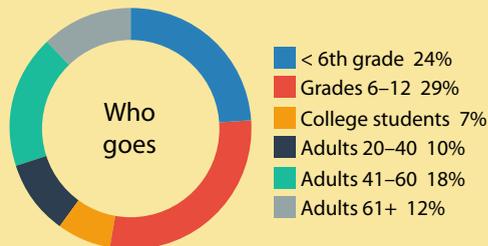
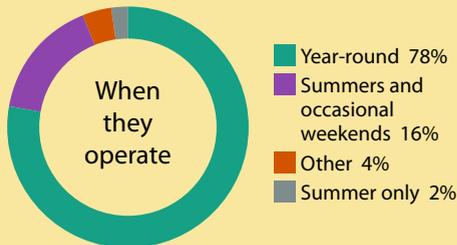


Forming faith through camps

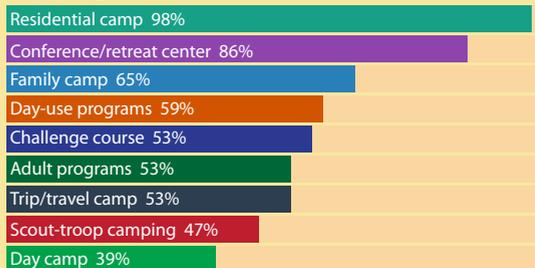
THE WORLD OF Presbyterian CAMPS & CONFERENCE CENTERS

There are
142
Presbyterian camps and conference centers in the United States.

Average size
302
ACRES



Top programs offered

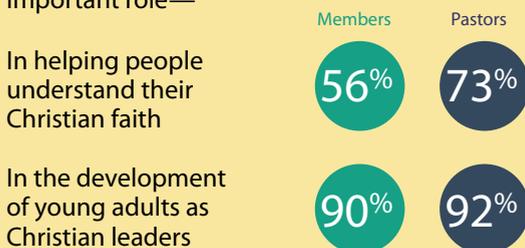


Most requested features and amenities

1. Central heating
2. Indoor sleeping (vs. camping)
3. Meals provided
4. Large assembly or meeting space
5. Private baths
6. Air-conditioning
7. Located within 100 miles
8. Recreational activities
9. Motel-like sleeping facility (vs. dorm style)
10. Single rooms

The Impact of Camps and Conference Centers

Camps and conference centers play an important role—



With the promise of spring in the air, many Presbyterians can look forward to the warm days of sunshine, swimming, and sports at camp.

However, according to a recent Presbyterian Panel survey (a representative sample of Presbyterian members, ruling elders, and teaching elders), camps and conference centers offer much more than recreation.

Presbyterians ranked camps as either “very important” or “important” in spiritual growth and helping them understand their faith. They turned out to be particularly important in the faith formation of pastors and teaching elders.

Many Presbyterians thus want to make sure new generations get to have this same experience. Panelists listed camps and group learning provided by congregations, in particular, as experiences that contribute to the development of young adults as Christian leaders. When asked to rank in importance the resources (such as new equipment, new materials, and facility improvements) that congregations should provide for their members and staff, most panelists selected “scholarships to attend camps, conferences, or other denominational events” as the number one priority.

Whether our congregations live out that commitment is up to us—and to how we engage both our local camps and their national network through the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Learn how you might support Presbyterian Camp and Conference Ministries by visiting pcusa.org/campandconference.

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