
Jennifer Summy - Camp Administrator



Josh Wilson Concert

On June 7th, we hosted one of the most unique and powerful events we have ever had at Camp Mardela - Contemporary Christian artist Josh Wilson performed a concert at our pavilion! We have about 180 people in attendance - many of which had never been to Camp Mardela. Before the concert, we gave tours of camp & sold Camp Mardela merch. During the concert, Josh Wilson created a space for God to speak through His worshipful music and testimony. Many left feeling uplifted, inspired, and moved.

A HUGE thank you to Bruce and Stacey Layton for "Dreaming Small" and putting a lot of work into making this event possible. Camp Mardela was used in ways we had never thought possible, and are excited about the doors that this will open for future concerts and events that can be hosted for the community to enjoy.



Summer Camp

This is the 5th summer that Jennifer Summy has been serving as our Camp Administrator, and we saw a lot of exciting trends in this year's programs!

- ~150 total campers at winter & summer camp
- Twix (30), Me & You (10), The Wild (20), Youth Trip (5) and Day Camp (20) had record high post-COVID attendance
- 7 new staff members
- 36 new campers

There were also a couple of exciting new additions to summer camp programming:

- Day trip to Rehoboth Beach for Creative Arts & Youth Camp
- Learning Garden for all camps
- The Wild campers made rain barrels
- Day Campers enjoyed Reptile Wrap-up at Martinak State Park

Our average camper count of 150 has remained consistent since 2023. This is a good average to be hitting consistently, but we are always looking forward towards ways to grow in future years. With these exciting trends, we hope to keep ministering to all of the campers we had this year, and reach even more campers in future years!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



August 28 - 11am-8pm

Vanderwende's Fundraiser

8374 Hickman Rd,
Greenwood, DE location
ONLY. Support camp
while enjoying a sweet
treat! Stop by anytime
between 11am-8pm WITH
THE FUNDRAISER FLYER
and 15% of sales will
benefit Camp Mardela!



August 31 - 2-4pm

BVS Bon Voyage Party

After Sunday lunch at
Family Camp, join us as we
celebrate our BVS
volunteer Justine as she
heads into her second year
of service in Ireland! Help
us to thank her for her
service this year, and wish
her well on her next
adventure



September 20 - 4-7pm

Camp Supper Fundraiser

Join us for our most
DELICIOUS fundraiser of
the year! Enjoy a
homemade Ham & Turkey
meal with ALL the fixins!
You can dine-in or take a
meal to go. The minimum
donation for a meal is \$15.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Check out our fall camps - Family Camp and the Birding Retreat. These are both fun-filled weekends with something for all ages!



Aug. 29 - Sep. 1, 2025

Family Camp

This camp is for families of all ages and sizes! Experience camp with your whole family! Stay in a King room, a cabin, an RV, or a tent, and enjoy a weekend of camp activities, fellowship, and spiritual growth together. Our guest speaker will be Gabriel Dodd. Register online at www.campmardela.org/event-details/family-camp-4



Oct. 31-Nov 2, 2025

Birding Retreat

Enjoy a weekend on the Eastern Shore, going on special birding excursions to see the wide array of bird species in this region. For any questions, you can contact Doug & Sally Ruby at 410-251-7013. Register online at www.campmardela.org/event-details/birding-retreat-3



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Our summer camps have been GROWING! This is wonderful news, but as our camps grow, so does our financial need. Our goal was to raise \$15,000 for summer camps for scholarships, staff, and program expenses. We've raised almost

\$11,000, but still need \$4,000 to reach our goal. If you would like to support the growth and longevity of our camp programs, you can support by mailing donations, or donate online at www.campmardela.org/donate.

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Family Camp

On Labor Day weekend, we invited Gabe Dodd to this year's Family Camp as our guest speaker. This weekend was full of love as many families came together to participate in camp activities, fellowship, and worship together. We made ice cream & applesauce, went boating and swimming, and celebrated the final days of our BVS volunteer Justine Eckert being here before she travelled to her second year of service in Northern Ireland. It was a wonderful weekend and we were blessed by all who came.

Camp Supper

Despite some light rain, we had a decent turnout for our Camp Supper fundraiser! Numbers were slightly down this year, but we still raised approximately \$7,000 for camp - selling about 170 dine-in and 180 carry-out meals. Amy Hutchison and a large amount of volunteers help put on this meal every year, and we are extremely grateful for their help in maintaining this tradition and supporting Camp Mardela with their time and talents. This is one of our favorite (and most delicious!) fundraisers of the year!

