

## **EQUIP- Camping and Retreat Ministries**

### **Description Summary**

The West Ohio Conference is blessed with beautiful land that God has uniquely created to be a place to explore and become adventurous in your faith. Our camp and retreat sites exist to be places for self examination, spiritual refreshment and growing deeper in your walk with Jesus.

West Ohio Camping & Retreat Ministries provides three great Ohio locations for year-round hosting of church retreats, youth events, conferences, meetings, trainings or just relaxing group getaways. Each of our camps has a unique style packed with indoor and outdoor resources and facilities for a multitude of activities. We can assist with the programming, meal service or fun activities, or you can schedule your own group time and activities. Each camp has Wi-Fi and media to meet your presentation needs.

Camp Otterbein is located in Logan within the Hocking Hills of southeast Ohio on 450 acres of wonderful wilderness where you can enjoy great hiking trails while enjoying the breeze through the tall white pines. For information call Scott Seese at 740-385-5712.

Camp Wesley is in west central Ohio in Bellefontaine where 225 acres of beauty surrounds a lake tucked within the trees and gently sloping land. For information call Phil White at 937-592-1571.

Camp Widewater, in northwest Ohio across the Maumee River from historic Grand Rapids, offers a rich blend of rural countryside along with a pond and camp setting. For information call Eric Witte at 419-262-7598.

To learn more about our West Ohio Camps & Retreats, contact Ken Overholser, Director of Camping & Retreat Ministries at [koverholser@wocumc.org](mailto:koverholser@wocumc.org) or 614-844-6200.

### **Event descriptions**

#### **Winter Camp**

Enjoy Winter Camp fun with warm campfires, hot chocolate, cold nights, cool games, wagon rides and downhill sledding, snow or no snow at Camp Otterbein during your Christmas break. We will celebrate the season of Jesus' birth with worship, teachings and a cool blast of fun.

Camp Otterbein  
15779 Cox Road, Logan, Ohio, 43138

*Date:* Sunday, December 27 1:00 PM through Tuesday, December 29 7:00 PM

*How to Register:* Visit [www.westohiocamps.org](http://www.westohiocamps.org)

*Cost:* \$95 per student (early discount \$79 by December 1) \$39 per adult; includes lodging, food and activities

*Contact:* Scott Seese 740-385-5712, [sseese@wocumc.org](mailto:sseese@wocumc.org)

*Recommended for:* Children and youth ages 7-17

*Sponsored by:* West Ohio Conference Camping & Retreat Ministries

**NOTES:** Use a winter camp photo from Otterbein

## **Winter Camp: For First Year Campers**

First year opportunity for campers to experience camp at Camp Widewater in the winter during Christmas break. Come feel the chill in the air as we celebrate Jesus' birth in worship and teaching. Activities include wagon rides, camp fires, winter games and great meals. Individuals or groups welcome!

Camp Widewater

4050 Old County Road 24, Liberty Center, Ohio, 43532

*Date:* Sunday, December 27 2:00 PM through Tuesday, December 29 5:00 PM

*How to Register:* Visit [www.westohiocamps.org](http://www.westohiocamps.org)

*Cost:* \$95 per student (early discount \$79 by December 1), \$39 per adult; includes lodging, food and activities

*Contact:* Eric Witte 419-533-5900, [ewitte@wocumc.org](mailto:ewitte@wocumc.org)

*Recommended for:* Children and youth ages 7-17

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**NOTES:** there does exist somewhere a picture on the Widewater lodge with a snow covering

## **Confirmation Retreats**

Students starting the confirmation process this fall within their local congregation will want to attend a great retreat designed to supplement the confirmation experience. Confirmation Retreats are a fun opportunity for youth to connect with other young believers in a camp and retreat setting. There are three date options and camp locations to choose from. We require that a church group send one adult leader per gender for each six youth.

*Recommended for:* Middle school students in grades 6-9 that are part of a confirmation class at their local church

*Registration:* [westohiocamps.org](http://westohiocamps.org) or email [camps@wocumc.org](mailto:camps@wocumc.org) for groups

*Cost:* \$95 students (early discount for students \$79 by March 1, 2016) \$39 adult leaders; includes retreat materials, lodging, meals and activities

Camp Otterbein

15779 Cox Road, Logan, Ohio, 43138

*Date:* Friday, March 4, 2016 7:00 PM through Sunday, March 6, 2016 11:00 AM

*Contact:* Scott Seese, 740-385-5712, [sseese@wocumc.org](mailto:sseese@wocumc.org)

Camp Wesley

653 Twp Road 37 East, Bellefontaine, Ohio, 43312

*Date:* Friday, March 11, 2016 7:00 PM to Sunday, March 13, 2016 11:00 AM

*Contact:* Phil White, 937-592-1571 [pwhite@wocumc.org](mailto:pwhite@wocumc.org)

Camp Widewater

4050 Old County Road 24, Liberty Center, Ohio, 43532

*Dates:* Friday, April 8, 2016 7:00 PM through Sunday, April 10, 2016 11:00 AM

*Contact:* Eric Witte, 419-533-5900, [ewitte@wocumc.org](mailto:ewitte@wocumc.org)

### **Breakthrough Story**

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for every single opportunity to be at camp and share in God's love. Camp has been a huge part of my life. It is without a shadow of a doubt my favorite place in the world. I am extremely grateful that several years ago I got the opportunity to go, and ever since then, it has become a home away from home.

If it wasn't for that first time journey learning of Christ, life would have been so much more difficult. I was hooked on camp. I have taken every chance I could to get to go back.

I have experienced so many God moments, have poured my heart out to Christ, and gotten things off of my chest so I could finally let things in my past be put to rest. I have witnessed so many feelings, hugs and tears on Vesper Hill, with many that we have become lifelong friends.

I have had the privilege to share connections with people from all over the state and world. I have shared bonds that stick with me no matter where I go through life. I have experienced the most fun times of my life at Camp Otterbein.

I have no idea what my life would be like today without saying, "I have the greatest memories from camp," and that I got to learn about God more than I have ever thought possible.

I know God led me to Camp Otterbein for a purpose.

I am so grateful and thankful for those that made it possible.

Thank you for bringing tears of joy and thankfulness.

Thank you for the best memories ever.

Thank you and God Bless,

Cody Stahr