

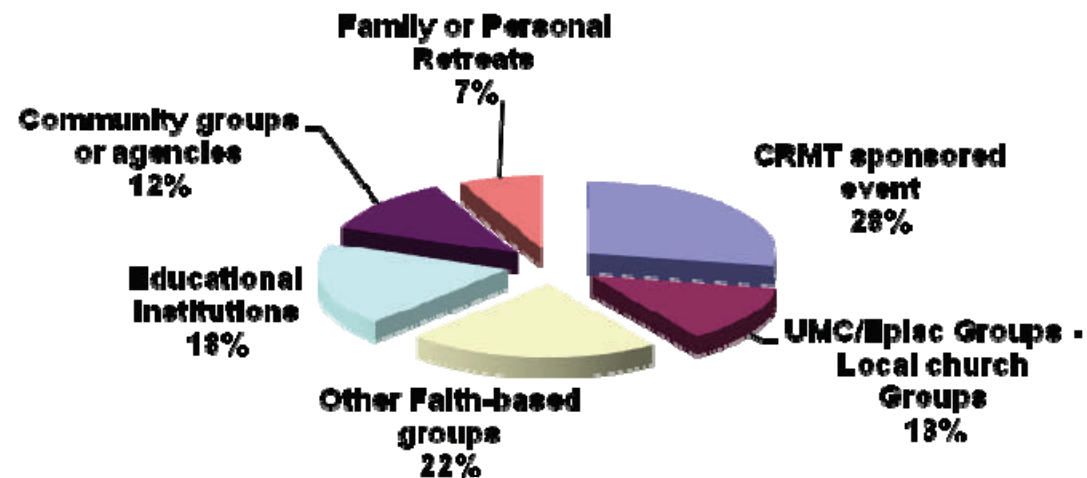
# Go CAMPING



The newsletter of  
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**Who We Serve: 47,650 guest days!**



**From your cards & letters:**

**Family campers:**

*Wow—the small cabins are refurbished—so cozy, warm and fresh. I loved staying this weekend. The new flooring, new windows, curtains, wood trim, new mattress covers, and custom additions like the wood framed mirrors all make such a difference in our much-loved cabins. The new exterior painting scheme throughout camp made all in our group say “wow”! Looks great—keep it up!*



**...creating communities where lives are transformed in Christ**

### A parent of middle school youth:

*I have heard it said that “as long as we have church camp, each student has a youth group.” For once this wise person’s words make complete sense to me. The youth group that my daughters have is really their last summer’s camp friends. The group of 10 or so youth is tighter and closer than most youth groups I have seen in the many churches I have been in. I’m so glad they are having this experience.*



### A senior high camper:

*Wow. What an awesome and incredible week at camp! I was challenged, frustrated, supported and successful. I can’t believe the people I’ve met; the friends I’ve made will be lifelong. It’s really difficult to express in words this experience. I feel a lot more fulfilled and wholesome. I feel closer to God and feel like my soul and spirit have been renewed—it’s a great feeling. I think by risking the adventure, I’m better in tune with God and my spirituality. It’s nice talking to people my age who are religious, but also question. Here I feel comfortable and happy being a Christian. I leave camp with a better sense of self and joy. I’m grateful and will cherish all.*



### An elementary camper:

*Thank you for helping me and my grandma to Grand Camp this summer and for me to go to a week, too! I loved swimming and being at the campfires. I made new friends and my counselor was so nice and fun and we even ate bugs! (Nacho cheese flavored ones were the best.) I can’t wait to go next year!*



### An adult on retreat:

*Thank you so very much for sharing with me the extraordinary and indescribably beauty of this place and for your extravagantly warm hospitality. Everyone here has been so welcoming, so kind and so gracious. These woods and these people have made my retreat experience truly special and memorable. My body, soul and senses have been nourished and renewed.*

