



Greetings!

Summer echoes the Creator here at Walter Scott in manifold ways. The grounds themselves are alive with the living imprint of God's relationality, diversity, and abundant love. From towering hickories casting shade to sprouting mushrooms hinting at networks of fungi hidden to our eyes, Creation continues to weave the story of God's love we find in Christ. And certainly, the absolute joy and belonging our youth summer campers experience is a testament to the continued movement of the Spirit.

In June we have continually hosted Disciples of Christ camps. We started the month with our service week where nearly a dozen folks spent time caring for our sacred grounds across many projects. Then our high school (CYF) camp followed with a full week of growing together, growing towards God, and growing in Creation. Next was our You & Me camp where nine pairs of adults and kids got to strengthen relationships, experience the fun of camp, and learn about their faith. It was followed by our short K-3rd (Beginners) camp which is a non-stop 43 hours of fun, worship, and campfires. Finally we had our 3rd-5th grade (JYF) camp where campers spent time with smaller family groups diving into our Scripture stories each day and competing to have the cleanest cabin to win the prized *Golden Plunger* award. Each camp has its own quirks, but throughout all of them the thread remains of God's abundant love.

This week we find ourselves with a week to breathe before we have our last full length camp the following week (Chi-Rho, 6th-8th grades). It will then be a few weekend groups to round out our summer along with some planned maintenance activities. As I am winding down my ministry at Walter Scott, I continue to be grateful for all the ways this ministry nourishes so many, myself included. It is a living snapshot of God's creativity and its echoes continue to sing God's praises. Until next time...

Care Gently for God's Creation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Clayton Summers'.

Resident Minister and Caretaker

Administrator and Caretaker Job Listing



WALTER SCOTT
CAMP & LEARNING CENTER

Administrator and Caretaker



Walter Scott Camp and Learning Center is a ministry of the future Living Waters Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where we are committed to cultivating healthy congregations, courageous leadership, and transformational ministry.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Full Time, Salaried Position, Applications Due July 15, 2026

The Walter Scott Camp & Learning Center has long been a place where faith is nurtured, relationships are strengthened, and lives are transformed through retreat, fellowship, service, and spiritual formation. As the Future Living Waters Region continues to build toward a shared future, we are seeking a faithful and capable leader to help steward this sacred ministry. The Administrator & Caretaker will provide leadership for the daily operation, hospitality, maintenance, and care of the camp while cultivating a welcoming, Christ-centered environment for guests, congregations, volunteers, and community partners...

[Read the Full Job Description](#)

Mark Your Calendars!



NOV 20-22, 2026

FIRESIDE



WALTER SCOTT CAMP &
LEARNING CENTER

Fireside Fall Retreat is for youth in 6th to 12th grade in the 2026-27 school year + adult sponsors. Visit www.CampWalterScott.org/Fireside for details.

Meet Our Summer Intern - Mac Beadles!



Mr. Mackinley Beadles (Mac) is a music educator from Mattoon, IL. He has graduated and received a Bachelor's in Music Education, instrumental concentration, from Eastern Illinois University. Mac has also taught and directed in community ensembles in the Mattoon area. His home church is Marshal Ave Christian Church (MACC) in Mattoon, and he also serves as pulpit supply and worship musician at Old State Road Christian Church in Charleston, IL. During this summer, he has worked at the Walter Scott Camp and Learning Center, creating the new Natural Playspace as well as assisting in the construction of the new chapel and other renovations to the campground. We are happy to have Mac on the ground for all his hard work and spiritual dedication to the campgrounds.

Volunteer at Walter Scott





Our list of projects grows and contracts with the seasons, but it never runs dry! We can promise that if you come to a workday, whatever skills you bring, there will be opportunities to put them to use. We need the skills of carpentry, plumbing, electrical, organization, cleaning, cooking, and more!

We'd love to see you at our fall workday, with free overnight housing and meals. If you're interested, let us know you're coming by following the button below.

If you would rather volunteer on your own schedule, we accept volunteers throughout the year for a wide variety of projects. Check out the "Adopt-a-Project" section by following the button below to see some of the projects we have available or just reply to this email with what skills you have!

[Volunteer at Walter Scott!](#)

Look Ahead to 2026!

Here are the next four offerings at Walter Scott in 2026!

July 5-11, 2026

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Chi-Rho Camp

A week where youth are able to come out of their shells with new and old friends. Open to youth who have completed 6th-8th Grades.

September 4-7, 2026

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Family Camping

Bring all the family for a low-programmed weekend of camping at our beautiful facility.

September 25-27, 2026



Women's Retreat
2026 Fall Disciples Women
Retreat. This year's theme
is "Braiding Sweetgrass".

November 7, 2026



Workday
Care for the sacred space of
Walter Scott together. All skills
and ability levels welcome!

All 2026 Programming

Photo Gallery...Follow us on Instagram for more!



Beyond Walter Scott...



GREEN CHALICE
CLIMATE ACTION CENTER





CLIMATE ACTION CENTER

As we look at the big problems our world faces, like Climate Change, we often tell folks solutions lie with collective action, governments, and large entities. All of this is true, but it also silently communicates our individual actions don't matter - which is false!

Every step we take in the right direction, every fraction of a degree of warming we avoid, reduces the amount of suffering communities around the world will experience. That means when we make the choice to go with a heat pump instead of natural gas to heat our homes, we are helping our neighbors. When we choose a hybrid or all electric car over a fossil fuel car, we are loving our neighbors. When we eat a bit less red meat, we are following in the steps of Christ and reducing the amount of suffering being caused to those hurting the most.

One of the impactful ways you can follow Christ is by taking the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) specific Climate Ambassador training! This is a completely free, at your own pace training. It teaches the basics of climate change, why it matters to our faith, and how we can effectively talk with others about it!

Click the link below to learn more and take a step in the right direction, a step that follows Christ's own.

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Sowing Wild Seeds



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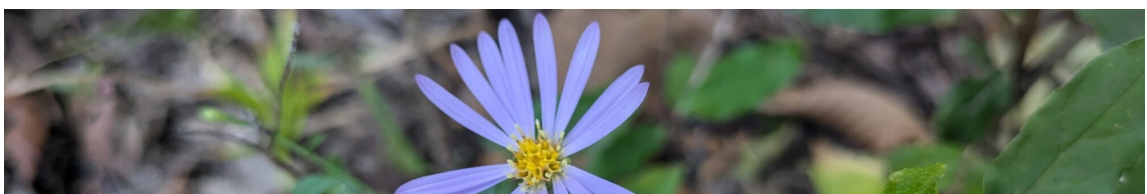


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[Wishlist](#)

The Land Beneath Our Feet





Quick Creation Care Tip

Improve access to nature. Research has found that two hours a week in nature significantly improves health and wellbeing. Lower income neighborhoods, however, have much less access to greenspace. Speak up and dig down to advocate for parks and plant more trees. - UMC Justice Movement

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Since you stuck around this long, enjoy the goats. And care gently for God's Creation.



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