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“Libby” might have been short for “liberty,” as independent as she felt at her camp *home*. This was her first “solo journey,” but she knew the territory.

She knew she could lead the hikes (if anyone would let her!). She could tell you about God’s awesome cold-blooded creatures in the nature center. She could show you where some of God’s best wild edibles grow, and she could help lead vespers in some of the neatest places you’d ever find. Templed Hills was HERS!

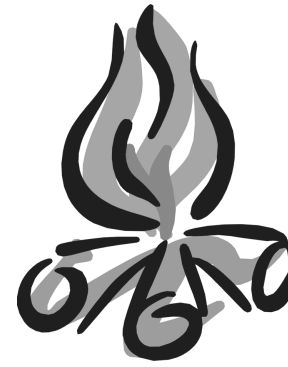
And this summer, between learning about “God’s Party” and having fun, Libby *almost* forgot to get homesick.

Join us in financially caring for Templed Hills and Pilgrim Hills so Libby and campers of all ages might enjoy these beautiful sacred spaces.

Your generous gift will allow us to continue to provide excellent camp experiences and to maintain and improve the facilities that so many of us have valued over the years.

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“Is this really MY son?”

Dave, the dad of a Pilgrim Hills Confirmation Camper, gets excited just talking about it:

“Danny – I mean, *Daniel* – came back from camp a different person – at least for a week and a half, and that’s pretty great for a 13-year-old!”

“For one thing, his energy level was, well – incredible! And his shyness and uncertainty seemed to fall away.”

“Besides being psyched about new friends from other churches, he actually talked about church and what he might do – how he might try to pump it up, challenge the youth to do a mission project or something.”

Daniel’s story is not unique; church camp can change a camper’s life.

Summer church camps support and enhance the Christian education of Ohio Conference churches. Join us in financially nurturing our camp sites, Pilgrim Hills and Templed Hills, so that we may in turn nurture young people in their faith development.



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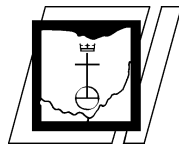
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