

Creekside Currents

Summer '24 Created to Be

We are all masterpieces created by God, cherished beyond comprehension by our Maker. Each of us is uniquely crafted by God, blessed with talents and gifts that are meant to be shared with the world.

This summer, campers will explore their God-given identities through the 'identity markers' of being free, authentic, brave, and more! They will also celebrate how God unites us in community, calling us to support one another and share the gifts our Creator has given to us. Through activities such as team-building, campfire cooking, games, crafts, and horseback riding, campers will live out their strong and empowering identities as people of faith.

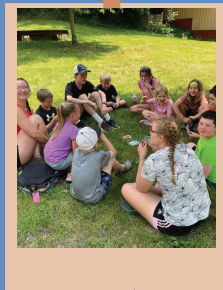
Sugar Creek is gearing up for an incredible summer and needs your support. Campers and their families need you to personally invite them to Sugar Creek Bible Camp. God is at work in you! Thank you for the many ways you are supporting the blessings kids and families receive from summer camp at Sugar Creek this year.



- **Foresters:** (K-6) A full week of onsite day camp! This program is designed for campers with working parents with hours between 8:00 am-5:30 pm.
- **LAB Camp:** (6-8) Explore and experiment through STEM and faith activities.
- **Valley Olympics:** (7-10) All athletic levels are welcome to this Olympic themed camp.
- **Trailblazers:** (8-10) Hit the trails with this mountain biking camp.
- **Elevated:** (6-8 & 9-12) This popular hammock camp has been expanded to include High School youth.
- **Jr. Wrangler, Level II:** (9-12) A new 2 week option for those who have completed Jr. Wrangler Level I program.
- **WYLDE:** (9-12) Wisconsin Youth Leadership Development Event is back for 2024, empowering High School Youth with confident skills for faith and life. A perfect Youth Gathering Alternative!

With over 20 programs, there is a place for everyone at Sugar Creek Bible Camp!





Leaders Engaged As Disciples

Last summer, Sugar Creek introduced an updated version of the Staff-in-Training/Leaders-in-Training (SIT-LIT) program, which was renamed LEAD: Leaders Engaged as Disciples. This new approach enabled high schoolers to engage in a 4-week program focused on real leadership development and hands-on experience in all camp staff roles. LEAD participants helped with on-site day camps and shadowed a cabin as Jr. Counselors. The last week allowed for LEADs to debrief their time and begin to think about ways they wanted to put their new skills to work in their home communities.

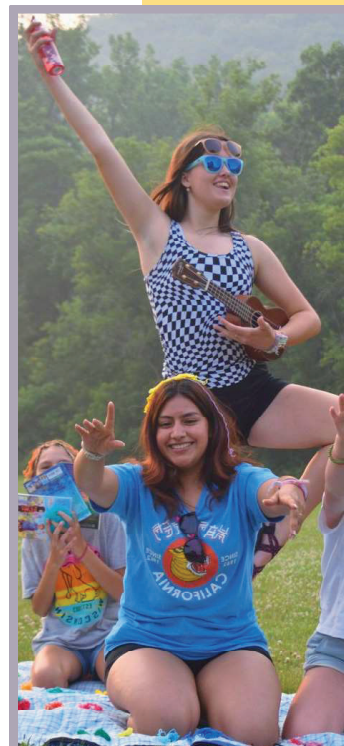
Now that former LEAD participants are joining the summer staff, Program Director, Deacon Stephanie Engel, followed up with their adult leaders back home. Pastors, Scout Leaders, and Youth Directors reported that upon returning from Sugar Creek, the LEADs were markedly changed, both in their self-confidence as leaders and in their faith practices. The LEADs have gone on to plan worship for peers, start Bible studies, teach Sunday School, be peer mentors on mission trips, and help with Vacation Bible School!

Do you know a high schooler who can make an impact and is ready for a life-changing experience? Invite them to apply to LEAD - the amazing aspiring young adults, as well as your community, will thank you.

LEAD 2024

Applications are now available online at www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org. Full tuition scholarship of \$2,780 for each 4-week program is awarded to participants whose applications are accepted. Participants also receive a small weekly stipend for spending money.

Dates: June 11–July 5 or July 9–August 4 (No Weekends)



I would recommend LEAD because of how rewarding it is. You get to learn to be a leader by helping young kids explore their faith while, at the same time, you are growing in your faith as well. The kids you get to guide, the adults you get to learn from, and the friends you get to experience it with will be some of the most eye-opening things in your life.

HANNA, LEAD 2023

Sugar Creek Bible Camp Spring Newsletter, 2024

“Sugar Creek feels like a **second home**. I leave feeling more connected with God.”

