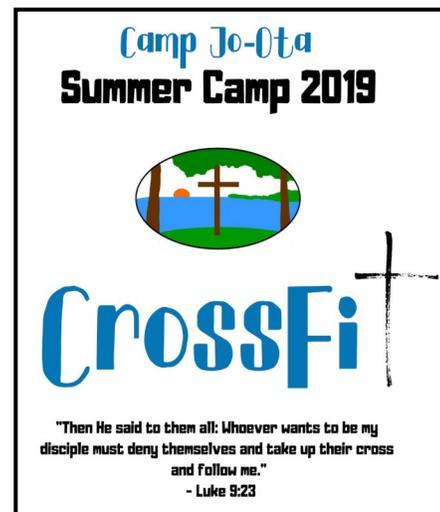


## Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!

The JMA 2019 camping season registration is officially open. There is a full summer planned with a variety of camps for all ages of youth. "CrossFit" will be our camp theme for this year. Each registered guest will receive a t-shirt with the camp theme design. Early Bird Discounts of \$10.00 per guest will be available until April 15th. The Mark Twain District office will be awarding \$50 scholarships on a first come first serve basis (one per camper). If your church offers scholarships that go towards camper fees, you will need a discount code from them to use when you register online. For the latest list of camps scheduled, please go to [www.CampJo-Ota.org](http://www.CampJo-Ota.org) and look under the "2019 Camps (JMA)" tab.



## 2019 Summer Camp Schedule

May 24-26	Family Camp	All Ages
June 1	Camp Abilities	All Ages
June 2-6	Outdoor Discovery	Grades 3-5
June 2-6	Rocket Discovery	Grades 3-5
June 2-6	Sewing Discovery	Grades 3-5
June 2-6	Sports Discovery	Grades 3-5
June 17-21	Spirit Camp	Grades 6-12
June 21-22	FROG Camp	Age 4-5 plus adult
June 21-23	Camp S'mores	Grades 1-3 plus adult
July 8-11	Faith Treasure Hunt	Grades 3-5
July 12-13	Girls Only Camp	Grades 2-3
July 13	Mom/Grandma & Me	PreK-2 plus adult
July 21-27	Faith n' Fitness Bike Excursion	Grades 6-12

## JMA Annual Membership Meeting - March 31, 2019



Due to icy weather conditions our original February meeting date has been rescheduled. We will meet on March 31st at 2 pm. This will be JMA's fourth annual meeting. We will gather at camp to celebrate, worship, fellowship, and prepare for the next 12 months of ministry. The business meeting will include reports from the JMA board president, Tom Lemons, and site director, Ann Wood, as well as an election of three new board members. Nominations for new board members will be accepted from the floor during the meeting. We will also be setting membership due amounts. Please plan to attend the annual meeting and renew or start your membership to JMA.



## Welcome New Staff Member - Jillian Lancour

Jillian Lancour is our new Assistant Site Director at Camp Jo-Ota. She attended Bible College at Central Christian College of the Bible in Moberly, MO. She married her sweetheart Jacob and they have two young daughters. For the last decade Jillian has been working freelance for authors, writers, and bloggers with their websites and social media. She has a background, the theatre, and recently worked as a small town newspaper journalist. She is currently blogging at [www.ClothesandCurves.com](http://www.ClothesandCurves.com) where she encourages women to be body positive with a Christ-centered perspective.

#SlowDown



# Winter Youth Retreat 2019



## 2019 Winter Youth Retreat

In January, around 60 youth and adults participated in our Winter Retreat which was led by pastors and youth leaders from both the Mark Twain and Mid-state Districts. The theme for the weekend was #SlowDown and focused on connecting with God through Sabbath. Worship was led by the Alex Daniel Band out of Moberly. The weekend also included small group discussions and a huge game of capture the flag, complete with marshmallow blow guns. (Thankfully this was the one weekend that was unseasonably warm.) Our District Superintendents, Steve Pinnell and Mi Hyeon Lee, both visited during the game and even joined in on the fun! The weekend was a huge success with students and adults reporting things like: "Our kids had a blast, and I think they even grew in their faith a bit too," "Between the band and the games, worship and small groups we had a good balance of hype and discipleship," and "My girls had a blast and were demanding that I organize another retreat..." Well, their wishes are coming true! The leaders of Winter Retreat are teaming up with a few more leaders and working on plans for at least two school year retreats (one fall, one winter) and a week of camp for the summer (2020)! We hope you will join us next time! Keep your eye on the Camp-Jo-Ota website, Facebook pages, and newsletter for future opportunities! Also, a HUGE thank you to both our district offices which donated funds to subsidize the cost and paid for the band! (Your apportionment dollars at work! Thank you!)

