

THE REFUGE 2021 SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Camps • Missions • Retreats



WELCOME!

We are completely humbled by what God is doing in this place. He continues to draw us closer, as His vision for **The Refuge** is revealed a little more each day.

*Sammy Hudson and wife, Desta
Executive Director, The Refuge
Son Set Ministries, Inc.*

THE REFUGE VISION

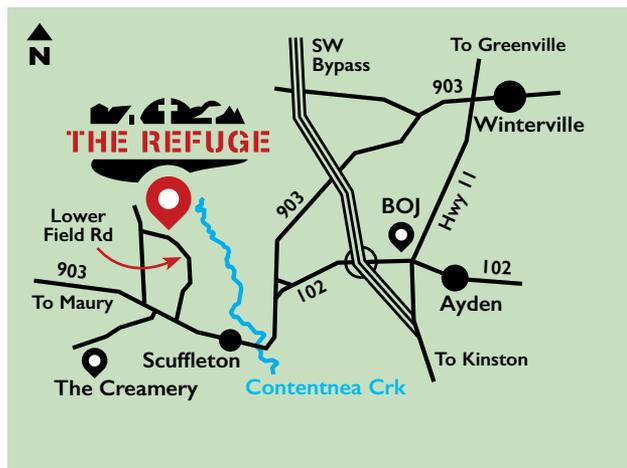
To counter cultures of violence, abuse, neglect, and hopelessness by demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ through programs and facilities that nurture a healthy spirit, body, and mind.

THE REFUGE MISSION

To share and model the hope of Jesus Christ.

“The Refuge is beautiful in a very peaceful and serene setting. But more than that, the staff there go above and beyond to make your stay comfortable and to make sure you have everything that you need. Great option for any type of meeting, retreat, or event!”

Sarah Reed



NEW SUMMER CAMPS FOR 2021

WITH
NEW AGE
GROUPS!

The Refuge Leadership Camp (TRLC)

Overnight Camp • July 18–30, 2021

Rising 11th to Completed 12th • \$1,150

“He must become greater; I must become less.” John 3:30

This two-week program is designed to help students stand on their own faith as they prepare for life after high school. We will spend time together looking in depth at the leadership model given to us by Jesus. Campers will gain valuable training in wilderness first aid/CPR, outdoor survival, and canoeing. They will experience camp in a whole new way as they learn what it takes to lead camp activities. Campers will learn life skills from community leaders on time management, financial responsibility, and personal communication. An exciting overnight excursion will highlight this empowering program. Limited to 12 participants.

Creation Adventure

Overnight Camp • June 27–July 2, 2021

Rising 4th to Completed 7th • \$425

If your camper has enjoyed one of our Creation Camps and is looking for something more, this is the week for them! Besides enjoying traditional camp activities, we'll take it up a notch with a full day paddle trip and overnight tent camp excursion at our new “Little Creek Outpost.” Campers will be placed into groups with students of similar age where they will experience cooking over a fire, sharing time together in small group devotions, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

 = Day Camp  = Overnight Camp

REGISTER ONLINE

ncRefuge.org/registration

ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMPS

First and foremost, we strive to create a camp environment where every child can grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. High-energy and non-stop action will fill each day as they develop new friendships in a caring and safe camp environment.



Connecting The Dots

Day Camp • June 21–25, 2021

Rising 1st to Completed 5th • \$250

Who said kids can't impact the world for Jesus? This amazing week is about teaching kids how to be the hands and feet of Jesus. They will experience mission, music, games, and quiet moments in the journal room. Connecting The Dots will end with a special closing celebration for campers and their families.

Connecting The Dots

Overnight Camp • June 20–25, 2021

Rising 3rd to Completed 5th • \$425

This camp connects with OVERNIGHT fun! Campers will enjoy the same mission, music, games, and journaling moments as Connecting The Dots day campers, plus the evening adventures that come with staying at **The Refuge!** Time together on hayrides, singing around a campfire, and stargazing will create new friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

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☀️ *Creation Discovery*

Day Camp

- June 7–11, 2021
- July 19–23, 2021

Rising 1st to Completed 5th • \$250

“For since the creation of the world, God’s invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen.” Romans 1:20

Campers will discover God through exploring the forest and streams, catching fish, or learning how pine cones open and close. They will discover how God’s creation has been designed with a purpose, and that they are the most amazing part of it. This camp will end with an optional overnight camp out on Thursday night with stargazing and hayrides.



🌙 *Creation Discovery*

Overnight Camp • July 18–23, 2021

Rising 3rd to Completed 5th • \$425

During the day these campers will experience much of the same activities as those attending the Creation Discovery Day Camp. However, once the day campers leave, they will experience **The Refuge** after dark with evening hayrides, stargazing, singing around a campfire, going on a night hike, and more.