Restaurant Fundraisers

In the past few months, we have had 2 restaurant fundraisers - one at Vanderwende's in August and one at Outback Steakhouse in Salisbury. We raised a total of about \$650 at both of these fundraisers. Thank you to everyone who came out to support camp at these events!

Birding Retreat

Doug & Sally Ruby hosted the 3rd annual Birding Retreat over Halloween weekend. We had 12 people attending. They had a wonderful time travelling around the Eastern Shore and spotting unique birds. We do not have another retreat planned for 2026 yet, but check out website for updates!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Nov. 14 - 6pm-8pm

Roller Skate Night

Enjoy an evening of family-fun, glow-in-the-dark skating around Krabill Hall at Camp Mardela! Admission is \$10/person. Children under 16 must come with an adult. Food included!



Nov. 15 - 9am-5pm

Winter Service Day

Help us prepare for winter at Camp Mardela. We will be splitting wood, decorating for Christmas, wintrizing buildings, painting, and more. Lunch is at 12pm - learning service for students!



Dec. 12 & 13 - 6pm-8pm

Christmas at Camp

Come enjoy a Christmas celebration at camp. There will be music, lights, food, a train display, cookie decorating, and more! No set admission fee - donations encouraged.

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2026 Camp Programs

Camp programs for ages K-12, winter and summer!

Theme - In The Wilderness

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Register early and get a 15% Early Bird Discount!

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Shop & Support Camp!

Holiday shopping season is upon us - support camp while you shop with RaiseRight! Order gift cards through the and a percentage will go back to camp without you spending any more money than you normally would. Go to www.raiseright.com or use the RaiseRight app and enter the group code* to purchase gift cards and give back to Camp Marдела.

For detailed information on how to set-up an account, visit

www.campmardela.org/post/shop-with-scrip-fundraiser

**Contact campmardela@gmail.com directly for our fundraising group code to enroll*

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2025 IN REVIEW - Reimagining Camp

Now that 2025 has come to a close, we want to reflect on what went well, and how we can plan for the future to ensure camp's continued growth. We had a great year, and want to thank everyone who made this possible!

We had 3 new events (Valentine's dinner, Josh Wilson Concert, Roller Skate Nights). All 3 of these events involved creative, new uses of existing spaces at camp, and opened our minds to the possibilities of more ministry, fundraising, and community events! 2 of these events are continuing into 2026, & hope to have more concerts in the future.

We also had a 45% increase in rentals - almost every weekend at camp had an event or a rental group - sometimes more than one or both at the same time! In addition, we've had homeschool, cheerleading & tumbling groups rent Krabill & the Pavilion for weekly weekday rentals.



One of the main projects this year was redoing the floor in the King Retreat Center. The goal is to replace carpet with vinyl laminate floors. With humidity & sand at camp, this will be easier to maintain. Our BVS volunteer - Justine Eckert with the help of Jim Seymour also started a camp garden. This was a HUGE success! It was a great educational opportunity for the campers, and we were able to offer fresh fruits and vegetables in our kitchen!

Our camp program numbers were close to last year. We had 34 winter retreat campers, 112 at summer camp, & 43 fall campers - both families and adults. We had a great core of volunteers this summer - most were able to come for whole weeks, and some even came multiple weeks! We had more part-time and weekly staff this summer, which included 5 dedicated nurses who were able to keep our campers safe during all of our programs.

Thanks to everyone who donated, attended, volunteered, & worked at Camp Mardela this year. Our donations increased by 14% and fundraiser income increased by 40%. Because of this we ended \$9,000 in the black! You all made a big difference - thank you for your continued support in this life changing ministry.



2025 Stats

Camps &
Retreats - 12

Campers - 190

Staff - 18

Volunteers - 55

Rentals - 45

*Donations -
\$80,000

*Fundraisers -
\$38,000

*Bottom Line -
\$9,000

* Estimated totals

PAST EVENTS

Roller Skate Nights

We held 2 Roller Skate Nights at camp in the past few months - one in November and one in January. Our first night we had 17 people sign up. For the second one we had 2 (largely due to the holiday weekend and illnesses going around). These have been really fun events that invite community members into camp, and gives children activities they can do at camp outside of camp programming. We have one more coming up on February 7th from 7-9pm.



