

Celebrate America in the Ozarks Challenge

The Celebrate America in the Ozarks Challenge invites you to experience a love of country, respect for our state's heritage, and a renewed sense of patriotism. Visitors are welcome to experience the student industries – Edwards Mill and General Store, Stained Glass and Candle Shop, and The Keeter Center, a world-class dining and lodging facility. Whether it's the roasted nuts at Edwards Mill, the peanut butter and jelly cookies at the Fruitcake and Jelly Kitchen, or the swans floating gracefully across Lake Honor, you will be captivated by the experiences at College of the Ozarks.



All these unique stops help paint a portrait of Missouri history and the hardworking people who farmed the land and made this state the great place it has become. Step back in time with us – a more peaceful, patriotic, and respectful time – and you will leave not only with happy tummies but full hearts as well. We look forward to welcoming you to the College of the Ozarks campus!

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Celebrate America in the Ozarks Challenge ... Visit at least 10 sites. Remember: Missouri Explorers must be registered in the program, and they are responsible for checking hours and availability of sites. Upload your verification photographs using the online submission form at <https://missouri2021.org/missouri-explorers/> to receive your merit badge button.

Remember, Missouri Explorers, you are responsible for checking hours and availability of sites before arriving.

Edwards Mill and General Store

100 Opportunity Ave.
Point Lookout, Missouri
800-222-0525

Edwards Mill and General Store is powered by a 12-foot water wheel turned by runoff water from nearby Lake Honor and by electricity. Students grind whole-grain corn meal and grits, and incorporate stone-ground grains into pancake, cornbread, scone, and muffin mixes. Upstairs students also hand-weave baskets that are available for sale. Snap your photograph in front of the exterior at the entrance.

<https://www.cofo.edu>

Gaetz Tractor Museum

100 Opportunity Ave.
Point Lookout, Missouri
800-222-0525

The Tractor Museum features a variety of antique tractors and farm equipment. Noteworthy items to check out include a gray Wallis from 1918 and a red and off-white reaper produced in 1910. Don't forget to look out for the two-headed cow! The calf was born in the 70's and preserved for display. Snap your photograph with the 1918 gray Wallis tractor.

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Hoge Greenhouses

100 Opportunity Ave.
Point Lookout, Missouri
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The Hoge Greenhouses, located east of Edwards Mill, are home to the Clint McDade orchid collection. Mr. McDade, one of the School's first students, donated the nucleus of the collection, which today numbers more than 7,000 plants. Individual orchids and other houseplants are for sale at the greenhouse. Snap your photograph inside or outside the public sale greenhouse.

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Lest We Forget 9/11 Memorial

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The Lest We Forget 9/11 Memorial includes one of the last remaining remnants of the World Trade Center structure. The steel column was donated to the College by Tommy McHale, a retired police officer, who wanted to honor the 37 fallen men and women officers from the Port Authority for New York and New Jersey who perished on 9/11. The structure is referred to as "St. Michael's 37." St. Michael is considered the patron saint of police officers and represents strength to face the threat of evil and imminent danger. Snap your photograph in front of the memorial.

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Scripture Garden

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The Scripture Garden is a new addition to the campus. It sits on the bluff overlooking Lake Taneycomo and the natural beauty of the Ozarks. The garden features stones engraved with Scriptures that remind us of God's powerful majesty and His desire for everyone to live in

relationship with Him. A winding path takes visitors to a gazebo, that sits on the edge of the bluff and features a spectacular view of the lake. Guests of the College are invited to enjoy the serenity of this campus highlight. Snap your photograph in front of or inside the gazebo under the garden sign.

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Stained Glass and Candle Shop

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The Stained Glass and Candle Shop, located adjacent to Edwards Mill and General Store, opened in the fall of 2017. The new building consists of eight workstations for stained glass, two workstations for candle making, and a gift shop for guests to purchase student-made products. Snap your photograph at the entrance.

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Star Schoolhouse

100 Opportunity Ave.
Point Lookout, Missouri
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Originally built in 1910, the one-room school was re-located from Barry County, Missouri, to Point Lookout for preservation in 1981. Complete with desks and McGuffey's Readers, the Star School House will give a glimpse of what it was like to attend elementary school back in the early 1900s. Snap your photograph at the entrance.

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The Alumni Veterans Memorial

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Point Lookout, Missouri
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The memorial, located at the front of Williams Memorial Chapel, contains the names of College of the Ozarks alumni who fought in the armed services and paid the ultimate sacrifice with

their lives. Snap your photograph in front of the memorial.

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The Global War on Terrorism Memorial at Patriots Park

100 Opportunity Ave.
Point Lookout, Missouri
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This memorial represents all modern warriors who have faithfully served and sacrificed in the name of freedom. Snap your in front of the memorial.

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The Helicopter @ The William S. Knight Center for Patriotic Education

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Point Lookout, Missouri
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The College displays an AH-1 Cobra helicopter at the entrance to The William S. Knight Center for Patriotic Education. The AH-1 Cobras were in use by the Army during the Tet Offensive in 1968 and through the end of the Vietnam War. Snap your photograph in front of the helicopter.

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The Keeter Center

1 Opportunity Ave.
Point Lookout, Missouri
800-222-0525

The Keeter Center, located on the tranquil campus of College of the Ozarks, is a stunning, multi-functional dining, lodging and event center. Visit Doby's Dining Room at The Keeter Center for a unique Branson dining experience. Our hardworking culinary staff of students will provide a warm, welcoming smile and excellent service throughout your stay. Join us for lunch, dinner, or Sunday brunch. After your meal, be sure to visit our bakery for a fresh pastry, or our creamery for a scoop of homemade ice cream! Snap your photograph in the military gallery inside the Keeter Center.

<https://www.keetercenter.edu>

The Korean War Memorial at Patriots Park

100 Opportunity Ave.
Point Lookout, Missouri
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The Korean War Memorial features a stunning bronze monument, titled "The Pain of Sacrifice," which depicts a brave service member who just lost his brother in arms. This piece illustrates that war is a necessary evil; sacrifice comes with war, and war is painful, especially during loss. Snap your photograph in front of the memorial.

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The Missouri Gold Star Families Memorial at Patriots Park

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The purpose of The Gold Star Families Memorial is to honor Gold Star Families (those who have lost immediate family members killed in their service to the country), to preserve the memory of the fallen, and stand as a stark reminder that freedom is not free. This is the first Gold Star Families Memorial in the state of Missouri. Snap your photograph in front of the memorial.

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The Missouri Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Patriots Park

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The memorial stands near the College's entrance and bears the names of the 1,410 Missourians who served and died in the Vietnam War. The names of the Missouri fallen are engraved on two walls, separated by a statue of Vietnam Veterans. Snap your photograph in front of the memorial.

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Williams Memorial Chapel

100 Opportunity Ave.
Point Lookout, Missouri
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The chapel is a neo-Gothic structure, 150-feet long and 80-feet wide with an 80-foot vaulted ceiling. Construction of the chapel was completed in 1958, with much of the work done by students. The chandeliers were assembled in the campus sheet metal shop. Students in the furniture factory built the pews, doors, high ceiling beams, pulpit stand, and lectern from native white oak. The stained-glass windows were imported from Austria and depict a chronological history of the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation. Snap your photograph outside the chapel.

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