## Thank you to our Donors

Over the past couple months JMA has received numerous generous donations from our supporters. Many of you renewed your membership or made an end of the year contribution, all of which JMA greatly appreciates. Camp Jo-Ota has also been blessed to receive a grant from the Community Foundation in response to a gift from Douglas and Pamela Aeilts. Palmyra UMC along with their Faith n' Fitness group has provided a donation for a pool lift. Any other donations for the pool lift may be sent to the JMA office.

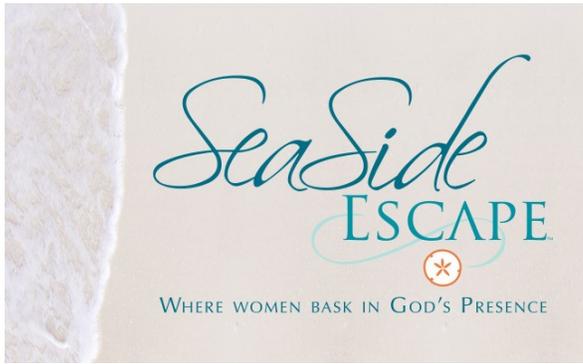
## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### **CAMP WORK DAY**

**COME SEE US AT CAMP  
JO-OTA MARCH-MAY.  
CALL THE OFFICE TO  
SCHEDULE YOUR  
WORK DAY.**

**Camp Work Day** will be anytime you can make it out to camp Jo-Ota during the months of March-May. Simply call the camp's office to schedule a time to come out. Utilize those talents you have been blessed with. Also, if you know there is something you would like to help out with feel free to bring your own supplies and equipment to work with.

## Upcoming Events at Camp



**SeaSide Escape** is the theme for the women's retreat. It will be held May 3-5 at Camp Jo-Ota. Cost is \$125 per person and registration deadline is April 5th. For more information and to register online, go to [www.CampJo-Ota.org](http://www.CampJo-Ota.org).

*"Come and join us for a Seaside Escape, this retreat is as refreshing as a day at the beach. Through this interactive beach themed Bible study we will discover the depth of God's love, strength, and compassion through the eyes of Abraham's wife Sarah."* ~Iris Schultz & Amy Machen

The **JMA Annual Membership Meeting** will be March 31st at 2 pm in the camp dining hall.

The **Mark Twain District Lay Servant Training** will be March 16th from 8 am to 3:30 pm. Registration details can be found on the MTD website.

The **Mark Twain District UMW** will have their spring meeting and luncheon on April 27th. All United Methodist women are invited to attend.

### **Sunrise Service at Jo-Ota**

On Easter morning, April 21st, sunrise services will begin at 6:00 am with Clarence UMC organizing the event. Everyone is invited to attend and stay for a light breakfast following services.



**Updated Website!**

[www.CampJo-Ota.org](http://www.CampJo-Ota.org)



[www.Facebook.com/CampJoOta](http://www.Facebook.com/CampJoOta)



[www.Twitter.com/CampJoOta](http://www.Twitter.com/CampJoOta)



[www.Instagram.com/CampJoOta](http://www.Instagram.com/CampJoOta)

We are excited to announce that we have updated our website and branched out on social media. Please give us a Like or a Follow on FB, Twitter, and Instagram. We will be updating all our socials with news, pictures, updates, blogs, videos, and more.

### Camp Wish List

A few items we can use at camp:

- Electric chair lift for pool
- Pool cover
- Concrete pool steps & railing
- Music & Mic stands
- Podiums
- Wheelchair Access for Lake
- Dehumidifiers
- Smart Board

## Ways you can support Camp Jo-Ota

**Become** a JMA Member, more information at [www.CampJo-Ota.org](http://www.CampJo-Ota.org)

**Volunteer** your time. For a few hours, a few days. We have many projects to be done.

**Request** we visit your church to talk about the great things that are happening here.

**Send** your kids to camp or help youth from your community attend.

**Donate** everyday supplies we use or summer items for next year.

**Give** a monetary gift to go towards a specific project or the general fund.

**PRAY** that Camp Jo-Ota continues to share God's love for many years to come.



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