Christmas at Camp

We made adjustments to our Christmas event to make it more intimate and community-based. With so many local Christmas events going on, we thought this was a better way sustain this event in a less labor-intensive way. We had about 100 people come between December 12th & 13th - a modest crowd compared to previous years. However, everyone who came enjoyed crafts, cookie decorating, Dale Fike's train display and the live music from Ashton Moody on Friday and Cheers Quartet on Saturday.



Storm water & Erosion Management Grant is Flowing!

May of 2024 we were awarded \$120,000 for design and construction of storm water and erosion management projects at Camp Mardela! After having to jump through some hoops last year, we are back on track. A group of 20 potential bidders came to camp in December to review the grant, survey the area to prepare to put in bids for this project. We have 4 official bids to review, and hope to select the best one and begin the design phase this spring!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Feb. 7- 7-9pm

Valentine's Skate Night

Roll around Krabill Hall with your family and friends at this exciting new event! \$10/skater + \$5/skate rental (optional). Food is included.

www.campmardela.org/skate-night



Dates & Times Vary

Winter Retreats

Feb 6-8:

- **Jr. High** (Grades 6-8)

Feb 21:

- **Mini Day** (Grades 2-3)

Mar. 6-8:

- **Twix** (Grades 4-5)

www.campmardela.org/camp-programs/retreats



Feb. 13 & 14 - 6-8pm

Valentine's Dinner

Enjoy a pork tenderloin OR stuffed chicken meal in cozy Krabill Hall for \$30/person or \$40/Person for fireplace seating. Make your reservation by Feb. 1st.

www.campmardela.org/valentines



Apr. 18 - 8am-1pm

Camp Auction

Come to our biggest fundraiser of the year! Purchase ads or sponsorships (deadline Mar. 26), or see items for sale at

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May 16 - 8am-12pm

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CAMP MARDELA BLOG

Wondering in the Wilderness - A Daring Adventure

As I am reflecting on the theme of "In the Wilderness" for this summer, I am incredibly moved and inspired. This feels like such a timely message, & one perfectly demonstrated through the camp experience. I just spent a weekend at a Brethren Woods Youth Winter Retreat where we introduced this theme, and it reminded me how powerful of a message this is. So in response, I hope to somewhat regularly share my musings here and inspire others.

Today - I was inspired by a leadership book I am reading for seminary called "Building Leaders" by Aubrey Malphurs and Will Mancini. In a chapter where they talk about the importance of empowering leaders and its pitfalls, they reference a quote by Helen Keller that really struck me



"Security is mostly a superstition - it does not exist in nature. Avoiding danger is not safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure or it's nothing at all"

This quote was elaborated with an equally inspiring quote from the authors of the book -

"So in the end we can either live with the illusion of control and move toward the illusion of security and predictability, or we can relinquish control to God in a way that frees us to take the risk of empowering others"

These quotes represent ways we can respond to wildernesses we face - we can either shrink back into the corners of our safety, or we can take daring steps into the unknown, trusting God to guide our paths.

One of the greatest examples of wilderness in the Bible is the Israelite's pilgrimage to the promised land for 40 years in the desert. More than once, they would complain to Moses that their time in slavery in Egypt was preferable to the unexpected wilderness they were in. They wanted to shrink back to their corner and be in literal bondage over being in God's wilderness because that was "safer" and "more predictable". How terrible a thing it would be that we would rather put ourselves in chains than step into the daring adventures God has for us.

But here's the thing - even though the wilderness is scary, wild, and unpredictable - God shows us that He is dependable in the wilderness. We often don't see the extent of His faithfulness until we take those daring steps, and God leads us through them. His power is most magnificently on display when we can fully put our trust in Him - something that is much harder to do in our comfort zones. Even though God does not promise to keep us from all harm (because sometimes we do need to face challenges in order to grow), He promises us that we will overcome - a far greater promise than living in a "nothing at all" life in John 16:32-33

"A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

So let us be empowered to take steps into God's daring adventure that He has set before you - whatever that may be. And let us encourage others to do the same, reminding each other that we are never truly alone in the wilderness, but that God promises to be with us as we face troubles of the world, because Jesus has overcome the world.

