration at Malone University. I have helped with student ministries for three years, but this is my first time leading at Camp Carl other than weekend retreats I used to go on. I love all things Jesus and music and I love being involved on the worship teams at my school or at my church. In my spare time, if I'm not hanging out with my friends, I love playing guitar or video games.

Prayer Request

Please pray for the students as they have a great time growing closer with God, each other, and hopefully with me. Pray for me as God uses me and grows me through this ministry and that I would learn things I could take into life as I begin the second half of my college career and begin to enter vocational ministry. I ask that you pray for my family -- that God would work in their hearts while I'm away this summer.



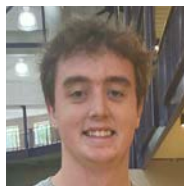
**Shane
Supek**

Staff Bio

I just got my undergraduate degree this spring from Liberty University, and will be going back next year to get my MBA! I play lacrosse there and have loved the three years I've been there! This is my first time ever really being a part of camp so I'm super excited! I like to play sports, be active, read, and worship the Lord!

Prayer Request

I would love prayer for me to be a willing vessel that God can use to magnify His name each and every day of camp. And for the Lord to work in the campers' hearts and for them to feel His presence. And lastly that everyone who attends camp will leave closer to the Lord than when they got there.



**Riley
Hendershott**

Staff Bio

I am a freshman at Ashland University and I am a Journalism and Digital Media major, which basically means that I am going into sports broadcasting. I have been to a youth camp every year since elementary school but I have never been to Camp Carl. I love being at camp and am very much looking forward to spending all summer being at camp.

Prayer Request

Personally I want to continually grow closer to God so that I am prepared both mentally and spiritually to show the kids that God is the answer and his love is unmatched. I also would like prayer to be prepared for anything that a kid might ask me or tell me that I would have the best answer or solution for them that also points them towards Christ.



**Oakton
Rosypal**

Staff Bio

I am a sophomore at Cedarville University. I was born and raised in Pennsylvania and was brought up in a Christian household. I have been to camps before, but never to Camp Carl. I enjoy playing the piano, video games, golf, soccer, and listening to the rain and thunder when it storms.

Prayer Request

I need help staying the course, and I need strength to continue the fight, I need endurance to persevere through the trials I will go through. I wish to fall on God first, rather than last, when a problem arises. At camp, I hope to impact some kids' lives for the better, that they may go away from camp with a better understanding of who God is and what godly living looks like, and that as I pour into the camper's life, my own life would be poured into by my fellow co-workers.



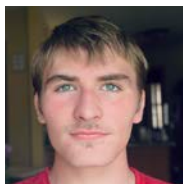
**Harris
Leonard**

Staff Bio

I have just graduated from the University of Akron where I majored in bio-medical science. I have been accepted into the University of North Texas Medical School. I plan to pursue a career in trauma care. This is my first year on staff at Camp Carl. In my free time I enjoy playing disc golf and learning new skills and I'm currently trying to learn how to juggle.

Prayer Request

I would like to request prayer for my future in medical school. I will have to leave what I have called home for the past three years to go back to Texas to pursue my future career. I know I will need to surrender more to God and trust in his plan. Please pray that the transition is smooth and I remember to trust God at all times.



**Noah
Dennison**

Staff Bio

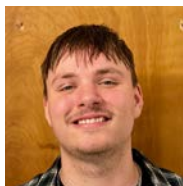
I am 19 years of age, a high school graduate, and above all a follower of Christ. I was a camper here at Camp Carl, and was blessed with the opportunity to serve here this year and last. Im looking forward to growing this summer in advancing the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer Request

Please pray for the safety of campers and counselors, as well as the flourishing of relationships both with God and each other. Ultimately pray that God's will be done this summer.



**Gavin
Sommers**



**Aidan
Dennison**



Bella Schoonover

Staff Bio

I am a rising Sophomore at Kent State University. I am majoring in Exercise Science and plan to get my Master's in Nutrition. I am a member of H2O church in Kent and my hometown is Wadsworth, Ohio. I have two younger siblings and a pet dog, and I love playing my guitar, reading, riding horses, crocheting, painting and drawing. I also enjoy lifting weights, and I love waking up for sunrises. This is my first year at camp and I cannot wait to see how God is able to work through me and the camp staff around me!

Prayer Request

My main prayer request is simply that my ears would be cleared of all outside noise and that I would truly be able to hear the Lord's voice so clearly through the summer. I pray that His light would shine through me, and that every person that enters Camp Carl this summer would just be able to meet with Him in a beautifully personal way.



Bella Heigley

Staff Bio

I am a sophomore Nursing student at Cedarville University. I heard about Camp Carl through friends who have previously worked at the camp. My favorite hobbies are riding horses, gardening, and helping on our family farm. I am excited to serve at Camp Carl this summer and meet others who share my love for the Lord.

Prayer Request

I would like the Lord to amplify my love for the gospel and that my heart would be so grateful for the gift of my salvation, that it would overflow into the lives of those around me. I would like for my identity to be found in my relationship with Christ alone, so that I can point others to a saving relationship with him. Please pray that the Lord would be the center of everything we do at camp, so that we will desire to walk closer with him each day and be conformed into his likeness of his Son.



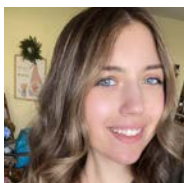
Bella Viscuso

Staff Bio

I am 20 years old and planning to become a traveling Radiology Technician. I love animals, nature, and the outdoors. I love to read and anything artsy. My favorite sport is volleyball. I never knew of Camp Carl until I came across it online. God really does work in mysterious ways. I've been a camper at several camps over the past years but I have never worked at one. I am excited to serve the Lord and others this year and gain new experiences, grow my faith, and make new friends!

