

CEDARKIRK Summer Camp

2015



Clip In





on our way to Bible study!



arts & crafts



camp friends are the best friends!



a place apart to build up the body of Christ in love



For almost 45 years, we've spent each summer providing a place apart for campers of all ages. It is a place for exploration, personal challenge, relationship building, relaxation, growing closer to God, and having fun!

Our summer programs are a ministry and investing in kids and adults is something we take seriously. Surrounded by God's beautiful creation and the love of nurturing counselors and staff, our campers will grow and learn. Camp provides plenty of excitement and physical challenges, but most important, it is a safe space for them to grow into themselves.

At the climbing wall or during Bible study, in a canoe on the river or in quiet conversations around a campfire, God's love and the importance of community is felt as much as taught.

Welcome to a place apart

Welcome to Cedarkirk!

The Cedarkirk Experience

At school and at play,
between soccer practice and dance class,
music lessons and time with friends,
kids can have a difficult time figuring
out where they're going,
much less WHO THEY'RE BECOMING.

That's why, at Cedarkirk, more important than what we do is how we do it. Our counselors live the lessons they teach, reinforcing the values that campers look for each time they return to camp. During activities or group time, we ensure that Cedarkirk is a place apart, where honesty, respect, responsibility, and caring thrive, and spirits grow.

- It's more than a summer of fun;
IT'S A LIFETIME OF CHARACTER! -



looking for shark's teeth in McCullough's branch

Regardless of the camp session you and your child select, all of Cedarkirk's offerings are based around our small-group camping experience, so that camaraderie and community flourish.

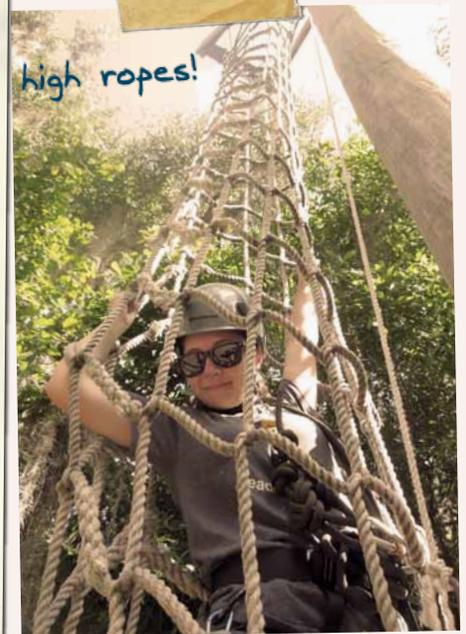
With counselors and friends supporting them, campers can challenge themselves on the high ropes course, complete initiatives as a group, conquer the slide at the pool, guide a kayak up the river, or discuss their faith with peers.

Trust, achievement, courage,
cooperation, a sense of wonder,
decision-making abilities, and
a deeper understanding of
God...

... are gained through life
lived in intentional community
and time spent outdoors.

And somewhere between the first introductions and the closing program, the first canoe stroke and the end of the trip, the initial song time and final worship, Cedarkirk campers get more than a good story to tell relatives back home...

They gain a sense of accomplishment, an appreciation for their own - and others' - abilities, a greater comprehension of their relationship with God, and a new perspective on what they are capable of achieving.



high ropes!

Summer Theme:

Clip In!

It can be difficult to understand how we connect to God and the ways God equips and empowers us to serve others. We know God sent the Holy Spirit to do just that, but what does that mean? How does the spirit of God strengthen us, guide us, teach us, and inspire us to better ourselves and our world? The 2015 summer curriculum, CLIP IN, will focus on ways we can truly engage the Holy Spirit. Embracing the Holy Spirit, we can live boldly for God, our lives producing good fruit as we serve others and work together to build communities built around peace, forgiveness, and love.

Cedarkirk campers participate in a daily Bible study and evening worship. Counselors are trained to make each lesson exciting and engaging and to provide a safe space for honest questions and respectful dialogue. Small-group Bible studies are opportunities to explore Scripture and the way it relates to self, others, and the world. Evening worships allow campers of similar ages to exercise their faith through music, activities, Scripture lessons, and the guidance of a volunteer worship leader.



Cedarkirk Summer Staff

A mature and well-trained staff is the key component in our summer programs.

Our counselors are integral in shaping and upholding the community that forms here at camp. They are energetic, dedicated, Christian young adults who have committed their time and energy to caring for your child.

