

CAMP KOINONIA: MIDDLE SCHOOL

JULY 15-19 | \$375 | COMPLETING GRADES 6-8 @ WOODLAND LAKES CHRISTIAN CAMP IN AMELIA, OH

This year we have rebranded UALC summer camps to align with our beliefs and mission. Our "kids camp" for students who have completed grades 2-5 and our "middle school camp" for students who have completed grades 6-8 will share the campgrounds July 15-19.

With this new structural change, we decided to rename camp, "Camp Koinonia". Say it with me: koy-no-nee-uh. *Koinonia* is a Greek word meaning fellowship or community often found throughout the New Testament when Paul is talking about the body of Christ. This word first appears in Acts 2:42 where we have the first vision of the apostles figuring out how to follow Jesus. The verse says, "They (the early church) devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer." Is that not what summer camp is? Our intent for this highly anticipated week each summer is for young believers, figuring out how to follow Jesus, to come together to devote a week to the teaching of the Word, to FELLOWSHIP/COMMUNITY with other believers, to break bread with one another, and to prayer."

Here at UALC, we believe that God has called us to be an Oasis of his kingdom for a dry and thirsty world. Your kids experience this dry and thirsty world every day at school, in their friend groups, on the internet, etc. We envision a future where we are so well-watered in the love, truth, and Spirit of Christ that it transforms our life together, and people who encounter our kids in our church community would say, "See how they love one another," to the glory of God. May this week at camp be one that waters them well so that they might grow in Christian community and in the knowledge of the Lord to stand firm against the dry and thirsty world.

You'll see in our logo, this fish. In the early church, Christians would draw a fish in the sand or dirt in to identify other believers and churches during times of persecution. Our hope is that your kids might go back to school in the fall, see their fellow believers in the halls, and be encouraged in their walks with Jesus. We can't wait for your student to join us at camp this year! Head to ualc.org/camps to register today.