Prayer Request

I would ask that you pray that God would use me as a vessel to spread His love and His word to as many people as possible, both during camp and away from camp! I also ask that you pray for my continued journey in my faith and relationship with the Lord as well! Thank you so much!



Victoria Bibey

Staff Bio

I am going into my sophomore year of college. I did my freshman year at The University of Akron and now I am transferring to Stark State College to go into their dietetic program. I have been a cashier at Fisherman's Central for 3 years. I heard about Camp Carl through my church, The Chapel in Green, as well as my friend who worked here. She loved it. After discovering about being an equine counselor, I felt like God was telling me to work here. My main hobby is horseback riding! I love horses. They are my true passion. I also love to fish, hunt, read, and do any outside activity!

Prayer Request

My prayer request is that the campers are able to see Jesus in me and that the Holy Spirit will speak through me so they can understand and experience how amazing our God is.



**Anna
Hanko**

Staff Bio

I am going to be a freshman at Kent State University! This is my second year on staff, but I have been a camper since I was around 5 years old. I was on the Day Camp staff last year, and I LOVED getting to know my campers and we had SO much fun. I am so excited to continue my journey here at Camp Carl and am SO pumped for this summer!

Prayer Request

Pray for direction this summer and for patience. I would also need prayer for my personal relationship with God, so that I can learn lots of new things about Him and grow in fellowship with Him and other staff members. Also pray for this coming school year, as I am going into my first year of college, and for an AMAZING summer!



**Anderson
Hurst**

Staff Bio

I graduated from Stow-Munroe Falls High School, and will attend Miami University this fall to study Finance and Real Estate. This will be my first year working at camp, and I'm super excited! Previously, I worked at Firestone Country Club, while also spending time as a youth basketball referee. I enjoy spending time outdoors, especially fishing and sailing, and I love staying active. I am looking forward to a great summer filled with new experiences, friendships, and opportunities for personal and spiritual growth.

Prayer Request

I pray that every interaction I have with the campers will have a lasting impact. Even if I'm just planting a seed in their hearts, I trust God to bring growth in His time. I hope to reflect His love in all I do this summer.



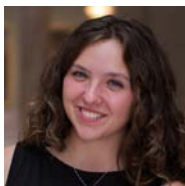
**Alanna
Tighe**

Staff Bio

I'm going into my third year at the University of Akron studying primary education. I am heavily involved with Campus Focus at The Chapel, and it has given me the chance to meet so many amazing people. Through CF, I've had the opportunity to go on two mission trips to the Yucatán peninsula in Mexico, which have really changed my walk with Christ. I've never been to camp before, but I love anything outside, so I'm very excited to have the opportunity now! I heard about camp through CF and knew that this would be the perfect chance to be a part of Kingdom-focused work.

Prayer Request

Pray that this summer would continue to change me and grow me closer to God and the community of His people. Pray that once camp ends, I will still be on fire to serve the Lord every day.



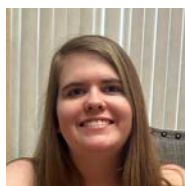
Amberly Ryan

Staff Bio

I will be studying Marine Science as a freshman at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC. I just graduated from Lutheran High School West in Rocky River. This is my second year working at camp, but I was a camper for about four years as well. I found out about camp from some family friends, who used to go here when they were high schoolers! Some of my hobbies include playing volleyball, reading, listening to music, and singing!

Prayer Request

I'd love if you could pray for some contentment, patience, and trust for me! My life is about to change very drastically when I move to college, and I want to be able to continue to lean on God through it all!



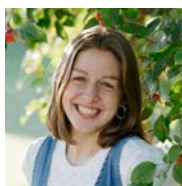
Aries Willison

Staff Bio

I am a second-year student studying Psychology, and I want to work with kids. That is why I am taking this job -- I get to do my two favorite things: work with kids and teach them about God! I am excited for this opportunity, and it reminds me of the first time I went to a Christian summer camp. I had so much fun, and I want to help kids have just as much fun as I did! One hobby of mine is art! I love to draw, paint, and make arts and crafts.

Prayer Request

Please pray for opportunities to talk to kids about God one on one and really show them God's love. To have their hearts and minds open to God's word and to see His work and love in every aspect of their lives. I hope that every word and action I do around these kids reflects God's love for them and helps them see who He truly is.



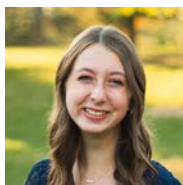
Audrey Eyre

Staff Bio

I'm graduating from high school this summer, and I'm excited to be attending Akron University in the fall to pursue a degree in Child and Family Development. Last summer, I worked in Day Camp, and it was an amazing experience getting to connect with and spend time with the kids. I'm passionate about sports, reading, and music, and I love finding new ways to stay active and challenge myself. I'm looking forward to what the Lord has in store for me this summer!

Prayer Request

Please pray for patience and guidance for me and my fellow counselors as we navigate the challenges and blessings that this summer will bring. Pray for boldness as we share the Gospel with the kids attending camp, and for open hearts to receive the message of hope and love. May we be effective in planting seeds of faith and making a lasting impact.