Each counselor goes through an extensive hiring process that includes personal interviews and several background checks. Hired staff receive eleven days of intensive training prior to the beginning of camp and ongoing instruction throughout the summer.

Training covers a diverse range of topics, including outdoor living skills, effective management of a small group and how to relate to the needs of individuals within that group, facilitation of all of our activities, positive discipline techniques, and certification in first aid and CPR.

Cedarkirk staff are equipped with the skills necessary to create a physically and emotionally safe environment in which all campers can thrive, grow, and have fun.

A Day In the Life of...

A Cedarkirk camper!

Tuesday Schedule

- 8:00 Wake Up
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 Morning Watch
- 9:15 Capers
- 9:45 Canoeing
- 11:45 Lunch Cookout
- 12:15
- 1:00 Song Time
- 1:30 Rest Time
- 2:30 Pool Time
- 4:00 Bible Study
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:15 ~~Climbing Wall~~ *archery*
- 7:15 Free Time
- 8:00 Line Dance
- 8:45 Worship
- 9:30 Snack
- 10:00 Shower, etc.
- 10:30 Lights Out



on our jungle cruise



Explorer Camps

This exciting program is for our youngest campers who want to experience camp but may not be ready to spend a full week away from home. Explorer campers participate in many of Cedarkirk's most popular activities like zip lining, swimming, arts & crafts, Bible study, climbing the rock wall, campfires, and more.

JUNE 14-16
JUNE 17-19
JUNE 21-23
JUNE 28-30
JULY 1-3
JULY 9-12 (4-DAY)
JULY 15-17
JULY 19-21
JULY 22-24
AUGUST 2-4

Grades 1-3

Air-conditioned lodging.



A low ratio of campers to counselors ensures every child receives the nurture he or she needs as they discover camp, God, and the outdoors with new friends!



Junior Programs



Junior Adventure Camp

Connect with nature and the Bible like never before as you venture through the woods and learn about outdoor living skills through unique and exciting challenges. There will also be plenty

of time to participate in Cedarkirk's most popular camp activities with your small group!

JUNE 21-26
JULY 19-24

Grades 3-6

Rustic lodging.

we built this awesome shelter

Junior Creative Camp

Do you have a creative streak? Spend a part of each day working on a variety of art projects and crafts with your small group. You'll also have lots of fun growing closer to God and new friends, building community through Bible study, exploration of the outdoors, plenty of camp activities, recreation, and worship.



JUNE 21-26
AUGUST 2-7

Grades 3-6

Rustic lodging.



Junior Mad Science Camp

Indulge your inner mad scientist by creating cool experiments in the strangest laboratory of all: camp! When you're not in the lab, you'll have lots of time to run around camp with your small group, taking part in all of your favorite classic camp activities.

testing my H₂O rocket!



JUNE 14-19

Grades 3-6

Rustic lodging.



Water Wonder Adventure Camp

Dive into a week all about God's extraordinary gift of water! From activities on the Alafia River to a sleepover with the aquatic life at the Florida Aquarium, you and your group will swim, float, and paddle through this exciting week at camp!

JUNE 28-JULY 3

Grades 3-6

Rustic lodging.



photobomb by the
Aquarium divers!



Camp Quest

Put your creative and thrill-seeking nature to the test when you embark on a new quest each day and work with your group to solve problems, build contraptions, and explore the camp's property to complete your quests.

JUNE 14-19
AUGUST 2-7

Grades 3-6

Air-conditioned
lodging.

Junior Culinary Camp

Prepare delicious treats to dazzle your family and friends and still have plenty of time to take part in your favorite camp activities during this week of fellowship, fun, and fresh culinary experiences.

JUNE 28-JULY 3 Grades 3-6
JULY 19-24

Air-conditioned lodging.

our giant s'more cake
was DE-licious ✓



Junior Camp Sampler

If you want to spend a few extra days at camp and experience all of our specialty junior camps - this is the one for you! Nine days allow you to complete all of our most popular activities as well as a sampling of activities from the following camps: Culinary, Creative, Quest, Adventure, and Mad Science. Join us for this exciting camp and try a little bit of everything!

JULY 9-17
(9-DAY)

Grades 3-6

Rustic lodging.

quality time w/ my favorite people



Middle School Programs

Middle School Conference

Good times and great memories abound at this conference, which features all of your favorite camp activities and plenty of time to hang out with new friends, discuss issues that matter to you, and grow closer to God!

JUNE 14-19
JUNE 21-26
JUNE 28-JULY 3
JULY 9-17 (9-DAY)
AUGUST 2-7

Grades 6-8
Air-conditioned lodging.



