



## Why Camp?

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Camp experiences are the best way to teach and connect with youth.

Every youth group should schedule at least one camp experience a year.

Each child should have a Christ centered camp experience each summer.

Quality teaching environments and opportunities are an important part of the Church's purpose.

Multi day camp experiences with a variety of recreation opportunities are a valuable way to engage each other in Christ in a personal way.

A variety of outdoor activities are important because people ought to spend more time outdoors.

The camp environment enables people to voluntarily remove themselves from normal life.



## Purpose Statement

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### **Purpose:**

Phantom Ranch of the Midwest Bible Church is a year-round camping, retreat, and tripping facility where 111 acres of land are dedicated "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known." The purpose of the Ranch is to glorify God by helping individuals, church groups, and organizations share the Gospel, teach God's Word for living, and help campers enjoy His wonderful creation.

Our facilities are available year-round to church groups, organizations, and Outdoor Education Groups.

### **Mission Statement:**

Our mission to provide the best possible camping experiences to everyone who comes to Phantom Ranch. We provide camping experiences to enable the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ and teaching God's Word for daily living, while enjoying God's creation in our unique setting.

### **Ownership:**

Phantom Ranch Bible Camp is owned and operated by the Midwest Bible Church in Chicago, IL.

Phantom Ranch is governed by a Board of Directors which is selected by the Elders of Midwest Bible Church. The members of the Board of Directors serve a 4 year term. Appointments to open positions on the Board of Directors are made in January of each year.

Olen Johnsen, Executive Director.

### **Anti-Discrimination Statement**

Phantom Ranch is open to all, regardless of race, color, nationality, or sex.



## Statement of Faith

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1. We believe in the scripture of the Old and New Testaments as inspired by God and inerrant in the original writings and that they are the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred physical death but also spiritual death which is a separation from God; and all who reach moral responsibility become sinners in thought, word and deed.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood and resurrection.
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.
7. We believe in "That Blessed Hope", the personal, pre millennial and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
9. We believe in separation from all worldly practices and in wholehearted devotion to the cause of Christ as the only scriptural basis for a happy and useful Christian life.
10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust.
11. We believe in Christian baptism in the immersion of water of a believer "in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost," as a public testimony of one's salvation.
12. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial service and the setting forth in a sacred and symbolic manner the death of the Lord Jesus on our behalf.
13. We believe that every one of the redeemed, once saved, is kept by God's power and is thus secure in Christ forever.