**Hannah
Kimble**

Staff Bio

I'm going into my freshman year of college at Cedarville University and plan to study English education. This is my second summer working here as a Day Camp counselor. Camp has been a huge part of my life for many years, and I love having the opportunity to make camp a special experience for the kids I work with! In my free time, I can often be found reading and writing fiction, being outside, and spending time with friends.

Prayer Request

I would love prayer for energy and selflessness so that I can serve both campers and coworkers well. I'd also appreciate prayer that God would open up many opportunities to have gospel conversations with campers.



**Nadia
Vives**

Staff Bio

I'm a Social Work major at the University of Akron, heading into my sophomore year. This will be my first summer at Camp Carl. I've never been a camper or worked at camp before, but some amazing friends encouraged me to apply because they saw something in me before I saw it in myself. I'm passionate about helping others feel seen, heard, and valued. In my free time, I love to sing and create art. I can't wait to see what God does in me and through me for my campers!

Prayer Request

Please pray for peace and healing in some difficult situations. God has changed my life, and I'm praying my family experiences that same love and transformation. Pray that I would lean fully on God and trust Him to lead me as I lead others. Pray that I serve with confidence, love, and humility, pouring into my campers while also allowing God to grow and stretch me. Pray for energy, patience, and deep, meaningful connections with both campers and fellow staff.



**Grace
McFarland**

Staff Bio

I am a freshman at Akron University studying Global Studies. I am self-employed in Akron babysitting and housecleaning. Camp and I go way back, as I used to be a camper. I later joined the Crew high school camp and then became a staff member. This is my third year working at camp; feels almost like home. I love playing sports like tennis, pickle ball and running. I love to cook, sing, watch movies and hang out with friends. I am so excited to be a Day Camp counselor this summer and watch what God does!

Prayer Request

I would love prayer for God to use me fully for his purpose. I would love to see me be intentional in every moment with campers and staff. Pray for my campers, especially, that they would experience God through their week at camp and that he would change their life. Personally, I would like prayer for God to lead me and guide me towards purpose and his plan. I hope and pray that I can experience God in a new way that truly changes my heart and pulls me closer to him.



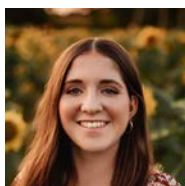
**Ellie
Gilliland**

Staff Bio

I am an incoming freshman at The Ohio State University, where I will be studying Statistics. Throughout high school I played volleyball, softball, and basketball and was involved in student leadership roles and service opportunities. I love all things music as well as being outside in God's creation. This is my first year on staff, but I grew up as a camper at Camp Carl and I am so excited to pour into the campers just like my counselors did for me. I'm looking forward to building relationships, serving, and growing in my faith.

Prayer Request

Please pray for patience, wisdom, and my ability to be a light for the campers this summer. Pray that I will build strong connections with campers and other staff members helping others grow strong in their relationship with the Lord, while also growing in my own faith.



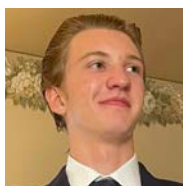
**Reese
Frisbee**

Staff Bio

This is my first summer working at camp! I have been coming to camp ever since I was six. Some of my hobbies include drawing, painting, playing board games, and tennis. This coming fall, I will be a Freshman at Kent State University, where I will major in Interior Design. As a kid, camp was always a place where God worked in my heart in one short week and I want to see Him do it again and again to each and every kid. I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for me this summer!

Prayer Request

Pray that the Lord would work in my heart to continue to joyfully serve Him and His kingdom. By the end of this summer I want to be closer to Him than I ever have been before. Pray that God would give me the strength and patience I need to serve the kids well, teach them about Jesus and show them through my actions the unfailing love He has for them.



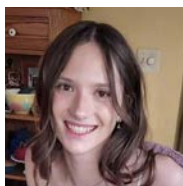
**Daniel
Parker**

Staff Bio

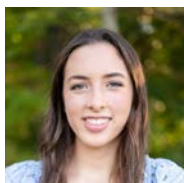
I am going to be a senior next fall at CVCA. I learned about Camp Carl from my sister who recommended to me that I should work there. I worked as a Day Camp counselor for 8 weeks last summer and am excited to be back at camp. I enjoy basketball, art, reading, video games, and any other activity with good company.

Prayer Request

Please pray for my mother's health. Please pray for maturity and intentionality for myself and all other counselors this summer.



**Lydia
Fernandez**



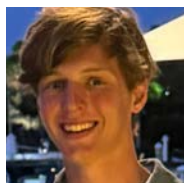
**Christina
Calvis**

Staff Bio

I am a freshman at Cedarville University studying Elementary Education. I am so excited to work as a Day Camp counselor at Camp Carl! This will be my first year working at Camp Carl. I never came to Camp Carl as a camper, but my older sister was a counselor. In my free time, I love spending time in nature, reading, and hanging out with friends.

Prayer Request

I would love prayer that I would grow closer to God and experience his love and presence so that I can share Him with all of the campers and counselors I interact with this summer.



**Christian
Michalak**

Staff Bio

I was born and raised in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio and I am a senior at Woodridge High School. I am involved in the swim and track teams and I also lead Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I graduated from a two-year CTE computer science program at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. I attend Victory Life Church and am very involved in the youth group. I play electric guitar and sing in the band. I also enjoy preaching. I have attended Camp Carl for many years as a camper, but this is my first year working on staff.

Prayer Request

Please pray that God works through me to make an impact on my campers' lives. I want my campers to have fun and be safe, but most importantly, I want their hearts to be changed by Jesus. I would love to see the kids understand the gospel, that Jesus died on the cross for their sin, and all they have to do is accept the free gift that he has offered. Please pray for protection over the campers and pray that nothing will distract them from what God has planned for their time at Camp Carl.



