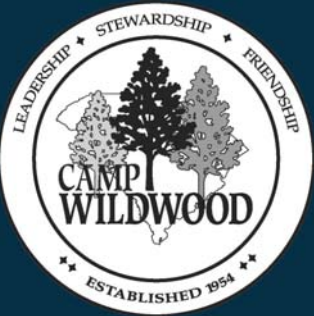


Your One Stop,
All you need to know About
Camp Wildwood 2010

Camp Wildwood

It's more than a camp, more than friendship, it's family.



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Why we do what we do.

"In the end we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught."

Baba Dioum

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Getting Ready for Twenty-Ten!

Congratulations on being selected to Camp Wildwood, 1st year program. June 20-26 will be the best time of your summer, if not your life, guaranteed. This newsletter will provide you with the answers to those questions we commonly get from time to time. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about camp. dupred@dnr.sc.gov

The camp experience enriches lives and changes the world.

Camp Wildwood provides teenagers with a community of caring adults, who nurture experiential education that results in self-respect and appreciation for human value. All of the outcomes — self-identity, self-worth, self-esteem, leadership, and self-respect — build personal competencies. These personal competencies are reflected in the four "C's" of the camp community: compassion, contribution, commitment, and character! For years, campers' parents have reported that when their children return home from camp they are more caring, understand the importance of giving, are more equipped to stand up for what they know is right, and are willing to be more responsible. These are the qualities that will help build a successful nation and a civil society.

Children are at less risk at camp where they have a sense of community, develop intergenerational relationships, and learn through first-hand experiences. Trained, caring adult role models help these campers feel loved, capable, and included. Camp Wildwood helps young adults grow by providing a supervised, positive environment that has safety as a primary commitment.

Benefits and Anticipated Outcomes of the Camp Wildwood Experience.

Social Skills Development

- Leadership
- Communication
- Participation

Self-Respect and Character Building

- Responsibility
- Resourcefulness
- Resilience

Community Living/Service Skills

- Caring
- Fairness
- Citizenship
- Trustworthiness



Meet your...



Brad Taylor, Camp Director
Camp Experience: 18 Years



Elizabeth Vickery
Head Girls Counselor
Camp Experience: 10 Years



Sam Little
Head Boys Counselor
Camp Experience: 11 Years



Dan DuPre
Camp Coordinator
Camp Experience: 22 Years



What do you mean, NO CELL PHONE!

Sending a cell phone to camp is like saying to your child that you as the parent haven't truly come to peace with the notion of them being in our care.

Dear Parents,

We have always taken the safety and well-being of our campers—your children—very seriously. After all, giving your children over to the care of other people is perhaps the greatest act of trust you as a parent can engage in. We aim to do everything we humanly can to earn and keep that trust. We also know we cannot do this without your help. We are writing to invoke the partnership we feel we have with you to help us make sure your children continue to have the safest, most wholesome experience with us possible.

Given certain developments in our culture, including the increased use of the Internet, cell phones, and text messaging, we appeal to you as parents—our partners—to help us maintain as safe an environment for your children at camp as we can. Please read our newsletter carefully so you may understand the chal-

lenges facing us regarding the continued safety and health of our camp community.

As you may or may not know we have a “no-cell phone” policy at camp.

Aside from the fact that cell phones are expensive and can get lost or stolen and that the physical camp environment is not kind to such items, there is a fundamental problem with campers having cell phones at camp, and that is trust. When your children come to camp and you—are making a decision of faith, transferring their care from you as their parents to us and their counselors. This is one of the growth-producing, yet challenging aspects of camp. As children learn to trust other caring adults, they grow and learn, little by little, to solve some of their own challenges. We believe this emerging independence is one of the greatest benefits of camp. It is one important way your children learn to become resilient. Contacting you by

phone essentially means they have not made this transition. It prevents us from getting to problems that may arise and addressing them quickly. Sending a cell phone to camp is like saying to your child that you as the parent haven't truly come to peace with the notion of them being in our care.

We agree to tell you if your child is experiencing a problem in their adjustment to camp. You can help by talking to your child before they come to camp and telling them who is always someone they can reach out to, whether it is their counselor, a trusted activity leader, the head counselor, or even the director or camp health care provider. We are all here to help, but if you don't trust us, they certainly won't.





What Not To Bring

- No Cell Phones
 - Do not bring any electrical appliances including:
 - Hair Dryers
 - Fans*
 - Radios
 - MP3 or Ipod
- * You may bring a fan only if it is battery operated.

