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## HopeWood Connect - Week 5 & 6 Review





## Summer 2025

Our HopeWood Connect Day Camps started last week with our first 2 sites, St. Paul, Westerville and Hosanna, Pataskala. Campers got to enjoy the camp experience brought to their community, through singing tree songs, crafts, and of course, Discovery bible study sessions. We are so thankful for each church site and their volunteers for working with our staff to make camp accessible to even more kids!

This week for Connect, our staff were at Zion, Wooster and St. John, Sandusky/Zion, Huron. Both sites had some fun visitors and field trips during the week. Some campers learned more about their local Humane Society, visited their community garden, and heard great stories from people in their church community. We cannot wait to continue our Connect relationships with these communities!

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## HopeWood Shores - Week 6 Summer 2025







## July 13th - 19th, 2025

Family Week 6 was full of so many charming moments from a unique set of wonderful people! Not only did this week embrace people new to camp and people who have been camping for generations, but also some people who were recently on staff! Sydney Bell, an EX-Staff Member, shares how she views this new batch of staff members after being on staff for the past 4 years. "It's been really touching to see all the new faces on staff this year and being able to witness all these bright and young individuals take on their roles as summer staff," she said. "Being on staff is a life changing opportunity and there's so much growth that comes from it."

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## 2026 Curriculum Grant!



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Greetings, HopeWood Community!

As you've either heard at camp or seen via the Fireside News, HopeWood Outdoors was awarded a \$40,000 grant to write our camp curriculum for 2026. This comes from the Stewardship of Life Institute (SOLI) and is a curriculum based on stewardship of our bodies, our vocations, our environment, and our economies (not just money but all the resources that impact our life together).

The goal of this curriculum is to bring together members of the HopeWood community with various passions and expertise in order to create this curriculum. We will be creating curriculum for the following events:

- Camp Luther at HopeWood Shores (Family Camp Weeks 1-8)
- Camp BOOther
- LMC at HopeWood Pines (Kids Camp Weeks 1-4)
- HopeWood Connect Camps (Day Camps Weeks 5-8, Camp Night In, and the like)
- HopeWood Pines Elementary, Middle School, and High School Retreats (1-2 night weekend events)
- We will also take this time to assess our Environmental Education curriculum.

Are you an educator, teacher, theologian, human development expert, environmentalist, social scientist, parent, or another person with interest and expertise in helping our campers faithfully steward their lives as reflections of God's presence and purpose? Then we would love for you to participate!

We will do this work both in in-person retreats and through remote opportunities, so whether you live within driving distance of a HopeWood site or live across the country, there is a way for you to contribute to this curriculum. All lodging and food expenses are covered for these retreat(s). You'll just need to get yourself to and from HopeWood Pines. For your participation, any participants who are not year-round staff members will also receive a small stipend as a thank you for your contribution to the curriculum. Those who attend on site will receive a larger stipend to help offset travel costs.

To indicate your interest, please [fill out this form](#) no later than August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

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## **Partner Events and Opportunities**

an Evening with  
**Meredith Miller**  
 Author, *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't  
 Have to Heal From*

 questions? email [kbjorke@capital.edu](mailto:kbjorke@capital.edu)



**When: Wed, July 30 | 6-7:30pm**

**Where: Rusty Bucket, Gahanna**

**Cost: Freewill offering to  
The Hardy Center**

## Ag Tire Recycling

Sat., Aug. 9 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Morrow County Fairgrounds, 195 S. Main St., Mount Gilead

By appointment for residents of Delaware, Knox,  
 Marion and Morrow Counties only.

**To schedule call DKMM at 419-751-2290 by Aug. 1.**


*Must have count and size of each tire when registering.*

Tire size is measured from side to side (not the inside diameter)  
 and passenger tires will not be accepted.

**Fees:**

\$2	36" and under (typically semi, front tractor, implement, wagon)
\$5	37" - 60" (typically most rear tractor)
\$10	61" and over (typically large rear tractor, combine)

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### Partner Job Opportunities:

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Director

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

Camarillo, CA

For more information, please visit the

following: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NdfHVPBfBeSvcL2P87kbnnvQXySBf.yjz/view?usp=drivesdk>

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## Our Vision

Connecting all people with nature & faith to bless a changing world.

### Our Mission

Faithfully inspiring people to embrace their callings in creation & community.

### Core Values

Vibrant Faith • Cherishing Creation • Developing and Deepening Relationships  
Inspiring Leadership • Abundant Stewardship

## Welcome Statement

Striving for unity in Christ, your whole person is recognized, welcomed, and affirmed by HopeWood Outdoors. People of all abilities, friends within the LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC communities, and neighbors of varying faith expressions represent the wideness of God's creation. You are invited to fully experience nature and engage in programming that allows you to find comfort and confidence in the ways that you have been wonderfully made by our Creator. Your joy and pain, your highs and lows, your life and your life story are welcome here.



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*Lutheran Memorial Camp*



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*Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio*



**HopeWood Shores**  
*Camp Luther*



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