**Liz
Hoff**

Staff Bio

Hi, I'm Liz and I just graduated from Greyfriars Classical Academy in North Carolina, and I will start my freshman year of college at Grove City College this fall. Alongside school, I fill my time with dance, Bible studies, reading, scrapbooking, and hiking. After growing up going to camp every year from Day Camp to Overnight to Crew, it was always my dream to be on staff at Camp Carl. This will be my second year working at camp, and I am so excited to see how the Lord grows me and uses me this summer.

Prayer Request

Please pray that I will be intentional with my thoughts, words, and actions as I seek to glorify God through my work at camp. Pray that the Lord will already be working in the hearts of campers and that He would give me opportunities to spread the gospel with individual campers.





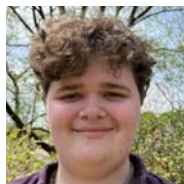
**Catherine
Comrie**

Staff Bio

I just graduated from high school and I am planning on going to Cedarville University in the fall and studying Linguistics. I love working at camp and working with kids. And I am super passionate about sharing God's love with other people.

Prayer Request

That I would be able to see God work this summer and that I would be open and available to how he is working through me to be a light in the lives of the campers.



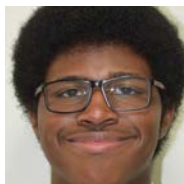
**Jacob
Gould**

Staff Bio

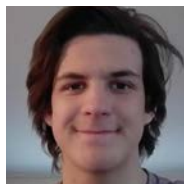
I'm a lifeguard this summer at Camp Carl! I been attending camp since the 5th grade and have always had a spot in my heart for this place. I just graduated from CVCA and plan on attending Kent State University this fall for a major in accounting. I also love to play the saxophone and have been playing for 9 years. I can't wait to see how God works through me this summer!

Prayer Request

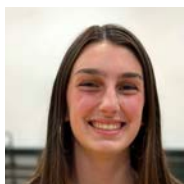
Pray for my family and my first year at Kent State University.



**Micah
Sedberry**



**William
Huber**



**Grace
Friedhoff**

Staff Bio

This is my first summer on staff at Camp Carl! I'm going into my senior year at Cloverleaf High School, and I work part-time at Chick-fil-A. I enjoy working out, being around friends, reading, and baking. I've been a camper and a part of the Crew leadership program at Camp Carl for quite a few years, but really felt that God called me to be on staff this summer and work with the kids. I'm so excited to spread Jesus' love and grow and lead as a follower of Christ!

Prayer Request

I ask that God would work through me to love and care for the kids I meet and that He would speak through me to share His good news and answer their questions. I also ask that God would help me to focus on Him alone and work to put Him first in my life above the worldly distractions.



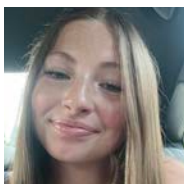
Julia Neumeyer

Staff Bio

I will be a high school senior at CVCA this fall. I am involved in the swim team and also focus on lifting throughout the off-season. I like to spend time with my family and friends, and read when I have the chance. This will be my second summer on staff at Camp Carl, and I was a camper for nine summers before that. Both of my parents were on staff when they were younger, so camp has always had a special place in my heart. I love this place, these people, and everything about it, and I am so excited to have the opportunity to be on staff again!

Prayer Request

- God would use me in whatever way He chooses to further His Kingdom
- I would be a light for Christ in every situation and be filled with His love and grace and mercy and I would be open and willing to have conversations about the Gospel and not shy away
- The hearts of campers would be open to the Gospel and accepting Christ
- The seeds sown within the campers would be something that sticks and grows into a relationship with Christ if they don't already have one



Megan Comrie

Staff Bio

I am currently going into my junior year of high school at CVCA. I have been going to Camp Carl since I was in 6th grade and I absolutely love it. I run track and cross country and I also enjoy hanging out with my friends, playing and watching sports, spending time in nature and doing lots of different activities. Camp has been an amazing experience in my life. I am excited to work here and see what God does in my life as well as others' lives.

Prayer Request

Please pray that I am able to serve God in all I do this summer, as well as growing closer to him and supporting campers in doing the same thing. Pray that I will be the hands and feet of Christ and represent Him in all that I say and do and think.



Sam Helin

Staff Bio

I am a senior at CVCA, which is where I've heard the most about Camp Carl. I run long-distance events during track season and take AP classes.

Prayer Request

I want to be bolder about sharing my faith to the kids I'm helping, and hope that this practice carries on to next year in college.



**Payton
Wren**

Staff Bio

I'm a sophomore at Archbishop Hoban High school. I'm a goalie for our lacrosse team, and I'm thinking about playing in college too. This will be my first year working at camp, but I've been a camper for 5 years. I love to play all sorts of sports and games. I like to hike and walk. I like to watch basketball also.

Prayer Request

Please pray for my family to be able to experience the joy of being in a relationship with the Lord. This summer I hope that God gives me the confidence to come home and talk about my experiences with them. I hope to be able to share the joy and peace that I've found in Him.



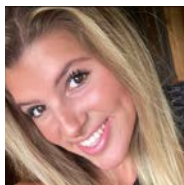
**Courtney
Carper**

Staff Bio

I am one of the lifeguards here at Camp Carl! I am currently a junior at Liberty University and I am majoring in Interior Design! This will be my second year working for Camp Carl, and I have been involved with the camp since being a day camper! I love watching movies, reading books, hanging with friends, and having conversations about my faith!

