

## founders and directors

Anne and Dennis Smith are the founders and serve as directors of Victory Ranch. 2025 will be their twenty-second summer to move their family to Bolivar, TN, to live for the entire camp season. They are committed to providing leadership to the counselors and staff as well as being intimately involved in scheduling and supervising each day's activities.



Anne is an Art teacher at Evangelical Christian School. Dennis is in his 38th year at Presbyterian Day School, where he is the Director of Athletics and Operations. With over 60 combined years of experience teaching, coaching, and directing camps, the Smiths are an integral part in leading Victory Ranch to become one of the country's premier summer camps.



Dear Friends,

We are so looking forward to Summer 2025! The value of a quality camp experience is profound, and we are busy planning, praying, and working to make sure that this is our best summer yet.

Christ is at the center of everything we do at Victory Ranch! More than anything, we want campers to be confident in God's love for them. We want every camper to find the victory that is his or hers through Jesus Christ.

Through our facilities, activities, and staff, we can assure that each camper's experience is safe, fun, and memorable. Victory Ranch provides an amazing environment for your kids to play, learn, grow, and have fun. The Victory Ranch experience creates independence, self-confidence, and develops character. As you look through this brochure, you will find activities that are designed to provide campers with adventure, challenging experiences, and Christian fellowship. Everything we do is planned to positively affect four key areas of a camper's life: the Spiritual, the Physical, the Mental, and the Social.

We believe that the strength of Victory Ranch is in our staff. Victory Ranch has a full-time staff comprised of professionals with countless years of experience in encouraging, developing, and challenging youth. They have invested their lives to ensure excellence in every aspect of this camp experience. Every summer we are joined by Christian college counselors and staff who see their time at Victory Ranch as the experience of a lifetime and as an opportunity to invest in the lives of the campers.

Our counselors and staff are positive role models chosen for their spiritual and emotional maturity, their ability to relate to campers, and their individual skills and talents. We personally interview each candidate with the desire to ensure that every Victory Ranch staff member is someone we would be proud to have your children around.

2025 will be our 22nd year to move our family out to VR for the entire summer. We are blessed to have this opportunity to live, eat, and breathe summer camp. As a family we are involved not only in the hiring, scheduling, and planning, but most importantly in the day-to-day activities. We enjoy getting to know each camper by name and building relationships with them.

Victory Ranch is a place of adventure, thrills, new victories, endless friendships, and a place to discover joy. We invite you to call and visit to see for yourself the joys of the Victory Ranch experience. Thank you for considering Victory Ranch for your camper. We hope you will join us for Summer Camp 2025!

Sincerely,

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"He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 15:57

VR exists to nurture and challenge the body, mind, and spirit to the glory of God.

# directors

#### Graham Harrison: Camp Director

Pictured here with his family, Mary Faith and Steele,
Graham is starting his 22nd year at Victory Ranch
and will be once again serving as Camp Director and
Worship Leader. Graham has been involved in every
aspect of camp: serving as counselor, lifeguard, Sports
and Recreation Director, Outdoor Adventure Director,
Water Sports Director, and even helping with our
Equestrian program. He truly is a mainstay at Victory
Ranch. We call him our "Swiss Army Knife."



#### Chuck Smith: Program Director

Chuck is entering his 22nd year at Victory Ranch. He has spent the last 40 years as a teacher, coach, elementary and middle school principal, and minister of youth and music. In the summer he serves as our Program Director, overseeing worship time and the staff mentoring program. You will also find him leading outdoor adventure and recreational activities. As our senior staff member he is affectionately known as "Pappaw."



Jeremy is returning for his 8th year at Victory Ranch and his 2nd year as a full time director. He will once again be overseeing all of our recreational activities. You'll also see him at all of the night activities, possibly in one of his many costumes! His fun personality and commitment to Victory Ranch has always made him a camper and staff favorite.





#### Anne Louise Smith Assistant Equestrian Director

Lulu is returning for her 7th year at the Victory Ranch barn and her 2nd year as the Assistant Equestrian Director. She leads all horseback riding activities and introduces campers to the animals at Lulu's Petting Zoo. Along with an incredible work ethic and a deep love for kids and animals, she's found her "Happy Place" at the Victory Ranch barn!



## Gregg Dondeville: Outdoor Adventure Director

Summer 2025 will be Gregg's 17th year working at Victory Ranch. He is in his 24th year as the Athletic Director at New Hope Christian Academy where he also coaches football, basketball, and soccer. During the summer you will find Gregg overseeing the Outdoor Adventure area and all of the night activities. We always appreciate his love for Victory Ranch and his willingness to do whatever it takes to make camp the very best!

### Grant Smallwood: Athletic Director

Grant has been involved in athletics and youth ministries for most of his life. He is a former high school football, basketball, and baseball coach and currently works for Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is returning to VR this summer for his 15th year to serve as our Athletic Director and is one of our featured speakers at our Round-Up worship time.