- Comfortable clothing - shorts, jeans, shirts, blouses, underwear, ect. for seven days
- Swim Suit (at least 2)
- Dress Clothes (one changing, this is important for our Friday Night Banquet)
- Rain Wear
- Light jacket or sweater
- Blanket or Sleeping bag
- Two single sheets, pillow and pillowcase
- Towels and washcloth (for seven days)
- Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, ect.
- Laundry Bag (also a trash bag for wet clothes)
- Spending money for the canteen ~\$20.00 (Please Bring \$5.00s and \$1.00s)
- Wrist Watch (not your cell phone as a watch)
- Pencil or pen and notebook
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Footwear – old tennis shoes (one pair that can get wet in fisheries class, please make sure that they are closed toe) Hiking Boots, Teva/Chaco/Keen like sandals, shower shoes, extra tennis shoes.
- Optional Items:** Camera, insect spray, sunscreen, envelopes and stamps, books, ect.

How to Live Through Your New Summer Camp...

Another summer, and another summer camp can pose new challenges. Many people have doubts, especially teenage kids, and still even more dread the day when they must leave home for a strange land filled with mosquitoes. If you don't find ways to thrive, your summer might be ruined; here's how.

Be yourself. One of the benefits of a new summer camp is that nobody knows you. They don't know about that time you fell flat on your face and on your tray in the cafeteria and reeked of hamburgers and mustard for the rest of the long, long day.

Make new friends. There are hundreds of people at camp and each one can be a friend. Camp friends can last your whole lifetime, so there is no way to emphasize how special they can be.

Sharpen your popularity skills. If people know who you are, they will be drawn to you and you will get respect and a wide circle of friends. Even being known as "that kid with the earrings" gives others something that makes you seem more familiar and approachable.

Be confident. Pretend you're the most popular person in your school and everyone already loves you. Don't actually say it (i.e. don't lie). Just feel it. People will probably fall for it and be drawn to your creativity and self-assurance.



Meet the Camp Nurse



Ellen Williams RN, BSN

20 Years of Nursing Experience
8 Years as CWW Camp Nurse

As the camp nurse at Camp Wildwood, I have the pleasure of getting to know your children each year. It is important to me that we have a safe and healthy week.

Having said that, here are a few things that will speed up check-in, as well as make this week at camp run smoothly.

First and foremost, if your child is sick or has been sick in the past 7 days prior to camp. Please keep them at home. These would include: Fever of 100°F or above, Upper Respiratory Symptoms (i.e.: nasal congestion, sore throat, cough), Body aches or headaches, vomiting or diarrhea.

If your camper takes medicine on a routine or as needed basis at home, it's likely that they will also be taking these medications while at camp. These medications MUST be turned into the nurse at check-in. This medication will need to be in the original container with the child's name

and medication name clearly visible. Each med needs to be in its own separately labeled container. That means no weekly reminder type pill boxes, no mixing multiple pills in one prescription bottle and no pills in a zip lock bag.



The only medicine that a camper can keep is a rescue inhaler or their epi-pen. EVERYTHING else must be turned over to the nurse at check-in without exception. Even if this inhaler or epi-pen will be kept on their person it MUST be included on the health form and you MUST share this information with the nurse during checkin.

Please DO NOT bring over the counter meds with your camper. We provide all over the counter meds at camp. (example; Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, meds for upset stomach, etc...)

I appreciate your help. I always enjoy my week at camp, I know your children will.

~Nurse Ellen - emwilliams90@att.net

What's Next?

Your application is in, your registration fee is paid, you have the newsletter in-hand, now what? We will send out a "final letter" on the Monday prior to camp. In that letter you will be reminded of registration time, directions and any new information that you need to know. Please keep an eye on your mailbox during that week. Below are some frequently asked questions. As always, if you have questions or concerns about, please contact me (on left). Thanks!

Can my child leave early or arrive late to camp?

Leaving early or arriving late for camp is discouraged but we understand things pop up from time to time. We ask that you contact the camp coordinator prior to camp so arrangements can be made.

Does my child need a health form?

Yes. If you do not mail the health form to our Columbia address, you may bring it to camp and

turn it in during the registration process.

Can I send a letter to my child during camp?

Absolutely. You will not see a bigger smile from your child's face when their name is called during "mail call". See address on the left.

Can my child be in the same cabin as their friend from home?

In order for campers to have common experiences in the wildwood program we do not allow friends to bunk in the same cabins with individuals they already know. This policy fosters new friendships, self reliance, and a newfound confidence.

If there is an emergency at home, how can I get in contact with my child at camp?

Please call the Camp Coordinator for any emergencies. Info located to the left.



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