Prayer Request

My biggest prayer request is just being able to fully commit to the Lord and trusting Him this summer. There have been times where I knew God would tell me to do something and I didn't trust Him and certainly didn't trust myself, but I would love to just be brave enough to ignore the fear and anxiety I feel and put all my trust in God and put trust in His plans for this summer!



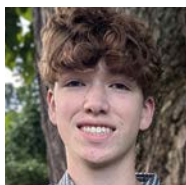
**Olivia
Robinson**

Staff Bio

Hey y'all! My name is Olivia Robinson, and I just finished my junior year at Lake Center Christian School. I love soccer, cheer, tubing and spending time with Jesus! I also love to sing and lead on my church's worship team. Anything water-related I absolutely love, whether it be a day out on the lake with an iced matcha or a fun pool day with friends. Camp Carl has been very influential in my life from way back when I was a little day camper to now, my second summer working at camp. I am so pumped to see how the Lord will move and further his kingdom this summer at Camp Carl.

Prayer Request

Pray that the Lord gives me opportunities to have intentional gospel conversations with campers and that I will have the boldness to take those opportunities. Also pray that he will strengthen me to lead for Him well and that everything I say and do this summer would be glorifying to Him. Pray that the Lord would reveal Himself at Camp Carl and that He would move in each camper's heart in specific and personal ways this summer!



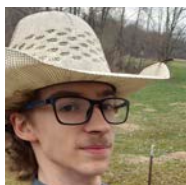
Eli Wilson

Staff Bio

I am a freshman at Lake Center Christian School. I participate in baseball in the spring and cross country in the fall. While not in school, I shoot air rifle competitively at a club and have shot at multiple competitions. I also enjoy being in nature and camping in the woods. My mother and brother have both worked at Camp Carl, and my siblings have attended camp here. I can't wait to start camp and grow deeper in Christ.

Prayer Request

I would love to grow deeper in Christ and grow our relationship.



Van Leichter

Staff Bio

I graduated from Maplewood Career Center for Carpentry this May. I have volunteered at Camp Carl for almost a year. I started going to summer camp here three years ago. I wish I could've started coming sooner. I've been able to meet so many great people here and have had so much fun. Most importantly, it has brought me closer to God. In my free time, I like to ride dirt bikes, four wheelers, mountain bikes, BMX bikes, work on trucks with my dad, hike, care for a ride horses and spend time with my family.

Prayer Request

This summer starts my adult life. I pray for clarity in for my future. I pray for strength and to get closer to God.



**Bree
Haver**

Staff Bio

I recently graduated from Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy. At CVCA, I participated in several extracurriculars, including soccer, track, and cross-country. I love being outside, baking, and hanging out with friends. I will be attending the University of Akron majoring in Nursing. I previously worked as a lifeguard and a server at Zeppe's. I went to Camp Carl when I was a kid, and I fell in love with this ministry. This will be my first summer working at Camp Carl, and I am beyond excited.

Prayer Request

I pray that throughout this summer I am personally prepared and equipped to lead kids to Christ. I pray my heart will be fixed on the Holy Spirit, so I can carry out God's mission of making disciples for Christ.



**Hannah
Shaw**

Staff Bio

This is my second year working at camp on the Challenge Team! I was a camper here for years and camp was always my favorite part of the summer. I just graduated high school from CVCA, where I played softball. And, in the fall I am going to Akron University and I plan on studying History Education. I love spending time with friends, going on hikes, and going to coffee shops.

Prayer Request

That I will focus on sharing the gospel with these kids and the people around me, and for God to work in my heart throughout this summer. And that I will rely on him for rest this summer.



**Carrie
Hegedish**

Staff Bio

I graduated from Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy. At CVCA, I ran track and field as well as cross country! I will be attending Moody Bible Institute and majoring in Human Services to hopefully do ministry in social work or counseling. (Or, maybe as a missionary!) I love spending time outside, hiking, any type of water activities, and anything adventurous! This will be my first year working at camp. I am excited to see what God has in store for the kids and staff and cannot wait for an adventure-filled, Jesus-loving, and fun summer!

Prayer Request

I pray that I would see the goodness of God and would reflect his love to all. I pray I could be a reflection of the love of Jesus that he has shown to me. I pray the Lord would keep me focused on serving Him alone and that my heart would have a desire to reflect His. I want to rely on Jesus to sustain me and that nothing would be done of my own strength but through Him. I pray that every interaction I have would be intentional and make an impact.



Julia Potts

Staff Bio

I'm a sophomore at Ohio University majoring in Applied Plant Biology and minoring in Spanish. I am employed with Dr. Kim Thompson in the Plant Biology department at OU, conducting research on soil health and conservation. I've attended camp almost every year of my youth, and it has not only brought me lifelong friends and great memories, but also closer to God in my walk through life. I worked one summer at camp as a lifeguard, but you've probably seen me in the off-season working in the kitchen or cleaning up around camp with my family! Can't wait to see you this summer.

Prayer Request

Lord, please bring me peace through this summer, allow me to focus on you with every action and thought that I do, quieting my mind to the worldly distractions and allowing your presence to be forefront. Help me to reach out to kids curious about you, Lord, and help bring us all closer to you at the end of every single week. Amen! Please help me pray for peace and clarity of mind when preaching the gospel to impressionable audiences this summer.