# David Rose: Water Sports Director

David has been involved teaching and coaching for nearly twenty years and is currently a physical education teacher and coach at Presbyterian Day School. He started at VR as a camp counselor 22 summers ago. Since then he's been involved in several areas of the camp. This summer David returns to the lake to oversee the water activities and again will be a regular speaker at our Round-Up worship time.



## Paul Warner: Recreation Director

Paul will be returning for his 8th summer to work at Victory Ranch.

He has served in many areas and is a regular speaker at our
Round-Up worship time. For the last twelve years Paul has coached
youth and varsity sports and is currently a physical education
teacher and coach and Presbyterian Day School. This summer you
will find him overseeing the recreation activities at VR.



#### Jay Smith: Assistant Water Sports Director

Jay will be returning for his 5th year on the Victory Ranch lake. He has been involved in most every aspect of camp life for the past 20 years. Having started as a camper, Jay has since taken on roles as a lifeguard, counselor, and now Assistant Water Sports Director. He's known for his contagious smile, boundless energy, and his dedication to making Victory Ranch the best camp around.



# counselors & staff

















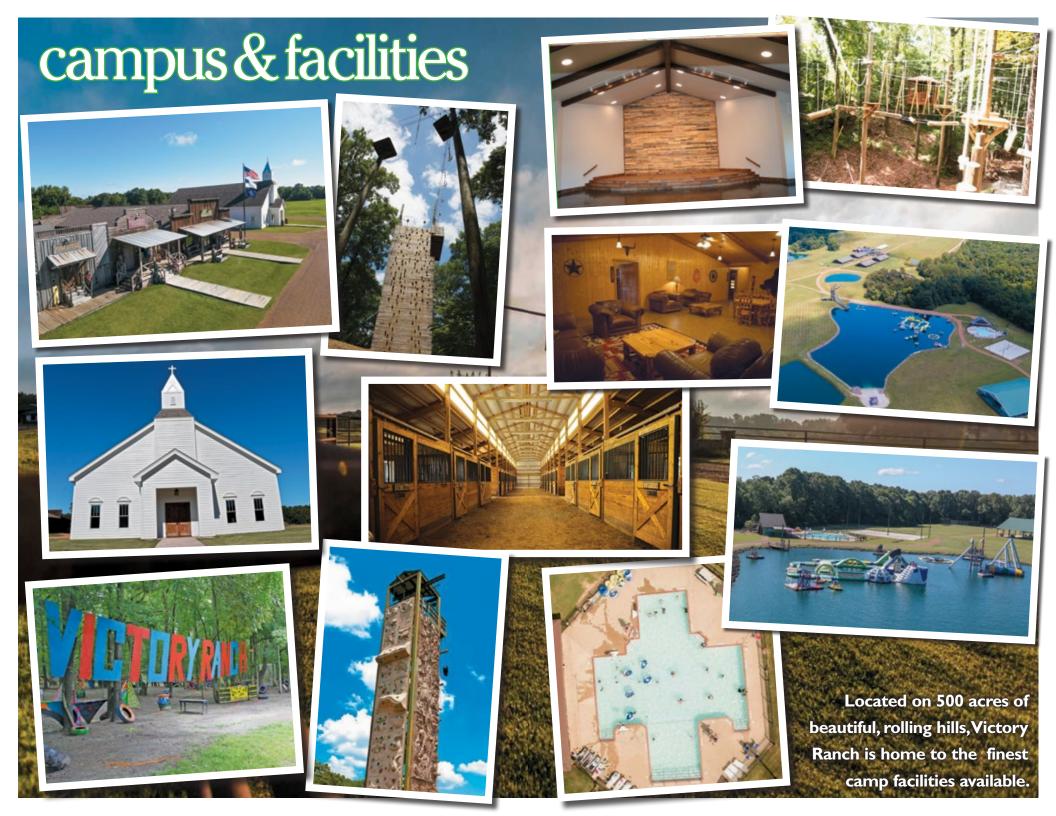








We go to great lengths to have the very best counselors, knowing that they will serve as Christian role models for our campers.



# fellowship & friends



















Nurturing and challenging the mind and spirit is a priority at Victory Ranch.













# and more... You never know who will show up next!











Canada China England France Germany Puerto Rico Virgin Islands

























Summer 2023		Grades	Dates	
Sessions		Completed	May 27 — May 31	\$1,050
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Session I "Beginner Camp"		1-7	June I — June 7	\$1,450
Session 2	Coed—I Week	1-7	June 8 — June 14	
Session 3	Coed-I Week	1	June 15 — June 21	\$1,450
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Session 4	Girls—I Week	1-7	June 22 — June 28	c1 450
Session 5 "All Girls"		4-9	June 29 — July 5	
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Session 8	Coed-IW		The state of the s	

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