The Fantastic Voyage

This adventure race-themed camp is the ultimate in outdoor exploration: you and your group will complete tasks, gather clues, and pursue challenges as you climb, paddle, float, hike, and work together to finish your voyage!

JUNE 14-19
Grades 7-10
Rustic lodging.

Middle School Night Owl Camp

Sleep in each morning and stay up late at night during this laid-back camp that incorporates our most popular activities with cookouts under the stars, unique night events, and late-night worships with your friends!

JULY 26-31
Grades 6-8

Air-conditioned lodging.

Mid-High Adventure Camp

Get ready to know yourself, your new friends, and God better than ever as you revel in adventure on an extended canoe trip, a tent camp out, a roped tree-climb, and all of the other camp activities you're looking forward to!

JUNE 28-
JULY 3

Grades 6-9
Rustic lodging.

fun at the rapids →



Middle & High School Music, Arts and Drama Camp

At MAD camp you will be able to sample a variety of artistic disciplines - music, drama, or visual arts - and develop a closing program for your family! The rest of your time will be spent in camp activities, learning more about your relationship with God, and enjoying the beauty of the outdoors!



zip tower jam session w/ MAD



JULY 19-24
Grades 6-12
Air-conditioned lodging.



group shot in the deep end!



we made PASTA!

this was my favorite moment of the week!



Middle School & High School Culinary Camp

Spend some time in our kitchen learning how to prepare a four-course meal for your family and friends! The rest of your time at camp will be filled with exciting activities like archery, canoeing, climbing the rock wall, fun with your small group, some unique culinary cookouts, and more!

JUNE 21-26
Grades 7-12
Air-conditioned lodging.

Extreme Camp

Find out how adventurous you really are during a kayak trip through mangrove estuaries, a beach-side camp out with worship, a roped tree climb, lots of delicious meals cooked over an open fire, and plenty of time for camp activities with your small group.

JULY 19-24
AUGUST 2-7
Grades 8-12
Rustic lodging.

The Source

Immerse yourself in nine days of water-related adventures! From a canoe trip on the Alafia River to a beach day on the Gulf of Mexico with worship at sunset, you and your new friends will explore Creation as you grow closer to one another and to God!

JULY 9-17
(9-DAY)
Grades 7-12
Air-conditioned lodging.



About to tackle the Alafia River...

our group rocked the spiderweb at initiatives



High School Night Owl Camp

Sleep in each morning and stay up late at night during this laid-back camp that incorporates our most popular activities with cookouts under the stars, unique night activities, and late-night worships with your camp friends!

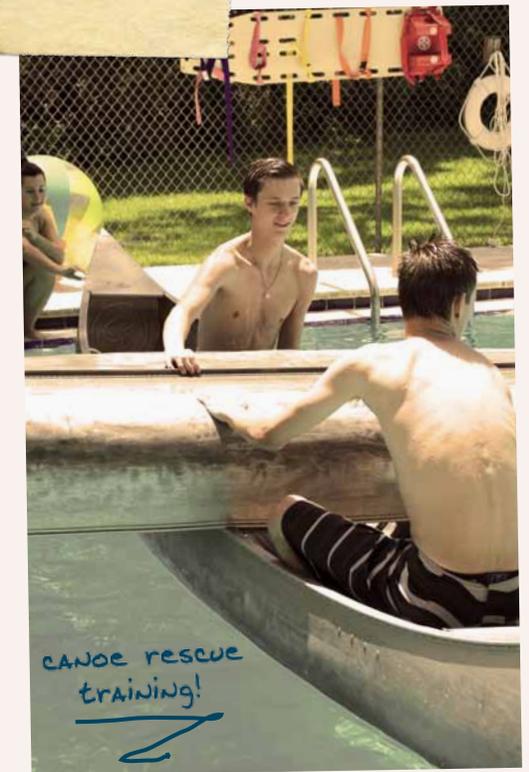
JULY 26-31
Grades 9-12
Air-conditioned lodging.

fire building class



Senior High Leadership

good times



canoe rescue training!

Experience life in a Christian community during this meaningful week at camp. You will serve God and others and have the most fun you've ever had while you improve leadership skills, wash dishes for a meal each day, and lead recreation and canoe trips with elementary-aged campers. SHL campers receive service hours for their work at Cedarkirk.



