

## **CAMP AND RETREAT MINISTRIES**

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Desert Southwest Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries exists to provide immersive experiences that nurture Christian faith. Our vision is that we form people of all ages as disciples of Jesus Christ who work for positive transformation in the world. We value inclusion, love of all, and experiential learning within our communities where we emphasize creation care and personal growth.

Throughout the unprecedented year of COVID-19, the ministries at Mingus Mountain and Potosi Pines have remained active through both virtual and safer in-person means. Our staff team was instrumental in creating a nation-wide virtual camp opportunity, launched by the larger United Methodist Camp & Retreat Ministries Association. Additionally, we stretched and found new ways to bring ministry to our communities through a variety of zoom camp sessions and a virtual talent show for all in the Desert Southwest Annual Conference. We contributed children's moments to churches, provided support to parents, and when we finally could we offered modified in-person opportunities. These projects have kept our campfires stoked and ministries blooming.

All are invited to join in this exciting and unique ministry as a retreat guest, a camper, volunteer, donor, or supporter by checking us out at [www.mingusmountaincamp.org](http://www.mingusmountaincamp.org) or [www.potosipinescamp.org](http://www.potosipinescamp.org) and on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Mark your calendars for next March 6, 2022 to be a part of our campership fundraiser so that all who want to attend camp can attend camp, after all, we know that camp does people a world of good!