CAMP MARDELA BLOG

Jerry Garey - In Memoriam

On December 30th, 2025, we lost a beloved friend of Camp Mardela - Jerry Garey. So much of his life was in this place. He met his wife here when they were 8 years old, he faithfully helped with the Thursday volunteer crew until he was physically unable, he served in various leadership roles at camp and in the community during his full and joyful life.

I was able to attend his memorial service and Ridgely Church of the Brethren was filled to the brim with people who had been impacted by Jerry's life. It was amazing to hear all the things he had done, as I had only known him in the past 5 years. Even in that short time I have accumulated my own fond memories of him - helping paint my house when I moved in, showing me pictures in the King hallways of him and his siblings at camp in the same shirt, how he always helped clean up after meals on Thursdays, and many more.



Many people made generous donations to Camp Mardela in his honor, and shared kind words and fond memories of Jerry. Here are a few of them:

"(Jerry Garey was) an amazing person as well as uncle. Many fond memories of summer camp and activities."

"He was a volunteer at Camp Mardela his entire life, and a dedicated servant to Christ & many others as well, especially the Ridgely Church of the Brethren. He will be missed."

"(He) was a wonderful community leader and friend to so many people."

"I attended camp here as a child with many of my other Garey cousins. It was a wonderful experience. I knew the camp was dear to my Uncle Garey"

There of course is far more that can be said about Jerry, and I am sure many who are reading this have their own fond memories of him. Hold those stories dear, and his spirit will live on. We will keep his spirit of faith and service alive here at camp, as we remember his life of service and hear his laugh echoing through the woods of Camp Mardela.

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VOLUNTEER NEEDS!

CAMP SUPPER COORDINATOR - We are looking for a dedicated volunteer with excellent cooking and management skills to take over the Fall Camp Supper - an annual event.

CAMP MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS - We have 4-6 dedicated Thursday volunteers who do almost all of the camp maintenance of 125 property and our 15 buildings. We are in URGENT need of more skilled laborers who can help bear the load of camp's year-round maintenance. Volunteers can come any day of the week - just contact camp in advance.

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AGE RANGES -
BY YEARS OLD

FALL RETREATS

*various lodging,
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options

SEPT. 4-6	Family Camp - ALL AGES! (under 16 with a parent/guardian)	\$3-\$85/person *price varies
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Winter Retreats

We had the most winter retreat campers since 2020! We had a total of 40 campers over 3 retreats for ages 2nd-8th grade. We had our first Mini Day Retreat, giving younger campers the opportunity to enjoy a full day of camp without the pressure of staying overnight.

We held our second skate night in conjunction with Jr. High retreat, which was so much fun! The Twix campers got a visit from a police dog. There were so many fun activities this winter, and our campers got to make new friends, see camp in a new season, and deepen their faith.

Skate Nights

We started offering community skate nights after we discovered a few years ago during summer camp that Krabill Hall makes a decent skate rink! We had 2 in 2026 and had about 30 skaters between the 2 of them! They're a fun and exciting way to engage the community in a new way! We plan to host more in the fall - so stay tuned!



Valentine's Dinner

We had our 2nd annual Valentine's Dinner in Krabill Hall, held on Friday & Saturday night, making for 2 peaceful, intimate, and romantic dinners! Members from 3 different scout troupes also helped serve on Friday night (1091, 77, & pack 264). With 45 people attending, we made just under \$1,000 on the dinner, and we're excited to host it again next year!



PROJECTS

Krabill Ovens

The ovens in the Krabill kitchen have proven quite challenging over the past few years. After trying to repair some of the issues, we decided we needed to prioritize replacing them. Thanks to several generous donors, we were able to get not one, but TWO BRAND NEW OVENS! We are going to have them installed next week. We are SO EXCITED for how these new stoves will make work in the kitchen so much more efficient for programs, events, and rental groups! This upgrade will greatly benefit all people who enjoy eating food prepared in Krabill kitchen.



King Improvements

In November we began replacing the carpeted floors in King with laminate floorboards. The carpet was worn out, stained, ripped, difficult to clean, etc., and needed an update. We were given a generous donation to purchase the initial materials to do the main areas of King. Then in the past few months we replaced the carpet with laminate in the dorm rooms. We are also getting new, custom built wooden bunks to replace the old and uncomfortable metal bunks that were up there. A HUGE thank you to Jim Summy for installing the new floors, Elvin Schrock & Son's plumbing for helping fix the dorm room toilet plumbing, and John Trax & family for the new dorm bunk beds. Feel free to stop by and see these improvements.

