



Youth Camps For Christ, Inc.



Fall 2014

CWS DEDICATION CELEBRATION

On June 28th, Youth Camps For Christ, Inc. celebrated the opening of Camp Willow Springs. The service included a welcome from the chairman, Dave Riley, and a time of music, led by past and present summer staff, to worship the Lord for His faithfulness. Reverend Julian Motley spoke passionately about the opportunity and responsibility to share the love of Jesus with children. Dr. Spencer Tilley's prayer of dedication was followed with the singing of the camp hymn "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit." The evening wrapped up with a delicious meal and a time of fellowship at the new Jumping Pillow and Octo-ball Arena!



Mr. Alvis P. Fleming

Alvis Fleming served on the Youth Camps For Christ Board of Directors for 33 years, from 1967 - 2000, serving as Chairman for 25 years. Alvis and his wife established Sunny Acres Dairy Farm in the early 1950's. Lake Gaston was completed in 1962, providing the farm with several miles of shoreline.



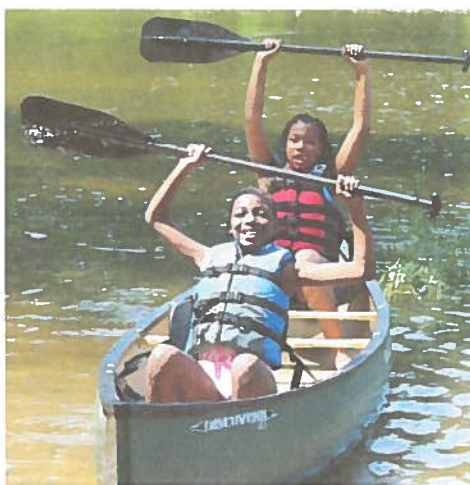
In 1967, they made a 15 acre peninsula available for the initial development of Camp Willow Run. In 2000, an additional 110 acres adjacent to CWR permitted expansion through a Charitable Remainder Trust. Alvis believed that it was time to "stop growing corn and start growing children" on this former cornfield. Thus began the development of Camp Willow Springs.

His staunch faith, vision and partnership in this Christian camping ministry, along with his wife, were instrumental in the mission of this ministry. On August 4, at the age of 82, Alvis Fleming completed his journey of faith on this earth. We give thanks to God for his "work of faith, labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ..." 1 Thessalonians 1:3

A Special Delivery!

Davis Cooley, a former camper, recently completed and donated four picnic tables for Camp Willow Springs as a part of his Eagle Scout project. The tables are a welcome addition and will benefit campers for years to come. A big thank you to Davis and those involved in the project!

There are several similar opportunities to donate time or a special project at CWS and CWR. Please contact us if you have an idea of a way to contribute to the camps.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN

We would love to visit your community to share about the ministries of Camp Willow Run and Camp Willow Springs. Now that we are serving campers at both camps, we have expanded opportunities to share the love of Jesus with young people in a unique way. We welcome any opportunity to share at your church or with a group in your home. Please contact Luke or Robbie if you would be interested in hosting an event.

Camp Willow Run

"The camp experience was a blessing - my son has grown closer to Christ as a result of being there."



I recently had a parent share with me that her daughter had the "experience of a lifetime" and came home "stronger in her faith." This is exactly the type of feedback we love to hear.

During Staff Training, our 41 summer staff prayed for each one of our campers by name. Over the course of the summer, we have the honor of seeing the Lord work as He does amazing things in the lives of our campers and staff. As young people came and went, we were reminded often that the King is at work. Campers made new friends, enjoyed activities, and trusted Christ with their lives. It was an awesome summer.

Thank you to all the campers and many others who were involved in making the summer so special. Look to Christ and live "For the King!" I hope you have a great year and I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Luke Newton
Summer Camp Director



2014 Sponsorship Update

During the week of June 1-6, 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 hope, joy, and purpose in Jesus Christ. One camper shared the following in a thank you letter:

"I want to thank you for sponsoring us going to camp. I had fun swimming and doing all the other fun activities here at Camp Willow Run. I really enjoyed the great food and also learning more about God and learning the songs. I thank God for you and I want you all to keep us in your prayers and I will do the same."

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide this special outreach. Since 1972, over 6,300 young people have been able to participate in sponsorship outreach ministries through Camp Willow Run. Plans are already underway for up to 85 youth from the N.C. Division of Juvenile Justice Youth Development Centers to attend camp next year.