-Camper, Confirmation Camp

Sugar Creek is offering summer camp gift certificates for holidays, birthdays, or just because you want to give the gift of camp to a friend or loved one. We can mail you a paper certificate or email you a digital copy. The certificate amount will be applied to the camper account (in CampWise, registration system) in the form of a voucher. Contact the camp office at 608-734-3113 or office@sgrcreek.org for assistance.



Evangelical Lutheran Church
Mt. Horeb, WI

SUGAR CREEK CAN COME TO YOU

Jesse Klosterboer, Executive Director, and Program Director, Deacon Stephanie Engel are excited about visiting your church home. They are available for preaching, children’s sermons, Sunday school, youth groups, and adult forums. Contact the camp office to schedule a visit.



NEW - CAMP BIRTHDAY CLUB!



Joining the Birthday Club is easy! Just tell the camp that you will be setting up a “Facebook Birthday Fundraiser.” It’s free! You will receive helpful suggestions to personalize your fundraiser and ideas to help spread the word. As a thank you and to celebrate your birthday, Sugar Creek will send you a camp merchandise item of your choice! Looking forward to celebrating many birthdays this year together.

Email program@sgrcreek.org

“This camp has really helped me. It was so amazing and the people there are caring.”

-Camper, Riverboater

“I always have fun at Sugar Creek and grow in faith. I can’t wait to come back next year!”

-Camper, Elevated

Youth Retreats

2024

Rooted In...



March 15-16:
Rooted in the Word
Confirmation Retreat

April 5-6:
La Crosse Area Synod
Youth Gathering Retreat
Open to All!

April 20:
Rooted in Love
Elementary Retreat

RETREATS YOUR WAY

Sugar Creek Bible Camp is a year-round retreat destination for personal getaways or group events. With over 600 acres of woods and outdoor space, it's an ideal location for any family, church, or group gathering. Contact the camp office for facility openings and to plan a custom event you'll remember!

1 Night Retreats run Friday,
7:00 pm - Saturday, 7:00 pm
Cost: \$75/person
or just come Saturday from
10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Cost: \$50/person

1 Day Retreats run Saturday,
10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Cost: \$50/person

Payment and Registration is due
1 week before each retreat.

Retreats include games, worship,
team building, crafts, Bible
studies, and so much more!

Campers and chaperones need to
enroll online with their church
group registration ID.

For more information and to
enroll visit:

www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org

2025

Pray Like This: Lord's Prayer



October 6-7:
Pray Like This
Middle School & High
School Retreat

October 28:
Hallowed Be Your
Name Elementary
Retreat

February 2-3:
Your Kingdom Come
High School Retreat

March 15-16:
As it is in Heaven
Confirmation Retreat

April 20:
Daily Bread
Elementary Retreat

What Happens at Camp?

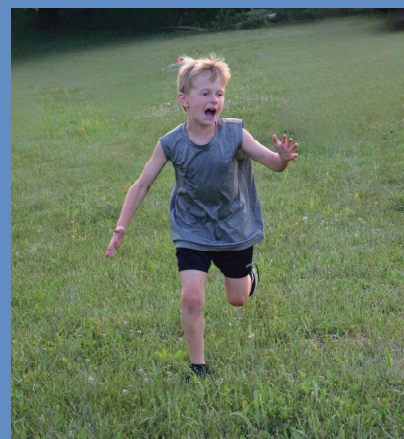
You might have come across this question or pondered it yourself! This sacred valley is abuzz year-round with various activities including summer camp, retreats, school field trips, and more. Regardless of the activity, time of year, or age group, your Bible camp is a place where amazing things are happening. While camp and other programs provide a lot of fun, Sugar Creek is here to be an extension of your congregation's ministry by equipping individuals for the work God calls us to do.

Today's youth are facing unprecedented challenges; battling loneliness, mental health issues, and stress. They seek authentic connections where they can be themselves without judgment... but they do not always know how to find such communities. Sugar Creek Bible Camp offers a safe space for young people to explore who they are and Whose they are, allowing campers to connect both with peers and healthy young adult role models. By collaborating with Peer Ministry and introducing a faith-based social skills curriculum for summer staff and campers, Sugar Creek is going the extra mile to equip your young people to be servant leaders in your congregation and in the world.

Research indicates that camp experiences enhance self-esteem, foster better peer relationships, promote empathy, and deepen faith. If this is something you want your children and grandchildren to experience, don't wait to make this a priority in your summer schedule this year. Sugar Creek campers return to congregations like yours, eager to share their enthusiasm and leadership skills, influencing those around them positively. Lives are truly transformed through your congregation's ministry at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. Lives are impacted, hearts are opened, and individuals are empowered to spread hope and love of God in a world that craves it. Your commitment to growing and strengthening your congregation, by using these tools for ministry, is shaping a brighter future for generations to come.