Once we finish these projects, we hope to replace the carpet in the King bedrooms with laminate, replace the sliding glass doors into the King dining room, and start looking into mini splits for the rooms in King. However, we cannot move forward with these projects until we can raise some more funds. We currently have \$3,000 of our \$10,000 goal. If you would like to contribute to these projects, you can donate using the link at the end of the newsletter, or mail a check to P.O. Box 460, Denton, MD 21629.



Camp Sign

In February, a delivery truck hit our sign and damaged the frame and scratched the sign. This initiated an effort to replace the sign. We got plans and materials lined up to replace it with a similar sign with a bit more information about the camp, and tracks for removable letter to share about upcoming events! Since the old sign is so beloved, we have plans to give it a new home on camp property. We also made stickers we are selling in the camp store to commemorate this historic part of camp as well.



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Come enjoy this FREE camp event. This is a time to thank everyone who volunteers and helps make camp possible. There will be a meal, volunteer awards, and music and activities.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are still in DIRE need of more, able-bodied Thursday volunteers. If you have skills in any sort of labor trade (electric, plumbing, lumberjacking, construction, etc), we would greatly appreciate you sharing your skills with Camp Mardela. Nearly ALL of camp's year-round maintenance is done on Thursdays every week by these volunteers, and our crew is getting smaller. Even if you are unable to help on a weekday like Thursday, but could come out and help with special projects on the weekends, that would be greatly appreciated! Just contact campmardela@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out, and we can tell you where you skills can be of the greatest service to Camp Mardela.



CAMP MARDELA BLOG

Jim Lohr - In Memoriam

This winter has been a hard season for Camp Mardela - losing 2 beloved "Thursday guys" within months of each other. We lost Jerry Garey on December 30th, 2025, and Jim Lohr went to be with the Lord on March 17th, 2026.

Jim Lohr had an incredible spirit - always wanting to share stories, teachable moments, and especially songs. We got to visit him in the hospital and had a wonderful time reminiscing as we sang songs from the Camp Mardela song books. He even taught us a few we had never heard before!

On the Thursday crew, Jerry's specialty was with a paint brush, and Jim's was with a chainsaw. He was the lumberjack extraordinaire, and was the first one we called for our tree problems. Even in the hospital, Jim was concerned about the trees that had fallen from the last big snow we had. That is an incredible testament to how much camp meant to him - that even in his weak moments, he was always thinking about how he could help Camp Mardela.

During that visit, he also recounted getting to make applesauce and ice cream at Family Camp this fall, and fondly remembered teaching some of the young boys there how to make it for the first time, as he oversaw their operation. One of the great joys of his life truly was teaching people - especially young people.

Jim Lohr was also a singer. He sang in the Easton church choir, and always attended the Tidewater Singers concerts. He sang many camp songs, and was quite the song leader. He is remembered fondly for his Family Camp talent show performances of song and drama. As I think about Jim Lohr, a song continues to echo in my head. He sang it a few times on Thursdays, and again the last time we visited him.

*Oh it's nice to get up in the mornin
When the sun begins to shine
At three or four or five o'clock
In the good old summer time.
When the wind is blowin
And it's murky overhead (he stressed that you must roll your "r" here for an authentic performance)
Oh it's nice to get up in the morning
But it's nicer to stay in bed.*

Intertwined with the laughter of Jerry Garey, will be the melodious singing of Jim Lohr ringing through the woods of Camp Mardela. He will forever be remembered here for the music he brought to all of us - whether through the hum of his chainsaw, the things he taught us, or the songs he sang.



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Host YOUR Event at Camp!

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We also want to extend our facilities to be used by our supporting churches, as a thank you for your support as an extension of our church camp ministry. Churches that give over \$500 in annual financial support to Camp Mardela are "Camp Supporters" can host one day event per year at camp. Churches that give over \$2,000 in annual financial support to Camp Mardela are "Camp Sustainers" and can host unlimited church events at camp for NO CHARGE (pending schedule availability). Just contact camp for open dates to host your church's events.



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*Contact campmardela@gmail.com directly for our fundraising group code to enroll

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