



# FALCON

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WELCOME  
TO  
FALCON  
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Greetings from Falcon Camp,

Widely recognized across the Midwest as Ohio's premier summer camp, Falcon is an excellent opportunity for young people to gain a strong camping experience—and have a great time!

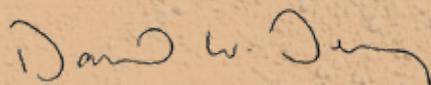
Falcon offers a beautiful lakefront setting, a talented mature staff and a wide variety of activities. Our 1:4 staff/camper ratio enables us to give each Falcon camper the individual attention necessary to assure a summer of fun and learning. Falcon counselors average five years of "Falcon experience" as campers and staff. Falcon is accredited by the American Camp Association under a set of over 300 standards emphasizing health, safety and program quality.

Falcon is a traditional, rustic camp that has been around since 1959, and we have used that time to develop great programs and meaningful traditions. At Falcon, the major ingredients to success are taking good care of our campers and creating an atmosphere of encouragement and understanding. Campers learn new skills and grow in self-confidence, esteem and independence. Our non-competitive environment is inviting to campers who may be hesitant to try something they have never done before, while our awards system challenges our most experienced campers. We teach from beginner to advanced in each of our activity areas. "Fun for Now, Skills for Life" is not just a catchy phrase but truly exemplifies what Falcon is and what we do at camp.

Camp size is important to us. At 110 campers, Falcon is large enough to provide a diversity of personalities so that everyone can find friends, yet small enough that we know each camper. With an average 70% camper return rate, Falcon has a nice mixture of "old hands" and new faces.

We hope you'll join us for another great summer this year—we're looking forward to it!

Sincerely,



Dave Devey  
Director/Owner



**FALCON  
CAMP**

It's my favorite  
part of the year!

IT'S MORE THAN JUST A  
**SUMMER  
CAMP**

IT'S MY  
**HOME** away  
from **HOME**

*Hannah S.*



**Where Good Things  
Happen** by *Design*

At Falcon Camp, we believe that good things happen when you make them. That's why we've spent many years designing the best program for your child, where they will have a great time while also learning and growing. Our intentional programming affords each camper the opportunity to make choices throughout the day. This increases their sense of independence and decision-making, while also ensuring campers enjoy the activities they are participating in.



Within the framework we developed, all our activities have been carefully selected to highlight different opportunities to combine fun and growth. Some activities are individual, some require teamwork; some activities are physical, while others are thoughtful; some are "right-brained" and others are "left-brained". The list goes on, with many things to choose from.

# Fun for Now...

We give campers the opportunity to build skills that will help them throughout the rest of their lives, all while having fun and enjoying themselves. The activities we teach during the day help develop a variety of skills, from endurance, balance and coordination, to confidence, creativity and focus, and more. We prepare our staff to work with campers in a way that enables campers to gain resilience and problem-solving skills. When your camper comes home from Falcon, you will see a child who is more mature, better equipped to handle themselves, and raving about the fun they had!



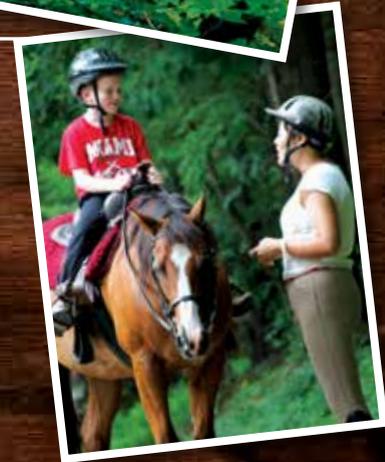
**Falcon** is a place where *friends* become *family*, and where **unforgettable memories** are *created*.

Oscar C.



## Skills Developed:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Teamwork              | Speed                  | Making friends                       |
| Balance               | Agility                | Tolerance                            |
| Creativity            | Flexibility            | Acceptance of others and differences |
| Coordination          | Focus                  | Respect for others                   |
| Decision-making       | Concentration          | Problem-solving                      |
| Fine-motor skills     | Following instructions | Leadership                           |
| Posture               | Sportsmanship          | Independence                         |
| Endurance             | Discipline             | <i>and more!</i>                     |
| Self-esteem           | Technique              |                                      |
| Confidence            | Resilience             |                                      |
| Hand-eye coordination |                        |                                      |



*Camp has been so fun while still making me more independent. I have met so many amazing, talented people and have learned so much!*

*Catherine J.*

# ...Skills for Life!

# Things to Do

At Falcon Camp, we have created a schedule that enables our campers to choose what they want to do each day within a framework. This way everyone is excited about the activities they select. On the first day of camp, we introduce campers to all of the activities, and encourage everyone to try them all. After that, campers choose which activities they want to go to each period. This allows campers to either specialize in their favorites, or do something different each day. Campers travel to activities with their unit. There are six units, divided by age and gender, and grouped to enable us to create individualized activities that speak directly to the developmental stage of each unit.