Christian Leadership In Practice

If you enjoyed the service and leadership aspects of SHL and are ready for the next step, CLIP is for you! With increased responsibilities and a variety of creative activities, participants will continue to develop their leadership skills and strengthen self-confidence. CLIP campers spend part of each day shadowing and assisting counselors in our Junior and Explorer programs and then debrief the experience afterward. Expect a rewarding week of challenge, growth, and fun! This camp is only available to campers who have completed two previous summers of SHL. CLIP campers receive service hours for their work at Cedarkirk.

JUNE 21-26
Grades 11-12
Air-conditioned lodging.

All SHL applicants must complete a supplemental application, which can be completed online or printed from our website. This application must be returned to Cedarkirk within two weeks of registration or the camper will lose their reserved space in the program.

(Due to the high demand for these programs, campers who wish to sign up for more than one session will be added to the waitlist for their subsequent choices. These wait lists open on May 1, 2015.)

dish crew



JUNE 14-19
JUNE 21-26
JUNE 28-JULY 3
JULY 9-17 (9-DAY)
JULY 19-24
AUGUST 2-7

Grades 9-12
Rustic Lodging.



All CLIP applicants must complete a supplemental application, which can be completed online or printed from our website. This application must be returned to Cedarkirk within two weeks of registration or the camper will lose their reserved space in the program.



...at the Talent Show



Almost there...



You & Me Family Camp

Reach Out Conferences

Reach Out campers live within a supportive community while having the time of their lives! Swimming, making crafts, singing, worshipping together, roasting s'mores around a campfire, and performing in a talent show are some of the activities these campers look forward to year after year. A high ratio of staff and volunteers ensures that each camper receives the care they need and enjoys a safe and rewarding camp experience.

SONG TIME!!!!



swim block

JULY 19-24 ages: 18+
AUGUST 2-7 ages: 18+
Air-conditioned lodging.

A supplemental application is required for this program, which must be approved by camp staff to complete the registration process. In order to create a safe place, free of distractions, Reach Out campers must be able to effectively communicate their basic needs and wants, maintain their own hygiene and bathroom needs, and be able to interact with peers and staff appropriately.

Are you looking for a chance to get away from your busy schedule? Do you want an opportunity to grow closer as a family while spending time in God's beautiful creation? You & Me is packed with activities like canoeing, rock climbing, group worships, hunting for shark's teeth, and zip lining. Take time to relax as a family, share meals and fellowship with other families, and roast marshmallows and sing silly camp songs around a campfire.

shark's teeth!



There is also time for adults to have their own Bible study and discussion apart from the kids. Children will join our counselors during this time for Bible study and recreation.

"old" camp friends



JUNE 26-28

Ages: 3 yrs-adult

Air-conditioned lodging.



our youth group led VBS for the children at Beth-El

Challenge To Change

MISSION PROGRAMS

we prepped a community garden!



The Challenge To Change program is designed to combine hands-on mission work with discussion and fact-finding for increased awareness of poverty and social justice issues. Combining all of this with worship, community-building experiences, and camp activities provides an experiential education that can transform lives.

Groups can choose to volunteer at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry (a rural farmworker ministry) and/or Metropolitan Ministries (an urban homeless ministry). Cedarkirk partners with these ministries and others to give your group a sacred balance of worship, study, service, recreation, and personal growth.

If your group is interested in taking the Challenge To Change - offered year-round - and would like more information, please visit www.cedarkirk.org.

SUMMER CAMP

Open Houses



tree climbing was the best!

January 31 & May 2, 2015 | 1:00-5:00 pm

On two Saturdays this year, we will open our doors and invite you and your family to come out for a free Open House! If you are new to Cedarkirk or considering camp for the first time, this is an excellent opportunity to see some of the facilities where our campers sleep, try a few of our most popular summer activities, and speak with our directors.



The zip line, archery range, pool (May event only) and climbing wall will be open as well as guided hikes, walking tours, hayrides, and a campfire with s'mores scheduled throughout the day. Of course, you're always welcome to relax in a rocking chair and enjoy the view from the porch.



Additional Information



Health & Safety

The health and safety of your child is our first concern and priority. Camp programs are not without risk, but we aim to minimize risk and maximize fun through effective staff training, mandatory safety procedures, and quality supervision. Cedarkirk has a first aid center and every staff member is certified in first aid and CPR. Emergency response facilities are located minutes from camp and a regional hospital is just over 10 miles away. Camper medications are kept and dispensed by the on-site healthcare specialist. All activities with increased risk are supervised by a skilled and experienced staff member trained in that particular activity. Pool activities and off-site water activities are monitored by certified lifeguards. Some Cedarkirk programs do involve off-site trips; campers participating in these trips will travel in Cedarkirk vehicles driven by directors or trained staff members over the age of 21.

