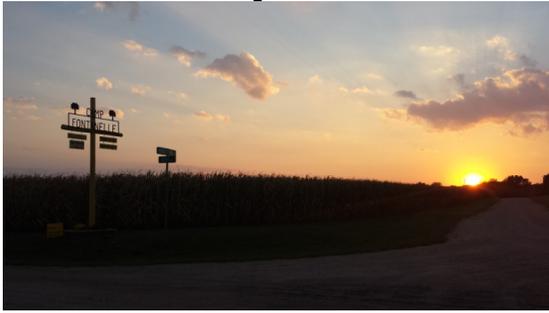


# Camp Fontanelle: Where's that? What is it?



Founded in 1959, Camp Fontanelle is a church camp within a stone's throw of the Elkhorn River on the western edge of Washington County. Owned by the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, Camp Fontanelle has been providing a summer camping ministry for over 55 years.

In 2015, Camp Fontanelle provided summer programming for 714 campers, seeing a 17% increase from the previous year's numbers. The camp created camping experiences for pre-school through adult ages at 20 camping sessions, ranging from adult & child camps to Survivor Camp. Survivor Camp saw campers learn to make fire, build a shelter in the woods and take a day float down the Elkhorn River. Other

camp themes included Zoobilee Camp, Splish Splash Camp (water themed), Girls Only, Man Camp and two tree climbing camps named Tree Frog & Tree Monkey.

In an effort to bring more attention to Camp Fontanelle and all the camp has to offer, Site Director Trent Meyer started a pumpkin patch in 2006 and the next year added a corn maze. Going into the corn maze's 9th year, much has changed since its inception. The first corn maze had 3,000 visitors. Meyer anticipates 10,000+ visitors during the 2015 Second Season. Those numbers include private reservations made for pre-schools, elementary schools, corporate parties for employees and their families and Cub Scout dens and Girl Scout troops. Meyer noted, "We keep our prices low at the corn maze. The intent is to get people out to camp to see all that is offered. Everything that we have in the fall, we also offer during the summer. All of the activities added to enhance our corn maze program is used during our summer camping ministry. We have seen people starting to come to our summer camps because they liked our Second Season corn maze."

Things added to the corn maze since 2007 include:

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| Ponies (used in the child & adult camps)   | Zipline (used at all of the camps)          |
| Jumping Pillows (used at all of the camps) | Laser tag (used for leadership development) |
| Petting Barn (used by most camps)          | Corn maze (used during later season camps)  |

New this year is a second Jumping Pillow. Many visitors asked for a second pillow so there would be more jumping time. With one pillow, times were broken into age groups to prevent injury to the younger jumpers. Now, with a second pillow, there is more opportunity to feel like you are flying without wings.

Flying without wings can also be felt on the Camp Fontanelle zipline. The zipline is one of the most popular additions to Camp Fontanelle and offers two 350' lines across a ravine. Strapped into a harness, a "zipper" will take-off from a platform and make a ground landing on the other side of the ravine. They will climb a second platform for their trip back for another ground landing. Crossing the ravine, through the trees has become a favorite for corn maze visitors and summer camp participants. A great place to be in the fall with your family and friends, the motto of "A place to grow with God in all seasons", fits perfectly for all of the offerings at Camp Fontanelle.

Camp Fontanelle provides outdoor movies in the summer and fall, sledding when there is snow, an Easter Family Fun Day on Palm Sunday, rental opportunities for overnight retreats, family reunions, birthday parties, corporate trainings, school field trips and outings for youth and church organizations. Besides what has been noted above, are 5 miles of trails, archery, rope and harness tree climbing, a low ropes Challenge Course, a 4,000sf shelter and a lodge available for rental.

The opening day for the corn maze is September 20th. It is also the day for the camp's annual BBQ & Quilt Auction, the only fundraiser of the year for the camp. The maze is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00-7:00pm through November 1st. Go to [CampFontanelle.com](http://CampFontanelle.com) for more information.

Camp Fontanelle is where it's at for a summer filled with fun and fellowship and a fall full of laughter and a great gathering place for family and friends. Located at 9677 County Road 3, it is just 2 miles south of Highway 91 through the community of Fontanelle. The camp has three full time employees, between 20-25 seasonal employees and hundreds of volunteers.



2015 corn maze  
YMCA themed

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A great place for families



Zipline feels like flying



2 Jumping Pillows