## FALCON CAMP

is a place where I **NEVER** feel **ALONE**.

There are lots of **different people** and **friends** to be **MET**.

*Lindsay C.*



Each activity area uses what campers learn each day to build toward awards. As the campers advance, they will develop skills they have learned for earlier awards. Often for the highest awards, they will need to learn how to teach their fellow campers. End of session Award Nights recognize each camper's achievements. Learning tangible, useful skills helps our campers feel accomplished; leaving with awards that they have worked hard to earn increases their self-esteem and confidence.



### Activities

#### Land

english horseback riding • western horseback riding • horsemanship • archery • riflery • tennis • rocketry • soccer • basketball • softball • gaga • floor hockey • ultimate frisbee • volleyball • badminton • mountain biking • flag football • track • team field games

#### Water

sailing • canoeing • swimming • fishing • paddleboarding • pontoon boating • kayaking • water games • tubing

#### Woods

nature study • outdoor survival skills • fire building • shelter building • hiking • outdoor cooking • environmental awareness • edible plants

#### Arts

drama • guitar • ukulele • photography • movie-making • woodworking • watercolors • acrylics • drawing • soapmaking • candlemaking • sewing • crafts • set design • costume design • choreography • singing • acting • dance • directing

#### Specialties

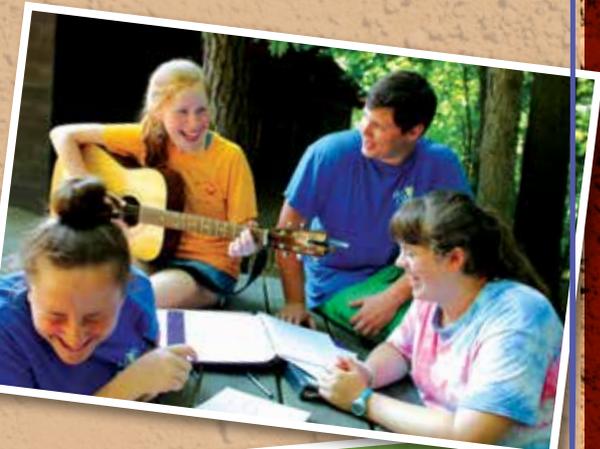
field trips • Color Wars • casino night • dances • olympics • Capture the Flag • overnights

*and much more!*

The **hardest** yet **most rewarding** thing I've ever done. I will **remember** it **FOREVER!** Camp is where **people** can be **themselves**.

*Tessa L.*

# Schedule



- 7:00 am Horse Care (optional)
- 7:45 am Rise & Shine
- 8:15 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am First Activity Period
- 10:30 am Second Activity Period
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Rest Hour
- 2:00 pm Third Activity Period
- 3:30 pm Fourth Activity Period
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 6:45 pm Evening Activity
- 8:15 pm Snack
- 8:45pm Cabin Time
- 9:30 pm Robins & Blue Jays Lights Out
- 9:45 pm Cardinals & Kestrels Lights Out
- 10:00 pm Hawks & Eagles Lights Out

# Food, Cabins & Health

We have two words for you: grilled cheese. The food at camp is really really good, expertly prepared by our head chef, who has been around for 10 years. Shirley works her magic to create simple masterpieces that we all gobble down after a day of running outside. The best part of camp food is that--like many parts of camp--there are a ton of choices. We eat family style with our cabins, so there will be a main dish and several side dishes on the table, as well as a salad or breakfast bar. If you are a vegetarian and the main dish is meat, there is always a vegetarian option at the counter. We also frequently work to accommodate campers who have food allergies or intolerances.

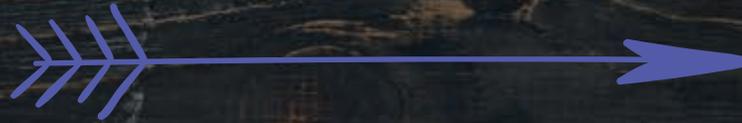


Campers at Falcon Camp live in cabins and sleep in wooden bunk beds (uniquely, made from our own trees!) In the younger units, there are eight campers to a cabin and 2-4 staff members. In the older units, there may be up to ten campers and 2-3 staff members in a cabin. Bathrooms with indoor plumbing and hot showers are attached to the units, easily accessible to all.

