

# Calvin Connector

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## Far More than Fun and Games!

*Three Big Reasons (Beyond the Undeniable Fun and Memories) Calvin Center is the Place to Be this Summer*

Ah, the great outdoors, singing around the campfire, the high ropes course, s'mores (who can forget the s'mores?), spending time with new friends and great counselors- what more of a reason is there to send a child to summer camp? Well, a whole lot more. Calvin Center certainly knows what it means to have fun and pack a week with unbelievable memories, but there is more to it.

### Making tough decisions in tough times

In everyday life, you can be a good influence or a bad one. At Calvin Center, campers are encouraged to live confidently as people of good character.

### Interacting with others regardless of differences

Learning to work with those around us is ever-more important in the networked world that children are growing up in. Through the week, family groups will



discuss self-awareness and learn to be more conscious of the dynamics in their surroundings.

### Responsibility and respect

In a setting that contrasts the typical routines of home, campers see the value of responsibility and respect with new eyes. Effective communication is built upon the knowledge of how to respect others and yourself, and Calvin Center is a nurturing environment that strives for mutual respect among residents.

The values of summer camp truly go on and on. The question now becomes, who are you going to share the summer camp experience with? Whether your own child, grand child or a family friend, every kid should be exposed to the transformative nature of summer camp.

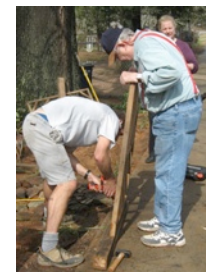
## One Experience with Many Outcomes

*How a Cross-Generational Service Experience Could Shape your Organization*

Imagine children, teens, retired adults and married couples working alongside each other towards a common goal. Putting away their cell phones and disregarding their e-mails, they instead pick up work gloves and a hammer and unite for a day, weekend, or week of service. You may be thinking to yourself, "yeah right- can this really happen?" The answer is yes, and in fact, it already has.

Recently, Calvin Center has seen an increase in intergenerational work teams registering for Mission Work Camp (MWC). As a MWC participant, one is hosted by Calvin Center for lodging and meals and then is sent out into the community to do basic home repair. Calvin Center takes care of organizing work sites, collecting building materials and tools- participating groups simply bring willing workers!

Read more online.



## Upcoming Events

**Spring Break Horse Day Camp**  
April 4-8, 2011

**Elementary Extravaganza**  
April 10, 2011

**NARHA Instructor Workshop**  
April 14-16, 2011

**NARAH On-Site Registered Certification**  
April 16-17, 2011

**Administrators Day**  
April 19, 2011

**On the Dock- Staff Alumni Event**  
May 7, 2011

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