

# MoVal Moments

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## What's Going On?

We are so excited to share with you our Camp MoVal Message Newsletter. This will be published quarterly to update all of you on what is going on at your camp. There is always something happening at Camp MoVal. Whether it is a church group here for a weekend retreat, a conference event with the youth of Missouri Mid-South or just the geese that fly over the lake every morning. Our hope is to capture the moments that we have here at Camp MoVal and share them with you.

All are welcome here. This is a sacred place. This is your camp home.

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## *The Effect of COVID-19 at Camp MoVal*

Dear Camper Families and Friends,

I wanted to let you know what Camp Moval is doing during the current Covid-19 pandemic. First, we are still planning on having a full camp season this summer. We are hoping that Covid-19 will be under control before the start of our summer camp season. Camp MoVal is currently closed and will be until at least the first of May. We will be evaluating Mid-April of when a possible date to reopen the camp.

I am sure that there are many questions that many of you might have and I hope these answers most of the questions you might have:

Early Bird discount will be extended to May 15, 2020.

If you have or do register for camp, we will fully refund registration fees if we need to cancel summer camp programs.

The Camp will continue to have full health care policies and check in procedures that camper families are already familiar with to keep all campers safe and healthy.

We will keep you posted with updated information on a regular basis.

We are available to answer any questions.

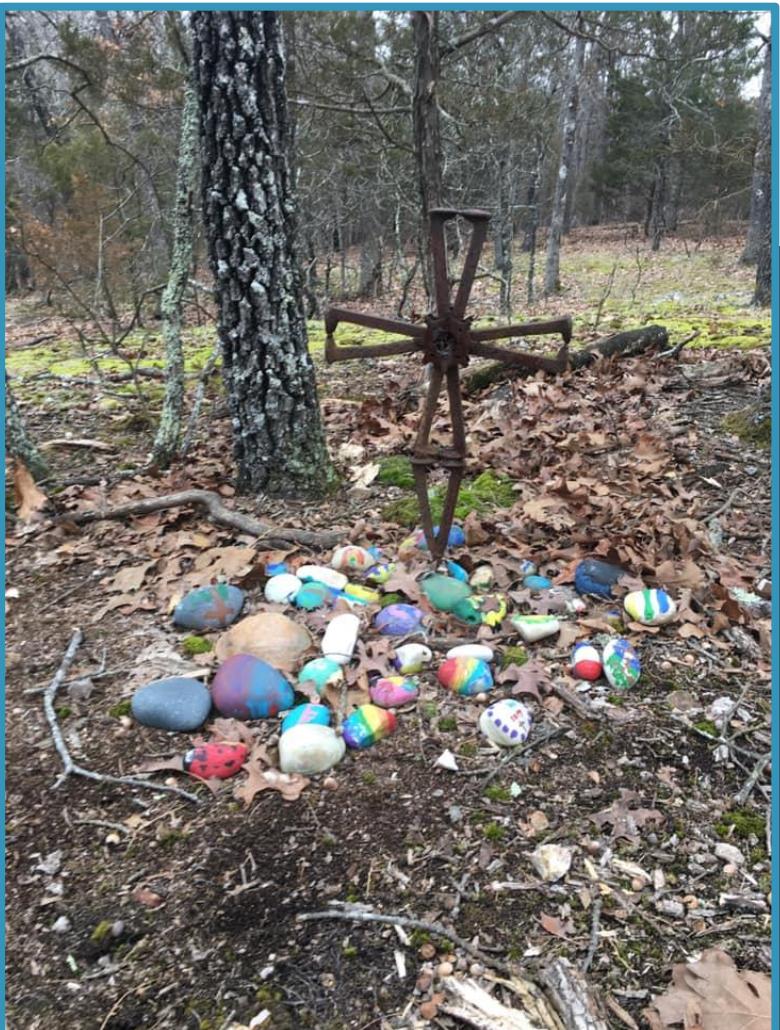
We thank you for your understanding and support during this uncharted territory that we are all traveling through currently. We will keep all of you in our prayers and look forward to having you all at camp when it is possible for us to be together again.

