



The Cosby Timbers

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Fall 2024

A Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Friends of YMCA Camp Cosby,

Thank you for trusting us with your camper this summer! We had so much fun and are thrilled that your camper was able to join us in all the excitement Cosby has to offer youth and teens. We were at 98% of FULL capacity and served 1,975 campers this summer. Needless to say, we are very excited about what 2025 will bring.

Our many campers enjoyed an expanded waterfront in which we invested over \$25,000 for new inflatable pieces. We also welcomed a brand new \$250,000 Health Center. Our dining hall experience was improved with a \$22,000 expansion to create more eating space, as well as an additional salad bar and drink station. Adventure Village for our teens also received a brand new salad bar for a wider variety of healthy food options.

Thank you for partnering with us and allowing Camp Cosby to be part of your family.

P.S. Enrollment for Summer 2025 will open on October 12th 9AM CST. Please watch for email and text reminders so you can grab your spot.

Cosby There,
Steve Merifield
Executive Director



Fall & Winter Events

Registration Begins September 6th, 2024



Fall Family Day
October 19, 2024

Connect with families, while
enjoying nature and fall activities



Teen Retreat Weekend
November 1-3, 2024
Ages 13-15

Reconnect with your summer pals
while developing leadership skills



Winter Camp Weekend
December 6-8, 2024

Come for a weekend of fun,
friends, and holiday celebration

New Additions from 2024

This summer brought exciting changes to camp! Our new Health Center offered a wide range of services tailored to signifying a commitment to improving the overall well-being of the camp community. The Dining Hall expansion has expanded our eating space, creating a vibrant environment where campers can enjoy meals and fellowship.



And the waterfront? It's been transformed into a thrilling aquatic playground, featuring exciting new inflatable water toys from WIBIT, including a challenging set of monkey bars. These improvements are all about enhancing the camp experience, making it better and more enjoyable than ever before!



Summer 2025 Registration OPENS October 12th, 2024 9AM CST

Mark your calendars and avoid the waitlist! Start organizing your summer plans now with your friends and family.



Dates and Themes Summer 2025 COMING SOON

Keep an eye out on our social media pages and emails to stay in-the-loop on all updated dates and rates for Summer 2025!

Cosby in the Off Season

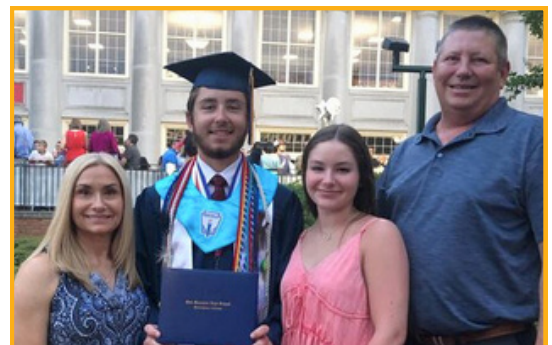
When the final campfire has dimmed and the last camper has headed home, you might think our camp settles into a quiet offseason—but you'd be wrong! Our grounds stay lively and full of purpose as we shift gears to host school groups, retreats, and special events that brings a new wave of energy into camp. These gatherings fill the air with laughter and learning, as students explore the great outdoors and teams bond over shared experiences. Each visit is a reminder that camp magic isn't limited to just the summer months.



But that's not all. Behind the scenes, we're hard at work planning and preparing for the next unforgettable summer. From refining our programs to hiring passionate staff, we're dedicated to making sure that when the first camper steps onto the lakeshore next year, everything is ready to go. The offseason is a crucial time for growth, innovation, and reflection as we strive to make each summer better than the last. Stay connected with us—exciting things are happening year-round!

Volunteer Board Member Spotlight James Coco – Board Chair

James Coco has been the Volunteer Board Chair of the Camp Cosby board for 4 years and has done an excellent job at leading the board volunteers in many efforts to support and guide Camp Cosby. James spends many hours volunteering at Camp Cosby and wears many hats.



James helps with Check-in, leads construction projects around camp and raises donations for our families. His wife, Dr. Terri Coco, is on the Cosby board and leads the Health and Wellness Committee for our health center that supports our volunteer nurses. His son, JJ Coco, has been a longtime camper and staff member. His Daughter, Avery, has also been a longtime camper and CIT. We are so thankful for James and his family and his leadership and commitment to leading a strong and committed board of directors.