



YOUTH CAMPS FOR CHRIST, INC.

Camp Willow Springs & Camp Willow Run



Best Backyard in America

**“We can’t out dream God. I love to see campers running, laughing,
having fun and making precious memories at camp!**

We have the best backyard in America!”

- Linda Harris – Co-Founder & Board Member

When I was growing up, my mom, Linda Harris, would often say that we had the best backyard in America at Camp Willow Run. She would share this when talking about the mission of camp and God’s faithfulness in the development and growth of this ministry. Her reference was not only about our family, but for all campers who ever attended camp. She would proudly proclaim the Lord’s blessing upon this ministry when sharing the camp history or talking with camper families. For each of you who have attended camp, I think we all agree with my mom that camp is the “Best Backyard in America!”

This year marked the 55th anniversary of Camp Willow Run and the 10th year of serving campers and guest groups at Camp Willow Springs. We were blessed with full summer camp sessions at each camp. One highlight for me was having 55 rising college freshmen attend camp. These students chose to come to the best backyard in America one last time before heading to college, full-time jobs, or other pursuits. Many of them were long-time campers of 9 or 10 summers, starting at CWS when they were rising 3rd graders and finishing at CWR. It’s a true joy to see campers grow, physically and spiritually, through their years attending camp.

During our spring and fall retreat seasons, we partner with churches, Christian schools, and campus ministries to reach their students and adults with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We were honored to serve 77 churches and ministries at both camps this year. For the Mother Daughter Legacy and Father Son retreats we served 244 families. We love to be a part of strengthening families and helping moms and dads spend quality time with their daughters and sons.

We are thankful for our rich history and the Godly legacy that has been established from the inception of this ministry. I am thankful for Erbie Mangum, my mom, and other camp leaders who had the vision for camp and have always kept the focus on Jesus Christ. Camp Willow Run and Camp Willow Springs are a testament to the fact that we can’t out dream God. His plans and His ways are always greater than we can ever imagine.

Thank you for attending summer camp and participating in retreats. Thank you for partnering with us through your prayers and financial support. You help to make camp the “Best Backyard in America,” and we are thankful to be able to share it with you!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Robbie Harris
Executive Director



2024 SUMMER CAMP & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES FOR CAMP WILLOW SPRINGS

- 1 JUNE 2-7 GRADES 3-6
- 2 JUNE 9-14 GRADES 3-6
- 3 JUNE 16-21 GRADES 3-6
- 4 JUNE 23-28 GRADES 3-6
- 5 JUN 30-JUL 5 GRADES 3-6
- 6 JULY 7-12 GRADES 3-6
- 7 JULY 14-19 GRADES 3-6
- 8 JULY 21-24 GRADES 3-6 (3-NIGHT)

2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES FOR CAMP WILLOW RUN

- 1 JUNE 2-7 GRADES 7-9
- 2 JUNE 9-14 GRADES 7-9
- 3 JUNE 16-22 GRADES 10-12
- 4 JUNE 23-28 GRADES 7-9
- 5 JUN 30-JUL 6 GRADES 9-12
- 6 JULY 7-12 GRADES 7-9
- 7 JULY 14-20 GRADES 9-12
- 8 JULY 21-26 GRADES 7-9
- 9 JULY 28-AUG 2 GRADES 7-9

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

2024 Registration times:

Monday, February 5:

10am - Camp Willow Springs (Grades 3-6)

12pm - Camp Willow Run (Grades 10-12)

Tuesday, February 6:

10am - Camp Willow Run (Grades 7-9)

Sessions are expected to fill quickly, so please mark your calendar, and follow along as we share updates about the registration process on social media and our websites over the next month.

2024 SPRING RETREATS

CHILDREN'S RETREAT AT CWS (GRADES 1-6) APRIL 19-21, 2024



MOTHER-DAUGHTER LEGACY RETREAT AT CWS (GRADES 1-6) MAY 3-5, 2024

SPRING SUPER HIGH RETREAT AT CWR (GRADES 6-12) APRIL 12-14, 2024



B.U.I.L.D. FATHER-SON RETREAT AT CWR (GRADES 1-12) APRIL 26-28, 2024

NEW CONSTRUCTION AT CAMP



Dorm Highlights:

2,100 Heated & Cooled square feet
Central activity room
Left & Right Wing rooms & bathrooms
Sleeps 18 campers & 4 staff

Camp Willow Springs Dormitories:

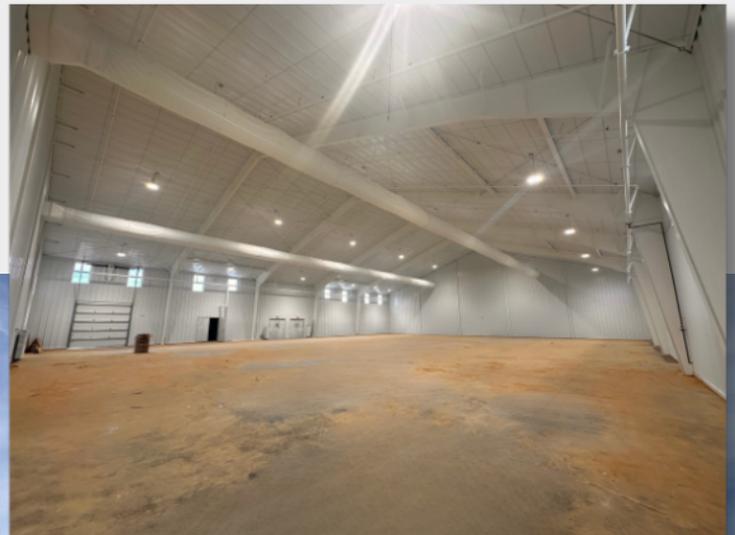
We are excited to announce that we have started construction of two new dormitories at Camp Willow Springs to be ready for Summer 2024. The cost per dormitory is \$370,000. To date we have raised \$500,000 toward the total cost of \$740,000. There is a remaining need of \$240,000 to complete the two dorms. To help meet this need, a generous donor has offered a matching gift challenge. For every dollar given this December toward dorm construction, it will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000. Once complete, CWS will have grown from 88 beds in 2014 to 220 beds in 2024.

Camp Willow Springs Gymnasium:

The CWS gymnasium is nearing completion, and we hope to receive occupancy before the end of the year. It is a great addition to camp and will be used for recreation, games, rainy day activities, and a large group meeting space. We are excited for our campers and retreat guests to enjoy it!

Highlights:

Gymnasium 100' x 125'
Accessory Building 42' x 65'
15,746 Heated & Cooled square feet
Regulation size hardwood basketball court
(coming January 2024)
Central sound system and portable stage



BEST BACKYARD IN AMERICA MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM

We are excited to announce the launch of our new monthly giving program. This program will provide funds monthly that will be used toward your designation of the following areas:

- CWR gym renovation – repair roof, refinish floor, update interior siding, improve lighting
- Division of Juvenile Justice Camp Session at CWR – camper sponsorship
- CWS dormitories – used toward construction of new dorms
- Where most needed

We would love for you to partner with us as a monthly supporter. Recurring donations can be set online by using the Donate link below or by visiting our websites and selecting the online giving form. All donations are tax deductible.

Program participants will receive a custom designed, limited edition, “Best Backyard in America” t-shirt! Thank you for your support!

You can donate at <http://campwillowsprings.org/opportunities/>



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