Grant Oser

Staff Bio

I graduated from Lake High School in 2024. I work at K1 speed in Canton. I was fortunate enough to go to Camp Carl as a kid and I absolutely loved it. I had such an amazing time as a kid and would love to let God work through me to make it a fun time for future campers! Some fun things I like to do in my spare time are golfing with friends and dabbling in pickleball. I also am part of the leadership team at Compass North Church for a young adults group called Prodigal!

Prayer Request

I would request that God will change my perspective on some things and help me spread his message to each and every person that walks into my life. I would also like to request that I can be a big enough impact on someone's life that they turn to Christ and follow his word.



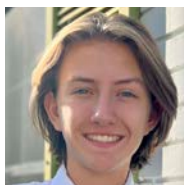
Vaden Voyles

Staff Bio

I am a freshman at Kent State University involved in H2O Church, AFROTC, and working two jobs as a store clerk and IT Help Support. This is my first time working as staff at camp, but I was a camper back after my freshman year of high school. I am into fitness, gaming, and spending time with friends doing whatever event we decide to plan. Looking forward to a transformative summer working here!

Prayer Request

Pray that I would be able to stay calm with whatever is to come and that I will not be quick to anger at anything. And prayers as well that I myself and others around me would be able to give grace towards each other.



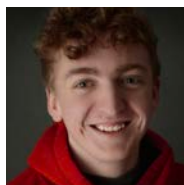
**Jake
Santuomo**

Staff Bio

I am entering my junior year at CVCA. I participate in my school's bowling and tennis teams. I love hiking, camping, and playing volleyball. I have been attending Camp Carl since I was old enough to do Day Camp. Camp has always been a focal point for volunteering and summer fun! I am looking forward to growing in my faith and creating Christian community through my job at camp this summer.

Prayer Request

This is my first job, so please pray that I don't get overwhelmed, I keep a level head, that I take direction well and have a servant heart. Please also pray that God would grant me the wisdom I need to be able to answer any questions campers may have about Jesus and that God would give me the strength I need to complete my job well.



**Maddox
Ishler**

Staff Bio

I'm from Medina and I will attend Grace College Akron this fall. This is my second year on staff at Camp Carl, where I serve on the Guest Services team. One of my favorite parts of camp is connecting with both returning and new campers, as well as working alongside the incredible staff and volunteers. I particularly love Gospel Night because it creates an opportunity for deep, faith-centered conversations that can truly impact lives as it did to me. My favorite worship song is "Know You Will" by Hillsong UNITED.

Prayer Request

That God would use me and help me stay focused on our mission.



**Bethy
Albrecht**



**Sadie
Cork**

Staff Bio

This is my first year working at Camp Carl. I have always had a passion for leading kids towards Christ! I have worked with kids at summer camps before and it has always been the highlight of my summer. I am going to Indiana Wesleyan University in the fall to study Music Therapy, hopefully working with special needs children. Music has been my passion since I could talk. I have done 18 musicals, and I sing at my church. I love making art and spending time with my friends. I can't wait to make friends and grow closer to the Lord.

Prayer Request

I would be very grateful for prayers for me in this transition of life. A lot in my life is changing with going to college and moving away from my friends and family. Please pray that I will grow in my knowledge and love of the Lord and that I can block out all distractions and focus on Him.



Brenna Grindstaff

Staff Bio

I'm going into my senior year of high school. I grew up homeschooled, but now I'm mostly taking CCP classes. This is my first summer working at camp, but I've been a camper since 2021. The first time I came here, I fell in love with Camp Carl and knew that I wanted to work here when I was older, and now I do! In my spare time, I enjoy baking, sudoku, thrifting, and spending time with my friends and family.

Prayer Request

Please pray that I would be able to do my job with excellence and treat the people I'm serving with compassion. Pray that I would be able to be the hands and feet of Christ as I'm working and that he would deepen our relationship this summer, and that he would keep me healthy.



Kiersten Chambers

Staff Bio

I am a junior at Ashland University, majoring in Business Administration with a minor in History, along with Honors and the Ashbrook scholar program. I work as a tour guide for the university. I am involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, bible studies, pickleball club, snow sports club, AU Gives, and other groups on campus, along with church on Sundays in Ashland. Some of my hobbies include golfing, fishing, hiking, skiing, and running. This will be my first summer at camp, and I will be interning in the business admin offices.

Prayer Request

For whomever I work with, whether that may be the kids, staff, or families, that God would work through me this summer and touch people's lives as I serve on staff.



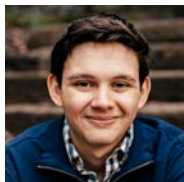
Katie Alcorn

Staff Bio

I am approaching my junior year of college, which I will spend studying abroad in Spain. I am majoring in Spanish and minoring in photography. This is my second summer working at camp and my first was with the media team, where I was inspired to pursue photography. I decided to work at camp because I want to do something intentional with my summers, and I have fond memories of coming to camp as a child.

Prayer Request

This summer I am taking on a new role with the admin team, so I ask for prayer that I'll have the strength to trust God with the unknowns and not give voice to the anxious thoughts. I know God will work at camp, and I know He has brought me into this position for a reason, so I request prayer that God's glory will shine bright because of my weakness. I would most appreciate if you pray for all of the kids and parents I am going to talk with, that they will see Christ's love in me and get to know Him better.



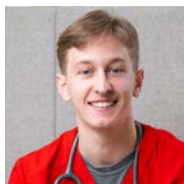
Cameron DeCarlo

Staff Bio

I will be coming back for my second summer to work on camp's healthcare team. I heard about this opportunity last summer, when my twin sister was working as an overnight camp counselor. I just graduated from Grove City College with a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry, and I will be starting medical school at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) this fall. I plan to pursue a career in a subspecialty of pediatric medicine.