☀️ *Summer Autism Camp*

Day Camp

- July 26–29, 2021

Rising 1st to Adult • \$250

One of our favorite weeks of camp! Campers will discover God’s creation while canoeing, fishing, swimming, and making crafts. Each day will begin with devotion time and learning about Jesus. We cater to the needs of your camper with a fun, Christ-filled experience. Older campers are welcome for this special camp.

YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

“Only one life, ‘twill soon be past,
Only what’s done for Christ will last.”

C.T. Studd, Missionary

**NEW
2ND WEEK
ADDED!**



☾ *Erasing The Lines (ETL)*

Kinston

Overnight Camp • June 13–18, 2021

Rising 6th to Completed 12th • \$375

Greenville

Overnight Camp • July 11–16, 2021

Rising 6th to Completed 12th • \$375

Join us for our annual Erasing The Lines (ETL) summer mission projects impacting Lenoir, Greene, and Pitt counties. Students team up with peers from other churches and serve these communities together with the heart of Christ. Projects include VBS, gleaning and delivering food, visiting the elderly, painting, light construction projects, and more. Each day will include lunch time devotions, small group discussions, and powerful evening worship in the community. Lodging is bunk-style at **The Refuge** in our early 1900 farmhouses, fully equipped with A/C.

☾ *Small Town Mission: Farmville*

Overnight Camp • July 25–30, 2021

Rising 6th to Completed 12th • \$375



These mission weeks are designed to impact some of the smaller towns close to **The Refuge** with the love of Christ. We will spend time praying in each community, serving those in need, and giving value to these smaller, often overlooked communities. Students will be divided into small groups, becoming like a family as they serve others and spend time together in the Bible. Each day will consist of worship, lunch-time devotions, work projects, and small group time. We are extremely excited about this tradition and look forward to serving Christ with you.

Summer Camp Leadership

The **Refuge** summer staff understands the role they play in the lives of our campers. Staff members have completed their first year of college and have a walking relationship with Jesus Christ. Counselors will be trained and certified in first aid/CPR.

Individuals interested in working with The Refuge must meet the following criteria:

- Pass a national background check.
- Must be able to stay overnight at camp.
- Be of sound mind and physical health, capable of leading and participating in strenuous outdoor activities.
- Demonstrate a positive, Christ-like attitude toward persons of all races, ages, genders, ethnic origins, socio-economic backgrounds, and denominations.

Apply online at ncRefuge.org/programs/staff-opportunities

OTHER RETREATS AND EVENTS

☾ *SOW Rite: Youth Mission Weekend*

Overnight Retreat • November 12–14, 2021

\$125 Covers two nights lodging, four meals, and program materials.

The Refuge invites youth groups for a weekend to SOW (Serve Others Well). Teaming with area ministries, groups serve a variety of mission projects. They will learn what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ in many different ways. As we sow seeds, we may never see the final crop, but we will know we made a difference. Groups arrive Friday for an inspiring program, serve on Saturday, enjoy another program Saturday night, and worship Sunday morning.



☾ *Cultivate: Youth Workers Retreat*

Overnight Retreat

• **January 29–30, 2021**

• **January 7–8, 2022**

No cost for the first person from each church.

\$25 fee for each additional guest.

Cultivation is a very old gardening principal where weeds are removed from the garden and soil is loosened to optimize the retention and penetration of air, water, and nutrients. The Refuge is providing a similar opportunity for youth workers to get replenished. Cultivate is a time for removing distractions and expectations, and sharing the fullness of life that Jesus offers. There is time for worship, and space for God to penetrate our soul. Teaching will focus on areas in which youth leaders struggle, and breakout groups will give an intimate setting to share thoughts and encouragement. Cultivate starts Friday night and ends Saturday evening, but attendees are invited to come early or stay until Sunday to relax and rejuvenate.



☾ Confirmation Retreat

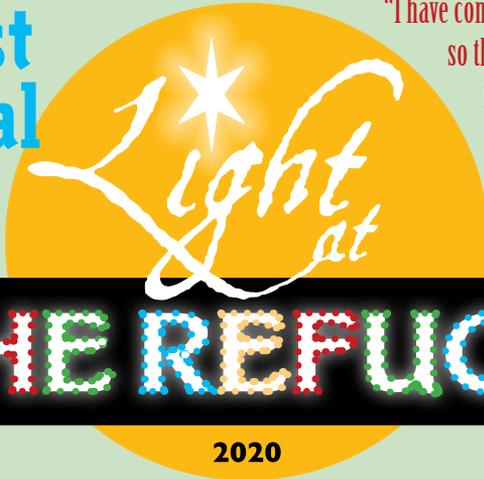
Overnight Retreat • **March 26–28, 2021**

\$125 Covers two nights lodging, four meals,
and program materials.