Blessings,

Jeremy Force and Staff

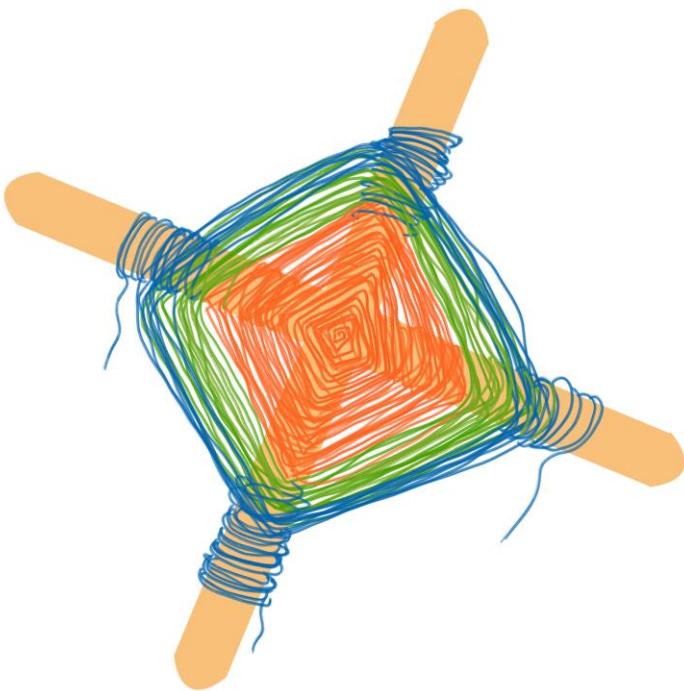


The Labyrinth represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world.



When you journey on the paths at Camp MoVal, you never know what beauty you might walk into. This cross is found on Moss Hill.





## Camp MoVal Core Values



Assist each camper in his/her own spiritual growth and development



Help each camper appreciate their natural surrounds, conserve, and protect the environment



Provide experience for each camper to set goals and challenge him/herself and obtain new abilities.



Provide opportunities for each camper to live and participate in group living and be part of a healthy, active community

People pray in different ways, yet that connection to God is at the heart of many happy endings. Likewise, in times of struggle and sadness, people have looked for guidance, comfort, hope, and healing. Often those blessings have been realized through a form of Prayer. Join us this summer to learn more about *This Is Our Prayer*.

## *This Is Our Prayer*

The lake glistens, the pool shimmers, the trails call out to campers all summer long to enjoy with their friends. This is a sacred place that all are welcome.

Camp MoVal buzzes with activity during the summer months. There are so many opportunities for all ages to focus on spiritual development, appreciate creation through natural surroundings, discover new skills and abilities, and participate in a healthy, active community.

Whether you are a first time camper or returning for another year, this summer will be exciting and full of new opportunities!

Register online at [campmoval.org](http://campmoval.org) or send your form to the office. Early Bird Deadline is May 15, 2020.



# What makes Camp...camp?

We asked the High School campers at the Conference Youth Event what makes Camp MoVal so special. These intelligent young adults have figured out the magic of camp and are able to capture it in such an exquisite way that we wanted to share it with you!

The answer that we got most frequently was about the people at Camp MoVal. Sara Stubblefield, grade 11, says, Camp MoVal is a “*Community of people who can gather together no matter how long they've been away, they can pick right up where they had left off.*”

Claire Kespolh, grade 10, and Ember Piersee, grade 9 both agreed that the people you encounter at MoVal make it special. Ember went on to say, “*You get so excited to see people that you haven't seen in a year because you know they will be waiting there for you!*”

Some campers have been coming since first grade and anxiously await another summer at Camp MoVal. While others have just found the sacred place of camp. Mason Jaberg, grade 12, told me, “*Every time I've come here...I've loved it. I wish I would've known before my junior year of high school because it's nice to have a place like [MoVal] where there's more people that I don't know that do the same things as me and we can have conversations and form friendships that at the end of a week or even weekend, we know that we have a bond that we won't forget.*”

Camp MoVal offers a community to be yourself in a space that is safe and welcoming. Other campers like Autumn Kruckeberg said, “*The oneness you feel with yourself and others brings me back year after year because camp is special and safe.*” We love being able to provide our campers with a nurturing and holy place that they can come and be

kids!

## CAMP MOVAL FUN FACTS

- Did you know that Camp MoVal covers over 280 acres of rolling hills, woodlands, meadows, and streams?
- Did you know that our lake is home to all sorts of aquatic wildlife?
- Did you know that Camp MoVal has a high ropes course with a zipline?
- Did you know that there are five trails to explore the property of MoVal?
- Did you know that we have an archery range?
- Did you know we can host groups all year long in our cabins?

