Camp McDowell

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We are excited to announce that Monica Romano will be joining the Camp McDowell team as our new Chief Operating Officer. Monica brings with her a wealth of experience in non-profit operations that relate directly to her roles as COO at Camp McDowell.

Before coming to Camp, Monica served as Chief Operating Officer and Interim Chief Executive Officer at the YWCA of Central Alabama where she oversaw operations across more than 135 buildings and led a team of 90 people. She also coordinated upgrades to YWCA infrastructure, developed reporting systems and emergency response protocols, and worked with local civic and nonprofit leaders. Prior to her experience with the YWCA, Monica spent 9 years as the Director of Operations for Red Mountain Park in Birmingham.

In addition to her myriad operations experience, Monica also has 16 years of experience in youth and young adult ministry. During this period she worked in both Alabama and California and created programs for dozens of congregations and thousands of young people, coordinated with local organizations, and co-founded a faith-based service year program for recent college graduates.

Monica will oversee the day-to-day operations of Camp McDowell, ensuring that all departments function efficiently and in alignment with the organization's mission. She will lead internal systems, manage cross-departmental collaboration, and support program delivery through strategic planning, compliance, and resource management.

Monica grew up in Birmingham and first came to Camp around 1989. She enjoys hiking to St. Christopher's, going to concerts, visiting art museums, and baking. All of us at Camp McDowell are thrilled to welcome Monica into our community. Please join us in celebrating her arrival!

Derrick Hill+
Chief Executive Officer
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