Confirmation is a time for students to hear about the God who loves them and how this impacts their life. The **Refuge** has crafted a Confirmation Retreat for churches to bring their students and mentors to that engages them in interactive teaching sessions. Together we will work through these six sessions:

God our Creator (Purpose) • Jesus our Redeemer (Sin and Redemption)
Holy Spirit our Sustainer (Power) • Being a Follower (Living as a Christian)
Creed (What We Believe) • Taking A Step (Making a Decision)

**The 1st
Annual**



*“I have come into the world as a LIGHT,
so that no one who believes
in me should stay
in darkness.”
John 12:46*

Come enjoy a new tradition! Christmas Season 2020, you're invited to drive through **The Refuge** and celebrate the birth and life of Jesus Christ, our Savior! Each restored house will be decorated by church teams and volunteers to reflect the Light of the World, with Bible lessons and surprises around every corner.

14 Nights—6:00PM to 9:00PM

- * Friday **November 27**
- * Saturday **November 28**
- * Thursday **December 3**
- * Friday **December 4**
- * Saturday **December 5**
- * Thursday **December 10**
- * Friday **December 11**
- * Saturday **December 12**
- * Thursday **December 17**
- * Friday **December 18**
- * Saturday **December 19**
- * Monday **December 21**
- * Tuesday **December 22**
- * Wednesday **December 23**

THE REFUGE THEME

Stories of hard work in the fields, laughter around the kitchen table, songs on the front porch, and prayers together as a family—these are the stories from families who give us the old farmhouses and structures that form the timeless theme of **The Refuge**.

The old houses are much like us in many ways. They come to us worn out, broken, or in need of restoration. Each one has its own unique struggles that need attending to. But when they come here, they are restored, cared for, and given new purpose. This is exactly what God offers us through His son Jesus: the opportunity to be restored and to discover His purpose for our lives. **The Refuge** exists to offer this hope to the world.

Care to join us on the front porch?





THE REFUGE FACILITY

Nestled in rural Greene County, NC and less than 75 miles from Rocky Mount, Greenville, New Bern, Kinston, Goldsboro, Jacksonville, and Raleigh, **The Refuge** is ideally located to serve all of eastern NC. With nearly 140 acres under development, it offers fields, forests, trails, ponds, and streams in a serene country setting reflective of God's glory.

Accommodations

In keeping with our theme of restoration and refuge, our accommodations combine village charm with modern conveniences. Six spacious cabins sleep 88 campers total, ranging from 12 to 22 persons per cabin, all with A/C, generous bathing facilities, and wide porches with rocking chairs! Outdoor camping is also welcome.

The Moses House sleeps 12 in bunk-style beds. Features a living room with fireplace and sitting area, full kitchen, and dining area.

The Luke House sleeps 12 in bunk-style beds. Features a large living room with full kitchen and dining area.

The Hiding Place sleeps 22 with a large bunk room (16 beds), smaller counselor room (6 beds), and a gathering area inside.

Martha's Place sleeps 22 with a large bunk room (16 beds), smaller counselor room (6 beds), and a gathering area inside.

Beulah Land House sleeps 16 in bunk-style beds. Features a large living room with fireplace and a small kitchen.

The Orchard House features a great room with fireplace perfect for large indoor meetings, full kitchen, and dining area large enough to serve 50 persons.



THE REFUGE ALSO OFFERS...



Lennie Furlough
Program Director, The Refuge

School Programs

The Refuge offers exciting opportunities for students. Our challenge course helps build unity in your class as they overcome obstacles together.

NCSCoS curriculum-based activities will help you bring the classroom to life as students study plants and animals, or the history of our region. Ask about our **Simply Natural Creamery** half-day combination program!

Marketplace Ministry

The Refuge serves businesses and their employees by offering events and programs to build morale and trust in the workplace. These include team building and leadership development, a fun employee or customer appreciation day, or a company getaway. These programs also give business leaders the opportunity to share their faith and the Gospel of Jesus in a peaceful and neutral setting. Meals are optional.

Conquer the Contentnea

The Refuge leads canoe outings on the Contentnea Creek. Whether for a few hours or a few days, you will be amazed at the beauty of this relaxing adventure.

Customized Retreats

Come experience the joys of camp in a Christ-filled setting! With over 50 years of combined ministry experience, our staff can customize any retreat, and provide worship leaders, speakers, or program content to meet the needs of your group.

Facility Usage

The Refuge is a beautiful place for any event. Our camp has farmhouses, fields, and a covered pavilion that can be rented for anything, from a concert to a wedding.

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