Prayer Request

Please pray that God would continue to provide me with discernment as I make decisions about my career in medicine. Also, please pray that I would continually lean into the Lord for my strength as I begin my difficult, but rewarding, time in medical school and eventually as a physician.



Cole Sullivan

Staff Bio

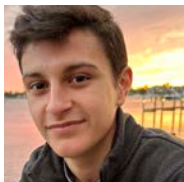
I have been a part of this team for the last 4 years and have loved it every single year. Just graduating nursing school this semester, it has been an amazing opportunity to use my knowledge and love kids all in one environment. I will be taking my Nursing Board Exam this summer, and practicing Nursing with Summa Akron's Emergency Department after passing the exam! In my free time, I love to spend time outdoors with friends; I enjoy any and all team sports!

Prayer Request

Humility - Putting others' needs in front of mine in accordance with how Jesus lived His life.

Trust - That I can put my faith in Christ EVERY DAY, relying on Him as my strength and direction in life.

Discernment - That, amidst a busy summer, I can prioritize things wisely and give space for the Spirit to guide me.



David Berube

Staff Bio

I just completed my sophomore year of Nursing School at the University of Akron. I'm in small groups on and off campus, am involved in Campus Focus, and go to The Chapel in Wadsworth. I've been employed at Buehler's in Wadsworth for 4 years. This will be my first year with Camp Carl. I felt a calling on my life to serve here, so I'm excited to see how the Lord is planning on working in my life. Some things that I enjoy are staying active. I love pickleball and volleyball, reading (I've recently gotten into C.S. Lewis' writings), and hanging out with friends and family!

Prayer Request

I'd like prayer for attending to my spiritual needs like committing myself more to prayer and living out Colossians 3:2 (to set my mind on things above and not on earthly things - not worrying about the future, supporting others in their spiritual life, etc.). I'm really looking forward to the way that God works through me this summer. I'm very excited to serve in any way that I'm needed and using my spiritual gifts to further the Kingdom of God.



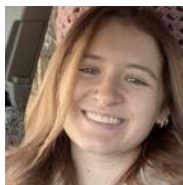
Alli Huth

Staff Bio

I just graduated from Miami University with a degree in Nursing and will be starting a job in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit! I was involved in CRU all 4 years of college, and those years were transformative. I'm in awe of the Lord and how He moves in my life and the lives of those around me! I worked at camp last summer as a medic and I also grew up coming to camp. I love to play pickleball, hike, read or just be outside!

Prayer Request

Please pray that I would walk in humility, remembering to rely on the strength of the Spirit rather than my own. Pray that the Lord would continue to remind me how powerful and life-changing the message of the Gospel is that He has so graciously entrusted us with!



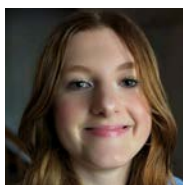
Kristina Tufaro

Staff Bio

I am a second-year Multimedia Communications major at Youngstown State University. This is my first time working at Camp Carl. I found out about the camp through Handshake, but I also heard about Camp Carl through some of the women at my church who had mentioned going to the women's retreat. In my spare time I enjoy crocheting, sometimes play video games, and of course I spend time studying my bible and spending time in the Lord's presence in general.

Prayer Request

I would like to continue growing in my faith over the summer and continue to strengthen my relationship with Jesus. I hope to make good connections and friends during my time at camp. I tend to get anxious when it comes to doing things out of my comfort zone. Coming to Camp Carl is something out of my comfort zone and I do not really know anyone, so it will definitely be a new and exciting experience, but I am also a bit nervous for it.



Olivia Merolla

Staff Bio

This is my first year working at Camp Carl, but I've been going every summer since I was in elementary school. I'm going to be a junior at Revere High School, where I sing in three different choirs, including an a cappella group, as well as play percussion in the band. I also dance competitively. I love all things music, hanging out with my friends, and spending time with my four siblings.

Prayer Request

Please pray that I will gain more self-confidence and a sense of identity in the Lord rather than in worldly achievements, and that I can use my creative talents to glorify God and make Camp Carl a better experience for everyone around me.



Jadon Strimple

Staff Bio

Hey! I am so excited to be working here for the whole summer; and along with that, being a future member of the Delta program here at camp! I love to golf and spend time outside, as well as spending time with friends and family.

Prayer Request

Please pray for peace of mind and clarity when faced with any problems that may happen during my time at camp. Also pray that God would guide my steps and conversations with others, even if I am tired. Pray that I would be able to look at the positive side of things instead of the negative side.



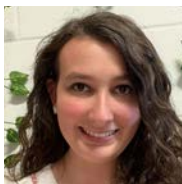
Luke Nerone

Staff Bio

I've been working at Camp Carl for three summers now. I'm a student at IUP for communication productions and anthropology. I volunteer as a college leader at Young Life, host a weekly punk radio show, and teach students what it means to live for Christ. I enjoy fishing, metal music, photography, reading, and learning about cultures. I'm excited for this summer and seeing how the kids will grow.

Prayer Request

Please pray that God may work with us at camp and that the staff may do their best for each kid that walks in and will do their best to attend to their needs. Please pray that the times we are tired that we can carry on with God, as well as praying for spiritual growth for every kid in camp.



