

Camp Willow Run

SUMMER 2012

Once again I am amazed at the way the Lord demonstrates His goodness during a summer at Camp Willow Run. It has been such a delight to see the many ways that the Lord has been at work this summer. We are grateful that over 2,450 campers came to summer camp this year. That is over 2,450 red shark riders, over 2,450 servings of cookie mush enjoyed, and over 2,450 young people learning about what it means to trust Jesus more and more. The campers displayed a desire to make the most of every opportunity to have fun and to grow in their understanding of what it means to follow Christ.

A wonderful group of 41 young people, representing 21 colleges and universities, came together to serve on summer staff this year. They played such an important role in fulfilling our threefold mission statement of winning young people to Christ, maturing those who are already Christians, and demonstrating that you can be a Christian and have fun.

During our daily times of music and Bible study we had 10 different speakers share with our campers this summer. They shared about our summer theme of "Unashamed." Romans 1:16 was our summer theme verse: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."

Thank you to everyone who was a part of making this summer so special. Have a great year and know that I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Luke Newton Summer Camp Director





Fall Retreats

Fall 2012

"Let Your face shine upon us, O Lord, You have filled my heart with greater joy..." Psalm 4:6,7

This would certainly express how we feel. Already we have seen God bless the teaching of His Word to the groups who have attended a retreat this fall. We ask for God's face to shine upon our guests. Much ministry in the lives of students and leaders has taken place and we give God the glory and honor for such blessing.

We love to encourage students on the ropes course, serve great meals with joy, and invest time in our guests. It is also a pleasure to talk with leaders and hear what God is doing in their ministries and families. Over and over again we are encouraged as we see God work and offer praise to Him for using Camp Willow Run to bring redemption and grace to our guests and their churches.

Our annual Mother-Daughter Legacy Retreat is just around the corner. If moms are looking for a wonderful way to spend time with daughters, this is the retreat to attend. Much planning and prayer are being poured into our two Fall Super High Retreats. It would be a blessing to serve your church youth group for one of these retreats. Please go to our retreat page online if you have questions.

We have many remaining ministries and families to serve this fall. Please pray for us. We want to be faithful to serve our guests with hearts that point others to Christ.

Grace & Peace, Kevin Adams Retreat Director



2012 Sponsorship Update

During the week of May 27 - June 1, we worked with youth from the N.C. Division of Juvenile Justice Youth Development Centers. As a result of your financial gifts and prayer support, each child had a sponsor. We had a great week serving these special young people! Our prayer was that the campers would find their hope and direction in Jesus Christ. One camper shared the following in a thank you letter:

"Your thoughtfulness has allowed me to experience things I would never have dreamed of otherwise. Can you believe I went ziplining!? And canoeing!? All thanks to you. And most importantly, the experience I am most grateful for, you helped me get closer to God and to build a better relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. No one could ever take this trip from my heart."

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide this special outreach. Since 1972, over 6,100 young people have been able to participate in sponsorship outreach ministries through Camp Willow Run. Plans are already underway for up to 75 youth from the N.C. Division of Juvenile Justice Youth Development Centers to attend camp next year.





Summer Camp 2012







Canoes for Sale

We have 6 canoes for sale. All canoes are equipped with polyethylene seats, ash thwarts, carrying handles, and vinyl gunwales. Each canoe is well used!

Please contact Jeremy or Kevin for more information.

- 4 Red Old Town Discovery 158 Good Condition - \$275.00
- 1 Green Water Quest 14 Good Condition - \$250.00
- 1 Blue Old Town Discovery 146 Fair Condition - \$175.00





2012 Camp Willow Run Summer Staff

Front Row:

Tori Brock Laura Bradshaw Brogan James Malika Davis Beebo Nida Sarah Bailey Lauren Schiavo **Drayton Garrett** Madi Smith Kimmy Curran

Front Row:

Craig Cilley Philip Riley Justin White Chris Holder Joseph Colquitt Andrew Crawley Sam Thompson Ryan Elliot



Back Row:

Kellie Mitchum Anna Adams Caitlin Keegan Emma Grace Moore Maria Hoover Rachel Quinn Anna Keegan Rebekah Boyd Eve Newton Hayley Seiler Rachel Cooley Nicole Bauer

Back Row:

Zach Antill Matt Calhoun Hal Coolev Zach Bradshaw Greg Robertson John Lane Ryan Spence Josh Lee Nick Sjolinder Jacob Diehl Kyle Ellington

Fall Super High Retreats

Please join us November 2-4 or November 9-11 for one of our Fall Super High Retreats for church youth groups (grades 7-12). Our staff will take care of all the activities, Bible studies, games, and food. All you have to do is bring your students and enjoy the weekend. The weekend is designed for, but not limited to, churches with small youth groups and churches without Student Pastors.