Scholarships

We believe that every child who wants to come to camp should be able to attend. If you are in need of financial help to send your child to camp, scholarship money is available to assist you. Be sure to also speak with your pastor or church office; they often have money budgeted to help families pay for camp. Scholarship money is awarded for one camp session per camper each summer and is entirely confidential. To obtain a scholarship application, please contact the camp office (813.685.4224) or print an application at www.cedarkirk.org.

For answers to other questions you may have, ways to prepare your child for camp, and what to expect when you arrive, please refer to the Parent Handbook, available on the summer camp page of our website.

Withdrawal/Cancellation Policy

We understand that complications arise and you may have to withdraw your child from their program prior to the start of camp. The initial \$75 deposit is non-refundable and will not be returned to you. However, if you have paid any additional monies toward your balance, or paid in full, that money will be returned to you in the method you paid for camp (i.e. if you paid with a credit card, the fee will be credited to that card, etc.). If your child is asked to leave camp because of behavioral issues, chooses to leave due to homesickness, or leaves with illness, your camp fee will not be refunded.

Our Facilities

Nestled along the Alafia River, our camp and conference facilities sit on 170 acres and include air-conditioned and rustic lodging, an indoor/outdoor activity pavilion, a swimming pool, playing fields, a disc golf course, outdoor worship spaces, and many activities. For more information about our accommodations and activities, please visit our website.



Summer Weather

We try to provide the opportunity for all campers to participate in every activity available for their age group. However, due to Florida's summer weather pattern of rain and thunderstorms, some activities may not be possible to complete during your child's week at camp. Counselors are trained in teaching and leading alternate indoor activities during such times. In spite of rainy days, campers have fun playing and laughing inside Cedarkirk's facilities.



Roommates

Some campers may wish to have a specific roommate during their stay at camp, but a huge part of the camp experience is making new friends and developing community within a group. Most Cedarkirk campers do not come to camp with a roommate, but you may request ONE roommate (this request will be honored only if BOTH parties request each other). Requests for more than one roommate are not guaranteed. It is our policy to place siblings in separate groups unless we are advised otherwise. Cedarkirk invites all campers to come with an openness to new experiences and relationships.

DATES	PROGRAM	GRADES COMPLETED	COST TIER I	COST TIER II	COST TIER III
June 14-19	Explorer Camp [June 14-16]	1st – 3rd	\$210	\$260	\$310
	Explorer Camp [June 17-19]	1st – 3rd	\$210	\$260	\$310
	Camp Quest	3rd – 6th	\$405	\$505	\$605
	Junior Mad Science Camp	3rd – 6th	\$390	\$490	\$590
	Middle School Conference	6th – 8th	\$395	\$495	\$595
	The Fantastic Voyage	7th – 10th	\$395	\$495	\$595
	Senior High Leadership (SHL)	9th – 12th	\$250	\$350	\$450
June 21-26	Explorer Camp [June 21-23]	1st – 3rd	\$210	\$260	\$310
	Junior Creative Camp	3rd – 6th	\$390	\$490	\$590
	Junior Adventure Camp	3rd – 6th	\$385	\$485	\$585
	Middle School Conference	6th – 8th	\$395	\$495	\$595
	Mid & High School Culinary Camp	7th – 12th	\$405	\$505	\$605
	Senior High Leadership (SHL)	9th – 12th	\$250	\$350	\$450
	Christian Leadership In Practice (CLIP)	11th – 12th	\$220	\$320	\$420
June 26-28	You & Me Family Camp	Ages 3-12 w/ adult	Age 3-5: \$60 Age 6-12: \$105 Adult: \$140		
June 28 - July 3	Explorer Camp [June 28-30]	1st – 3rd	\$210	\$260	\$310
	Explorer Camp [July 1-3]	1st – 3rd	\$210	\$260	\$310
	Junior Culinary Camp	3rd – 6th	\$405	\$505	\$605
	Water Wonder Adventure Camp	3rd – 6th	\$430	\$530	\$630
	Middle School Conference	6th – 8th	\$395	\$495	\$595
	Mid-High Adventure Camp	6th – 9th	\$395	\$495	\$595
	Senior High Leadership (SHL)	9th – 12th	\$250	\$350	\$450
July 9-17 [9-day]	Explorer Camp [July 9-12] (4-day)	1st – 3rd	\$280	\$330	\$380
	Explorer Camp [July 15-17]	1st – 3rd	\$210	\$260	\$310
	Junior Camp Sampler	3rd – 6th	\$585	\$685	\$785
	Middle School Conference	6th – 8th	\$595	\$695	\$795
	The Source	7th – 12th	\$600	\$700	\$800
	Senior High Leadership (SHL)	9th – 12th	\$375	\$475	\$575
July 19-24	Explorer Camp [July 19-21]	1st – 3rd	\$210	\$260	\$310
	Explorer Camp [July 22-24]	1st – 3rd	\$210	\$260	\$310
	Junior Culinary Camp	3rd – 6th	\$405	\$505	\$605
	Junior Adventure Camp	3rd – 6th	\$385	\$485	\$585
	Mid & High School Music, Arts & Drama	6th – 12th	\$405	\$505	\$605
	Extreme Camp	8th – 12th	\$395	\$495	\$595
	Senior High Leadership (SHL)	9th – 12th	\$250	\$350	\$450
	Reach Out Conference	Ages 18 +	\$370	---	---
July 26-31	Middle School Night Owl Camp	6th – 8th	\$405	\$505	\$605
	High School Night Owl Camp	9th – 12th	\$405	\$505	\$605
August 2-7	Explorer Camp [Aug. 2-4]	1st – 3rd	\$210	\$260	\$310
	Junior Creative Camp	3rd – 6th	\$390	\$490	\$590
	Camp Quest	3rd – 6th	\$405	\$505	\$605
	Middle School Conference	6th – 8th	\$395	\$495	\$595
	Extreme Camp	8th – 12th	\$395	\$495	\$595
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TIERED PRICING FOR SUMMER CAMP:

Why Three Prices?

In the table on the facing page, you will see three prices listed for most camp programs. Cedarkirk's voluntary tiered pricing structure is intended to help families recognize how much a week at camp really costs and then select the level of payment most appropriate for their circumstances. Traditionally, Cedarkirk's summer programs have been supported with surplus monies generated by our year-round retreat ministry and the gifts of donors. A tiered pricing model allows families the option to more fully support the total cost of their child attending camp. As you think about selecting a program for your child, please consider the three tiers and choose the best fit for your family. An explanation of the individual tiers is below.

Tier I is Cedarkirk's historically published rate and does not reflect the full per-camper cost associated with providing summer camp programs.

Tier II is a midpoint between the historically published rate and the full cost of providing a program for each camper.

Tier III closely accounts for the full cost of providing Cedarkirk's summer camp programs for each camper.

! The tier you select will remain confidential and all campers receive the same summer camp experience.

Members of churches in the Presbyteries of Peace River or Tampa Bay receive \$20 off the stated price.

How to Register

Online Registration at www.cedarkirk.org:

Check out our new online registration module for current program availability, supplemental forms, and to pay with a credit or debit card. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration to secure your child's spot. Registration confirmation and required forms will be emailed to you.

Mail-In Registration:

If you are unable to register online, please print a registration form from our website or call the office to have one mailed to you. A \$75 non-refundable deposit (cash or check) must accompany your registration form to secure your child's spot. You may elect to receive registration confirmation and required forms by mail or email.

* Please note: ALL supplemental forms are required for attendance at Cedarkirk and must be completed and returned **TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR CAMP SESSION BEGINS** (along with any remaining balance due).



Register your child for a program
at Cedarkirk and discover how a
single summer can last a lifetime!

Meal of Simplicity

Each week of the summer, we serve a simple lunch of beans, rice, and tortillas (with a PB&J option). We do this so our campers can see what is standard fare for many in our world and to prompt discussion about poverty issues and food justice. The money we save by preparing a simple meal each week is used to support hunger organizations in our community and around the world.

In 2015, we are using that money to support ECHO Inc., a not-for-profit that provides Moringa tree seeds and agricultural training for impoverished villages around the world. Communities that receive the Moringa seeds are instructed in how to plant, care for, and utilize the crop. Often called the "Miracle Tree", the Moringa provides highly nutritious leaves and seed pods for food as well as a myriad of other uses, which are described in further detail on our website. All parts of the tree are valuable and provide a bright hope for many communities in the midst of desperation.

For more information about the Moringa tree, ECHO Inc., or Cedarkirk's Meal of Simplicity, please visit our website.

www.cedarkirk.org/mission/mealofsimplicity



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