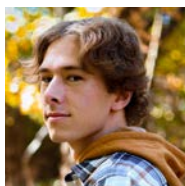
Makenzie Robinson

Staff Bio

I am about to begin my sophomore year at Cedarville University, studying Broadcasting and Digital Media with an emphasis on Film. I first came to Camp Carl for Day Camp and then later as a camper. This is my second year working at Camp Carl and I love getting to use my talents to honor God. I am a storyteller and dreamer at heart, and I enjoy spending my time reading fantasy books, writing stories, dancing, and making films with my friends. It is my dream to one day publish a book series I am currently writing.

Prayer Request

Please pray that God will build up confidence within me. The devil constantly reminds me of my flaws. I need to remember that I am God's daughter and through Him I can go forward in confidence. However, this is easier said than done, so please pray I not only remember who my confidence comes from, but also that I hold myself with confidence in the things I say and do.



Caleb Houck

Staff Bio

This will be my first year serving at Camp Carl. I grew up in Wadsworth. I finished my first year at the University of Akron studying Computer Information Systems with a sub-tract of Networking. I love dogs but my favorite pets are my cats. In my free time I enjoy playing volleyball, making coffee, airsoft, reading, cooking, and water sports. I've picked up art and writing in my free time. I LOVE trying new things all the time and my hobbies reflect that!

Prayer Request

Serving at camp was not even on my mind until a few months ago, so I would like prayer for faith and peace as God leads me. I pray that God would continue to show me favor in my decision to join camp staff and that He would be made big in my life and in my heart as I seek His face. I would appreciate prayer for my team as we work and grow closer to one another in serving and that God would dwell richly in their hearts, blessing us with an amazing summer.



**Cameron
Arredondo**

Staff Bio

I am a high school senior. I have been coming to Camp Carl for as long as I can remember and I have loved every single bit of it! I am a musician: I play guitar, bass, drums, and piano. I love going on hikes and walks and anything to do with nature, and my biggest passion is to be able to own my own ranch one day so I can teach what I was taught.

Prayer Request

That the Lord will be my guiding hand throughout the summer with whatever challenges I may face.



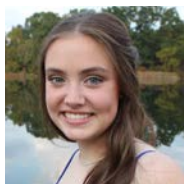
**Lilly
Santuomo**

Staff Bio

I am an incoming sophomore in college studying Environmental Science. I am a CVCA alum, as well as a hostess. This is my third official summer at camp, but I have been volunteering here for around 5 years. I first came to camp as a day camper, and I've been involved ever since! My mother is full-time staff at Camp Carl and my younger brother is also working his first summer this year. As far as hobbies go, horses are an obvious one! I also enjoy photography/videography, music, and gaming.

Prayer Request

Please pray for guidance as I navigate transferring colleges. Also, pray for strength for the entire staff, as this summer will be physically and mentally taxing for many. God bless!



**Ellie
Cox**

Staff Bio

Hi, I'm Ellie! I attend Portage Lakes Career Center as a Dental Assisting student. I am on two worship teams at my church leading 1st-5th graders and the high school youth group. This is my second year as a wrangler. The loving, caring, and Christ-centered environment at Camp Carl helped me grow in my relationship with the Lord more than I ever expected. I met amazing staff that I will have lasting relationships with and that helped mentor me. I enjoy walks, hanging out with friends, and fishing (except for the worms)! I love being outdoors and going on adventures. Whether hiking to a waterfall or exploring the woods, I am always astounded by God's creation!

Prayer Request

My prayer request for this year would be for God to keep working through me at my school and around my friends who are unbelievers. I started attending a new school last year and it has definitely been a big change in my life. I am also asking for clarity in what I am going to do after I graduate high school. I have different routes I can take, but knowing what the Lord wants me to do is still unclear. I want to go wherever the Lord wants me to go! (Isaiah 6:8)



**Matthew
Lightner**

Staff Bio

I'm planning on going to school to be a mechanic. I love taking apart and building cars. I love riding horses and working with these amazing animals. I love spending time outside in the creation of God. I also love working with my hands. I'm into metal work and making things from scratch. This is my first year working at camp and I am super excited to see how God uses me for His glory. I can't wait to see how He moves through the campers and through the staff.

Prayer Request

Please be praying for strength throughout the summer, and to always show the love of God through what I do no matter what. Pray that God will be able to use me in every circumstance and that I won't be shy to share the faith I have. Pray that I will be able to see God through what I will be doing and give the glory to God always. For His Glory!



**Shane
Skilton**

Staff Bio

Right now in my life, I am in the process of figuring out what the next steps for me look like. There are a lot of decisions to be made, and I look forward to seeing where God takes me. This will be my fourth summer on staff at camp, and my third working at Silver Creek Ranch. I've been around camp in many different ways throughout my life but being able to be serving on summer staff has been the best part. Outside of camp, I am an aspiring photographer, a lover of the outdoors, and actively involved in Campus Focus at The Akron Chapel.

Prayer Request

This summer I could use prayer for my walk with the Lord as a leader and mentor. He's shown me what I can do, with Him leading the way, when it comes to mentoring and supporting high school students. So I pray that He can continue to grow me in that and allow me to love and lead students well.



**Trinity
Miller**

Staff Bio

I have been attending Camp Carl for 8 years, as a wrangler in training and for Equine Camp. I am currently going into my junior year at Belleview High School in Belleview, Florida. I moved to Florida when I was 8 but I originally lived in Ohio. I've been riding horses since I could walk and my mom and I currently own over 30 horses! My favorite things to do are read and spend time with my animals. I'm so happy to be a part of Camp Carl's Staff this year!

Prayer Request

I'm hoping to grow closer to God and strengthen my trust in him.



**Micky
Alexander**



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