There is a registered nurse at camp 24/7 who cares for our every need. He or she sees every camper from the moment they get to camp (the infirmary is the second stop in the check-in process) until they leave, and often some moments in between! The nurse is the only person who handles medication, as well as any illness or injury that may occur. Every camper receives the best care, we keep parents apprised of the situation when warranted, and we are confident that we have the best nurses around.



# Leadership



One of the competencies we value most is leadership. Leadership of others begins with increased confidence and esteem within yourself. Older campers have the option to take the American Red Cross babysitting course. Campers of all ages can gain leadership opportunities through team play and all-camp activities like Color Wars. Mentoring younger campers and welcoming new campers is a point of pride for our veteran campers. Learning to be part of a group and sharing leadership within the group is an integral part of daily cabin life.



We jump into leadership with a greater focus with our Leaders-In-Training (LIT) program. This is offered to any interested 14 or 15 year old camper staying four weeks or longer. During the LIT course, we teach campers how to plan and lead a game or activity, how to gain and keep campers' attention, and other skills. Additionally, we provide them with opportunities to put these skills into practice. LITs get to be Cabin Buddies, going into younger campers' cabins during Rest Hour to hang out and play games, as well as Counselors Assistants (CAs). CAs are an opportunity to spend extra time in an activity area you are interested in, with a counselor you find to be a great role model. Finally, LITs plan and execute a rest hour activity for one of the younger units, using what they have learned.

Being an LIT is the first (optional) step in our Staff Development Program. The next two steps are Counselor In Training (CIT) and Junior Counselors (JC). During those summers, we continue to build on participants' ability to plan and lead activities, work through issues in a cabin, and handle more responsibility. By the end of their final year, JCs are ready to run an activity area, be a senior counselor in a cabin, and step up in many other kinds of leadership roles, both in camp and out.



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is a place where you are **VALUED** for who you are.  
➤ A place where you can *smile* as your *true self* and meet **NEW PEOPLE** from all over the world.

*A family away from home!*

Sara F.

# Staff

In everyone's life, there are inspiring people and great memories that they will remember forever. Our staff are selected with that in mind. They model the core values that we strive to teach to every camper. Our Falcon counselors (between the ages 18 – 25) are carefully selected and trained in First Aid, CPR, child abuse prevention and much more. Many of our staff are "home grown," having been Falcon campers and completing our Staff Development Program. Our caring staff is passionate, well-trained, knowledgeable and ready to share a fun-filled summer with their campers. They are skilled in their activity area(s), and know how to build communities within their cabins and units. We require all counselors to participate in pre-camp and ongoing Staff Training. Falcon staff are the foundation of our close-knit camp community, and we ensure that they are prepared to help campers have the best summer they can.



The administration at Falcon is key to the training, support and oversight of the staff. In order to make sure that the staff have the tools to be successful, the administration team works hard all year round. With over 100 years of camping experience and expertise in a variety of other related fields, they are uniquely qualified to create the environment where both campers and staff thrive.

Regardless of tenure at camp, all staff and administrators receive a thorough, yearly background check.



is like a **GOOD**  
book you **DON'T**  
want to end. 🍁

*Anne S.*



is **ONE** of my  
🍁 favorite 🍁  
places on **EARTH**

*Alex H.*



**DAVE DEVEY**  
DIRECTOR/OWNER

since 1984  
camper since 1964



**NICI MAHEN**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
since 2000  
camper since 1985



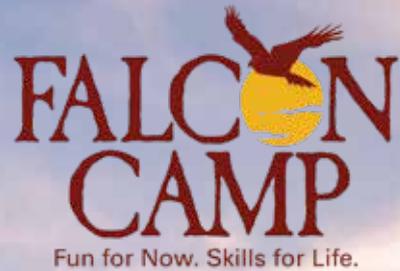
**TALI CORNBLATH**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
since 2012  
camper since 2000



**LYNNE RODRIGUES**  
RN, BSN, CSN, CCRN

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
since 2012  
mom of 4 campers



Falcon Camp is a place where both kids and counselors get to live another lifestyle away from your usual routine. People come here to try out activities they have never tried, and enjoy their time with friends away from the digital world. It's unique and special.

*Mia Y.*

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