2014 CWR Summer Staff



Front Row: Kaitlyn Beal, Scarlett Salter, Maria Hoover, Mary Beth Wolgemuth, Michaux Arthur, Scottie Smith, Emily Rebeck, Brittan Ackerman
Middle Row: Grace Breeding, Emma Grace Moore, Caley Bass, Carolyn Hawkes, Sarah Bailey, Cat Marshall
Back Row: Emma Blaise, Allie Stoudnour, Asiah Joyner, Eve Newton, Margaret Martin, Ann Marie Manning, Jennifer Doggett, Jordan Capps, Chrissy Constable, Mikayla Clemenger



Front Row: Bruce Schlesman, Ryan Milby, Corey Barlow, Chris Land, Sam Feaver, John Ziegler, Joseph Dodd, Jordan Neri
Back Row: Sam Collier, Spencer Newman, Forrest Ansell, Matt Calhoun, Ryland Ansell, Cameron Stanley, Kyle Ellington, William Brewer, Andrew Stocks

INAUGURAL SUMMER AT

Camp Willow Springs

On July 6, 2014, the first group of campers EVER arrived for an exciting, fun-filled week at Camp Willow Springs. It was a historical moment in the life of this ministry. The picture of excitement that was visible on the faces of the campers and our staff is an image that I will never forget. As the campers checked-in and joyfully moved across the camp property to their dorms, my emotions ran deep as I reflected on God's provision and faithfulness to this ministry. It is a true blessing to be able to now serve campers at two camps and I praise the Lord for the opportunity we have to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with each camper.

The inaugural summer at CWS was awesome! The jumping pillow, octo-ball, archery, canoeing, low ropes, red shark, and swimming were recreation highlights. We had great times of music, skits, and Bible study together. The camp food was delicious and everyone enjoyed our camp famous dessert, cookie mush!

Thank you to each camper who attended the first summer at CWS. It was a great success and our staff loved serving each of you. See you next summer!

Robbie Harris
Director



"My daughter reported that she has never felt so connected to Christ. What an endorsement! Thank you for this contribution to her walk with God!"

2014 CWS Summer Staff



Front Row: Linda Harris, Michelle Liles, Ellory Greene, Grace Caldwell, Laura Bradshaw, Taylor Griffiths, Hannah Zachman

Back Row: Jeremy Davis, Daniel Giles, Rebekah Boyd, Rachel Cooley, Samantha Henke, Leigh Allin, Travis Herrity, Jordan Tatro, Jacob Rich, Nate Stillman, Robbie Harris

Fundraising & Development

With the excellent response from campers for our first summer at CWS, plans are already underway to add more weeks for Summer 2015. A camper family shared in their end of summer evaluation, "Love you guys and loved seeing the vision become a reality!" We praise God for the opening of CWS and we trust Him with our continued development.

Camp Willow Springs opened this summer with facilities to serve 80 campers per week. The goal is for CWS to grow and eventually serve 240 campers each week. In order to increase capacity to serve additional campers, we need a dining hall with a commercial kitchen, additional dormitories, staff housing and a campstore. As in the past, we will rely upon donations to help build these facilities.

We ask that you prayerfully consider a financial gift toward the growing ministries of CWS. Also, we welcome any opportunity to share more with you about development and giving opportunities.

Camp Willow Springs Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Enclosed is my gift in the amount of \$ _____

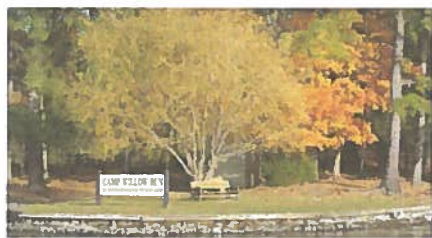
Please make checks payable and mail to:

Camp Willow Springs
102 Camp Willow Springs Drive
Littleton, NC 27850

All gifts are deductible for tax purposes as permitted by law.



RETREAT SEASON



Retreat to Camp Willow Run or Camp Willow Springs to escape from the rush and distractions of our modern world! Come and see how an exciting blend of recreational activities, delicious food, comfortable housing, and well-equipped meeting rooms provide the right setting for a retreat worth remembering. Whether you are looking for an action-packed weekend outdoors or a calm getaway for your group, CWR and CWS have you covered!