Partner Spotlight: Peer Ministry

Peer Ministry, under Lyle Griner's leadership, is a wonderful ministry partner with Sugar Creek. Peer Ministry will continue to play a part in training Summer Staff and developing our Social Skill Curriculum. Campers in LEAD and WYLDE programs will especially benefit from Lyle's presence during WYLDE week! Ministry Leaders are invited to Plan-It this April, a retreat for leaders exploring Peer Ministry further and acquiring tools for organizing faith formation programming all year round.





Brunch:
10 AM

Egg Hunt:
11 AM

EASTER EGG HUNT AND BRUNCH

Saturday, March 30

Egg Hunt and Activities—\$5/child

Brunch (ages 5 and up) - \$10/person

Brunch (ages 4 and under) - Free

Please RSVP to office@sgrcreek.org by Friday, March 22.



Sugar Creek Bible Camp

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Yesterdays Youth

Presentation: Avian Connection

Birds of Prey

Musical Guest: Patty Forde

\$15 per person includes meal.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

9:00 AM - COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

9:45 AM - WELCOME & DEVOTION

10:00 AM - PRESENTATION

NOON - LUNCH

1:00 PM - SUGAR CREEK UPDATES

1:15-2:30 PM - MUSIC

Registration is helpful for lunch count.

Call the camp office at (608)734-3113

or email office@sgrcreek.org



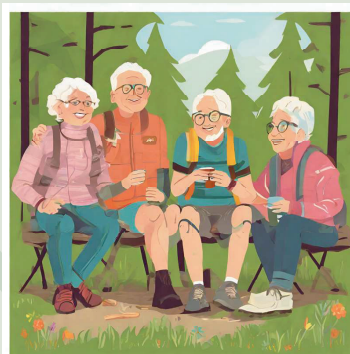
RECENTLY RETIRED RETREAT

APRIL 8-10, 2024

OPEN TO ALL RETIRED
OR ALMOST RETIRED FOLKS!

Register online at

www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/upcoming-events/



Retirement: the golden age of life, full of possibilities and new horizons, but also a few hurdles. This retreat is your personal invitation to join a community of retired (or almost retired) folks to enjoy some camaraderie and experienced advice. Leaders will be diving into Spiritual, Mental, Physical, and Financial wellness, so you can make the most of this exciting chapter!

FALL CRAFT RETREAT, OCTOBER 10 - 13

**“Molded
by Hand”**

“Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.”

Isaiah 64:8

Relax and enjoy time away at Sugar Creek Bible Camp!

Cost includes lodging, meals, and work space.

Thursday - Sunday: \$250

Friday - Sunday: \$225

The SCBC craft weekend includes interactive devotions, a possibly ‘new to you’ craft demonstration, time to catch up on your craft projects, and great meals. Whatever your craft, you'll enjoy time and space to get it done. Bring your own projects and supplies, for a weekend of friends, faith, and phenomenal crafting.



Contact the camp office to register.
Registration closes a week before retreat.

Please contact the camp office at 608-734-3113 to RSVP or check for more information at:

WWW.SUGARCREEKBIBLECAMP.ORG

"I have enjoyed every year here since I was four. This camp has been my safe space."

-Camper, Night Camp

SCBC SPRING VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

FREE
LODGING
FRIDAY
NIGHT

- Play a part in building, cleaning, arranging and preparing camp buildings, trails, and equipment for a safe and busy season ahead
- Projects for all skill levels
- Bring your church, friends, youth groups, and family
- Enjoy Sugar Creek hospitality and hearty meals

RSVP: office@sgrcreek.org
or 608-734-3113

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2024 CALENDAR

March

15-16 Confirmation Youth Retreat
30 Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

April

5-6 Synod Youth Gathering Retreat
8 Yesterday's Youth
8-10 Recently Retired Retreat
20 Elementary Youth Retreat
30 Peer Ministry Plan-It Seminar

May

3-5 Volunteer Work Weekend

June

5 Pioneer Dinner
9 First Day of Summer Camp!

August

19 Annual Golf Outing, Viroqua Hills

September

14 Annual Quilt Auction & Fall Festival
27-28 MS/HS Youth Retreat

October

7 Yesterday's Youth
10-13 Fall Craft Retreat
18-20 Women's Retreat

November

2 Elementary Youth Retreat
1 Fireside Bus Trip
"Miracle on 34th Street"

December

2 Yesterday's Youth
7 Road to Bethlehem

Please visit the camp website at
www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org
for new information on upcoming events



Sugar Creek Bible Camp
13141 SCBC Road
Ferryville, WI 54628

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