



The Basics

Kirchenwald sits in 340 beautiful acres of the Stewardship Forest in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. With its rustic setting and adventure-based programming, Kirchenwald's ministry has been touching the lives of its campers since 1969. Diaconos extends Kirchenwald's ministry to answer the call to share God's love through service in the community.

In addition to time spent at your work site(s), Diaconos allows your group to grow together by taking advantage of the exciting outdoor adventure opportunities that have been the backbone of the Kirchenwald experience for generations. Central Pennsylvania also offers a number of recreational, historical, and entertainment hotspots for you to include in your week. With Diaconos, you can truly shape your week to best fit the goals of your group.

The Church, in a place and time apart...
Where God's presence is experienced,
Faith is renewed, Christ's love is felt,
and the Church is strengthened for the
service and proclamation of the Gospel.



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**An Outreach of Kirchenwald and
The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA**



**A service ministry for youth
groups like yours!**

What is Diaconos?

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:37-40

Diaconos (\dE-'äk-ä-nOs\ , from the Greek for “service”) is a service ministry of Camp Kirchenwald geared toward church youth groups. Diaconos provides opportunities for youth groups to work together in Christian fellowship through serving others and enjoying the exciting adventure opportunities that Camp Kirchenwald has to offer, all while maintaining a safe and positive environment for the physical, social, and spiritual growth of your group.



Service Opportunities

... just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...

Matthew 20:28

Christ commands us to love our neighbors and to share that love through actions and in truth. Diaconos provides opportunities for your group to follow Christ's lead to love one another through service in the community. Diaconos projects will engage you in sharing the Good News and growing in spirit to the glory of God through physical expressions of service as well as interacting with the people you serve and with one another. Diaconos is designed with the flexibility to include alternative service ideas your group may have in mind. Some of our service sites include:

- Developmental & Disability Service
- The Ronald McDonald House
- Spang Crest Manor
- Central PA Food Bank
- CATRA
- Recycle Bicycle
- The Wittel Farm Growing Project
- Saint Barnabas Center

Adventure/Recreation

All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another... Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people.

Acts 2:44-47

At Kirchenwald, we recognize the importance of social and spiritual development through group dynamics and encourage you to make adventure / recreation programs part of your Diaconos experience. These adventure opportunities will challenge your group to work together and overcome obstacles, while enjoying some of the exciting outdoor activities that are a standard in the Kirchenwald program. Some activities include:

- Canoeing
- Climbing Tower / Ropes Course
- Rock Climbing
- Caving
- Backpacking
- Hershey Park
- Adventure Sports
- The Jigger Shop