From September through May, CWR and CWS hosts retreats for churches and Christian organizations. CWR also holds in-house retreats including the Mother/Daughter Legacy retreat, Father/Son B*U*I*L*D (Boys Under the Influence of Loving Dads) retreat, and the Super High retreat for church youth groups.

If you would like to plan a retreat for your group, please contact us for available dates and pricing. Recreation options for both camps are listed below. Additional information can also be found online at campwillowrun.org/retreats and campwillowsprings.org/retreats.



Included at Camp Willow Run in Retreat Cost:

- + Meals & Housing
- + Meeting Room
- + Canoeing
- + Volleyball
- + Low Ropes
- + Basketball
- + Day use of Gym
- + Field game equipment
- + Swimming at the Lake (seasonal)

For an additional fee:

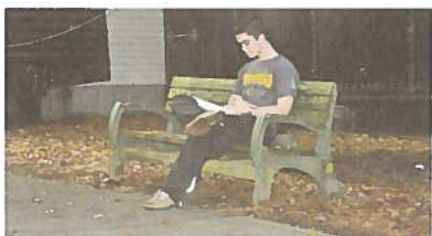
- + High Ropes
- + Climbing Wall & Giant Swing
- + Night use of Gym
- + Waterskiing/Wakeboarding (seasonal)

Included at Camp Willow Springs in Retreat Cost:

- + Meals & Housing
- + Meeting Room
- + Canoeing
- + Low Ropes
- + Archery
- + Swimming at the Pool (seasonal)
- + Field game equipment
- + Jumping Pillow
- + Octoball & 9-square

For an additional fee:

- + Waterskiing/Wakeboarding (seasonal)



LEGACY

MOTHER & DAUGHTER RETREAT

Each spring and fall at Camp Willow Run there is a special weekend set aside for mothers and daughters to come together for some time away. The Legacy Retreat provides families that special time together building a legacy of memories that will last a lifetime.

With an assortment of activities, classes, and opportunities to relax in a beautiful lakefront setting, there is something for everyone. Bible Study sessions focus on building family relationships by looking to Christ and there are always sweet times of worshipping the Lord through music. Join us for one of these special weekends!

May 1-3, 2015 (grades 2-6)
October 2-4, 2015 (grades 6-12)

campwillowrun.org/retreats/legacy



The Super High Retreat at Camp Willow Run is one of the most popular retreats that we offer. This weekend is packed full of Bible study, worship, recreation activities, and games that include the Super High Cup competition. Church groups bring the students (grades 7-12) and chaperones while the CWR staff take care of all the programming!

During the weekend there will be large group music and Bible study sessions along with small group response and reflection times for each youth group to spend time together. This weekend provides an opportunity for young people to grow and mature in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

November 7-9, 2014
November 14-16, 2014

March 27-29, 2015
November 6-8, 2015
November 13-15, 2015

campwillowrun.org/retreats/youth-super-high

SUPER HIGH YOUTH RETREAT

B*U*I*L*D

FATHER & SON RETREAT

B*U*I*L*D, Boys Under the Influence of Loving Dads, is a Camp Willow Run retreat that enables fathers and sons (grades 1-12) to spend a weekend of fun, fellowship, and encouragement together at the lake. Each family will have the opportunity to spend some quality time together away from the busyness and distractions of everyday life. There will be plenty of planned group activities but also time to fish, talk, play ball, and canoe.

This weekend provides a combination of great Biblical teaching, group worship, fellowship with other families, terrific food, and a host of recreational activities. Other highlights of the weekend include a BBQ feast, game and movie night, campfire fellowship, and a massive father vs. son pin dodge game!

April 24-26, 2015 (grades 1-12)

campwillowrun.org/retreats/build



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Summer Registration 2015

Starting in 2015, summer registration forms and newsletters for Camp Willow Run and Camp Willow Springs will only be available for download online. Youth Camps For Christ, Inc. will no longer send summer registration forms by mail.

As in past years, the summer registration forms and newsletters will be made accessible on the camp websites: www.campwillowrun.org and campwillowsprings.org. If you would like to sign up for email notifications to remind you when registration forms and newsletters are available, please contact our office or fill out the "Email Notification Request" form available at campwillowrun.org/email-list or campwillowsprings.org/email-list.



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