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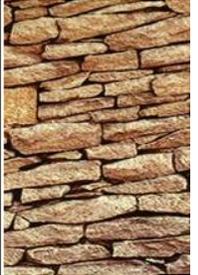
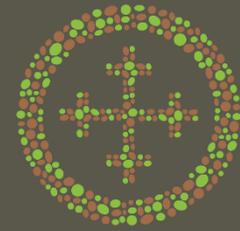
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# ST. CRISPIN'S

## CONFERENCE CENTER + CAMP



## *St. Crispin's Day Massacre >>>*

St Crispin's had the pleasure of hosting our annual bike race, the St. Crispin's Massacre this Fall. The race is the last stop in Oklahoma's Tour de Dirt. We hosted over 100 riders competing in many different age and skill categories. We were also pleased to host a kids cup in the morning where riders under 13 could compete in a smaller race better suited to their level. Burgers and smoked pulled pork were also served at the event. The whole day was a big success also due to the weather which boasted perfect riding conditions. We look forward to next year's race and seeing more riders and families enjoy the facility and premises.



# *A letter from the Director*

Behold, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Is 43:19)

These are the words for the prophet Isaiah to a people who might have missed the changes taking place around them. The scripture also might describe the transformation taking place at St. Crispin's Conference Center + Camp. In the last four years, the renovations have brought about a lot of "new;" new facilities, new furnishings, a new Program Director, and now a new Food Service Director.

Even though the changes stand out, there is one thing that remains constant. St. Crispin's is an incredible place where youth and adults can leave their regular life behind and enter a world filled with faith, hope and love. Our mission is for all our guests to experience hospitality, nourishment, and growth in the grace of God, whether it is only a few hours or for several days. St. Crispin's wants everyone to know that they are valuable, loved, and that someone cares. St. Crispin's Conference Center + Camp has been a glimpse of God's love to many over the past 50 years—let's continue it! Send kids to camp, or come for a retreat, and experience all that St. Crispin's has to offer. Experience the faith, hope, and love that are waiting for you.

In Faith,

Joanne Kovac-Roberts

Co-Executive Director

# Summer Camp 2019

Greetings! Spring is already making it's way to Highway 9 and that means summer camp is just around the corner! This will be my second year serving at St. Crispin's and I have learned so much over the past year about Oklahoma, our Episcopal Faith, and how to make camp even more fun! I am looking forward to the new adventures and memories my staff and I will create with the campers this year.

This summer will be a blend of the old and the new. I am excited to welcome Julia Snook as this year's Assistant Camp Director, and several new staff members who will join our returning counselors. We are excited to offer some of our tried and true favorite programs, ABC Camp for kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> graders and a parent/guardian, and the week-long sessions for students entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade-high school graduates. We are excited to also introduce two new sessions- Adult Camp (ages 25+) and Rookie Camp, a two night camp for rising 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders without parents or guardians!

I am looking forward to sharing with your camper the many activities we have planned for this summer. St. Crispin's favorites such as freeze n burn, closing circles, and going on the screamer will be met with new activities such as swimming in the lake and enjoying time in our new hammocks.

Whether we have met several times over the past year or will be meeting for the first time, come summer, I cannot wait to welcome your child to St. Crispin's on the first day! My staff and I are looking forward to working with you and your children to make this a fun-filled summer that will leave lasting memories with family for years to come.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or if you would like to schedule a pre-camp visit for your new camper. Our phone number is 405-382-1619, and our email is [camp@stcrispins.org](mailto:camp@stcrispins.org)

Peace and Popsicles,  
Beth Gaertner  
Summer Camp Director



Summer Camp 2018

## New buildings >>>



## Watson Pavilion and Bishop Ed Dining hall dedication

Once again this fall was jam packed with exciting events at St. Crispin's. We were chomping at the bit to be able to dedicate all our new buildings at camp. First, our new Watson pavilion; children from across Oklahoma came out to St. Crispin's for a training session with the Oklahoma City Thunder who also brought the Rumble out to perform to the crowd. Bishop Ed was in attendance for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the pavilion and the new dining hall. There was also a silent auction hosted at the new pavilion where people could bid for various items including signed OU and OSU merchandise.

Alongside the exciting events happening at the new pavilion and dining hall we hosted our annual BBQ cook off! Many teams competed through the night in a variety of categories to be judged the following day. For a small price, anyone could come and enjoy a wonderful lunch of barbecued meats cooked by the teams at the event.



## Get in touch!

*Do you have an event or retreat that you would like to plan with us? Do you have a camper that would love to join our summer camp program?*

Call us at:  
**(405) 382-1619**

We would love to help!

# Need an excuse to come and see us?

Fr. Jeff Huston

Friends of St. Crispin's Leadership Council



*The new summer camp cabins*

I probably don't have to tell you there is a lot of exciting things going on out at St. Crispin's.

With new summer camp facilities and the gorgeous dining hall, work already begun on the new Oakerhater Lodge, and an ever expanding reach into the larger community, it isn't just an exciting time to enjoy what is happening, it's an exciting time to get involved. Fancy yourself a golfer? Grab a couple friends and join us for the Bishop's Cup on May 11. Honing your pit boss skills? Load up your smoker and compete in the BBQ cookoff on September 28th.

Even if you don't want compete, you can come out and enjoy either event. Have you been talking up summer camp at your church or with your friends and family? Would you consider offering a scholarship for one of your youth at church to attend camp? You may have an idea that we haven't thought of yet. If so, let us know! For all the newness of what is going on out at St. Crispin's, be it facilities, programs, or activities I can say with 100% certainty the important things remain. It remains the spiritual home for many of you and the next generation already here and the next on the way. It is a place where people are nourished body and soul. It is a place where the youth of our diocese learn to seek and encounter Jesus Christ in everyone they meet. Simply put, St. Crispin's is home. Come out and see us sometime and let us show you why.

## Oakerhater Lodge Rebuild >>>

Starting in January we began the complete renovation of our Oakerhater lodge. The old lodge housed 16 rooms and a common area with a maximum capacity of 32 guests. Our new lodge will boast 3 stories and 49 rooms. Also included in the new lodge are various gathering spaces and a conference room to accommodate the needs of more guests at the conference center. At the Diocesan convention last year, visitors were able to take a sneak peak of what it will be like in our new building via a virtual reality headset where you were able to see a 3D reconstruction of the building.

The need for this rebuild is apparent as the conference center grows. We look forward to being able to host groups during the summer time alongside summer camp.



*Meet the newest member our team at St. Crispin's: Food Service Director, Jenny Oxley>>>*



Hello! I'm Jenny Oxley, and I am thrilled to join the St. Crispin's team as Food Services Director. I've been married to my husband, David, for almost 21 years and we have four children. We are currently dividing our time between our home in Tuttle and St. Crispin's.

I began cooking at age 9 in 4-H competitions, and have been planning and preparing meals for church groups, camps, daycares, elementary schools, and caterings for the past 14 years. Cooking isn't just part of my job, but a hobby and a passion.

Besides experimenting with new recipe ideas, I also enjoy reading and road trips with family and friends. My favorite places in Oklahoma include the OKC Zoo and the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.