The cost for the retreat is \$91.00 per person (2 nights & 5 meals). More details and the registration form are available online at www.campwillowrun.org/retreats. Please contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.



CWR 2013 Retreats

| March 22-24 | Spring Super High Grades 7-12 |
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| April 19-21 | B*U*I*L*D Father/Son Retreat |
| May 3-5 | Mother/Daughter Legacy Retreat (Grades 2-6) |
| October 4-6 | Mother/Daughter Legacy Retreat (Grades 6-12) |
| November 1-3 | Fall Super High Grades 7-12 |
| November 8-10 | Fall Super High Grades 7-12 |

Winter & Spring Retreat Availability

Please contact us if you would like to plan a winter or spring retreat for your church or Christian ministry. Camp Willow Run will provide meals, lodging, meeting space, recreation, and a great location for your group's next event. Our staff are eager to help tailor a retreat that meets the needs of Please contact our office at your group. 252.586.4665 for more information on pricing and available dates.

2012 Fall Mother-Daughter Legacy Retreat October 5-7, 2012 Theme: Divinely Designed

Join us for our 22nd annual fall weekend retreat for moms and their girls in grades 6-12 and older! Arrive on Friday evening in time for dinner and settle in for a very special weekend planned just for you.

Our speaker for the retreat is Tracie Miles, who is with *Proverbs 31 Ministries*. Our hearts will be stirred and blessed by the topics and messages Tracie will share throughout the weekend. The weekend will include delicious meals and meeting new friends. You will spend special time together and build a legacy of great memories that will last a lifetime.

Plan to attend and bring along friends! The cost of the weekend is \$195.00 for a mother and a daughter and \$95.00 for each additional daughter. Visit campwillowrun.org to download a registration form.



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Camp Willow Springs

...a development update from Youth Camps For Christ, Inc.

We recently finished our 44th summer at Camp Willow Run in which we served a total of 2,471 campers. It was truly a joy and privilege to serve each and every young person. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to share the Gospel and invest in the lives of campers. We look forward to the day when campers will attend Camp Willow Springs.

This summer, we were able to see continued progress at the CWS site. In June, the interior painting and flooring of the camp office and health care center were completed. In late June, the water system installation began. This is a huge praise since we had waited two years for accessibility to county water. The system was completed in August and provides much needed water to the CWS site. As a result, we are now able to begin to occupy and utilize these buildings. Recently, construction began on the next two dormitories. The contractor has completed the footings and preparation has begun for pouring the concrete slab. Each duplex dorm will be 2,100 square feet and will house twenty campers in grades 3-6.

We are grateful for the progress that has been made this summer. Thank you for your interest and support of this project. Our greatest areas of need continue to center around the provision of funds for the dining hall and pool. These two facilities will help us complete Phase One and are essential to the opening of Camp Willow Springs. Your continued prayer and financial support for this ministry is greatly appreciated. We welcome any opportunity to share more with you and your friends about our outreach to children through the development of CWS.

Robbie Harris Director of Operations & Development





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Buy-a-Bed



The purpose of the Buy-a-Bed challenge is to build a dormitory at Camp Willow Springs. An anonymous donor pledged a \$100,000 matching gift. For every dollar that we raise up to \$100,000, the donor will match it dollar for dollar. This will give us \$200,000 and will allow us to build a dorm. We are excited to share that to date \$89,878 in gifts and pledges have been received toward the \$100,000 matching gift goal. We are thankful for every individual and family who have partnered with us to achieve With reaching ninety this amount. percent of the goal, it has been decided to begin construction of the Buy-a-Bed dorm! This is one of the two dorms that are currently under construction. To meet the goal, there is a remaining need of \$10,122. Thank you for considering a gift to CWS and the Buy-a-Bed challenge.



The Dining Hall

The dining hall will have 9,467 heated square feet of space and includes a full commercial kitchen. This beautiful building will be centrally located on the CWS property and is designed to seat up to 330 campers/staff. The dining hall will take about ten months to construct. We continue to seek funds for this important building. In Phase One construction of CWS, the dining hall will be used to serve meals to 120 campers in grades 3-6 while also taking on the dual role of being used as a meeting facility.



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Win a Quilt!

Enter for a chance to win this beautiful, hand crafted, king size quilt made with authentic Camp Willow Run t-shirts. Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets! The drawing will be held on December 31, 2012.

All proceeds will be used by the Alana and Chrissy Memorial to help build a dormitory at Camp Willow Springs in memory of these two precious girls. Alana attended CWR in 2003 and professed Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. In October 2004, Alana and her cousin Chrissy were involved in a tragic automobile accident. Their families want to honor their memory by building a dorm that will give more campers the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Please contact our office for details if you are interested in purchasing tickets!