

WELCOME TO ENCYD YOUTH CAMP 2022

Welcome,

Thank you for choosing to spend a week with us at Eastern North Carolina Church of God Youth Camp! Without a doubt, this is the most exciting time of the year for our family. We have already begun praying for you - for God to do great things in your life and to fill you with a passionate desire to know and love Him.

Whether it is through the anointed speaker, powerful praise and worship music, late-night conversations with your cabin leader and cabin mates, or by the overall atmosphere around campus, our prayer is that this will be a life-changing week for you. Though the emphasis is on spiritual growth, we want you to have fun while doing it! After all, God is the originator and creator of fun and laughter! There will be friendly team competitions, dorm wars, nightly end games, and more!

This year the theme is ONE and the scripture is 1 Corinthians 9:24 - *"Do you not realize that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it."* We are all in a race called life and, as Christians, our focus should be on the prize of heaven that lies ahead.

When we think of a race, we tend to think of the Olympics that happen somewhere in the world every 4 years. The world's best athletes from all over the world come together in one place to compete against one another. There are many sports and activities that an olympic athlete can participate in, but they all have to train and be the absolute best they can be in order to win a medal.

Even though many of us love a good competition, life isn't about being a great athlete. You don't have to be the best at basketball, kickball or even anything physical this week. You just have to be the best YOU that God made you to be! This week you are here to draw near to God and to allow Him to build your faith.

Please remember that team competitions are just for fun. In Christ, we are ONE: each of us on the same team. The most important part of camp is what happens in your life during the preaching/teaching, at the altars within the services, during the bible studies, during small group time, and through personal prayer and reflection time. Mary and I encourage each of you to be intentional about engaging with God and others this week. Practice hearing the voice of God through reading His Word, the Bible, and by praying. Ask God to speak to you and do what only He can do in you and through you. We believe in you and the God who formed you and gave you purpose.

In His Grip,

Dewayne & Mary Moree

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