

Camp Willow Run Fall 2013

SUMMER 2013

This year we are celebrating 45 years of camp ministry. As I hear stories from Linda Harris, our Executive Director who is also one of the founders, I am amazed by the Lord's faithfulness. I am grateful for the way the Lord has used the ministry of Camp Willow Run in my life and the lives of many. Once again His faithfulness and love was evident during a summer at Camp Willow Run. It has been awesome to see the many ways that the Lord has been at work. I often talk to the summer staff about the many "glimpses of glory" that we see at camp: the beauty of the sun setting over the lake, the sweetness associated with fellowship and community, the rush of the zipline, the delicious food, the Lord speaking with clarity from His Word. In all these things and more there are glimpses and reminders of the Lord's glory as we experience in part what He has promised to give to His children in full one day.

I am grateful that over 2,350 campers came to summer camp this year. It has been my prayer that each camper would grow more and more in the understanding that God loves us and desires a relationship with us through Jesus. I am grateful that over 2,350 young people not only got to enjoy building friendships, eating good food, and trying new challenges and activities, but also learned about what the love of Jesus means for us. During our daily times of music and Bible study we had 8 different speakers share with our campers this summer. They shared about our summer theme of "This is Love." John 3:16 was our summer theme verse: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

A fantastic group of 41 young people, representing 21 colleges and universities, came together to serve on summer staff this year. They played 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. I am thankful for this group of hard-working, Christ-seeking staff that the Lord provided for us.

This coming year we would love to come to your community to share with others about the ministries of Camp Willow Run and Camp Willow Springs. As we prepare to serve campers at Camp Willow Springs in 2014, we are excited about the expanded opportunities we will have to share in a unique way the love of Jesus with young people. We welcome any opportunity to share at your church or with a group in your home. Please contact us if you would be interested in hosting an event.

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

Luke Newton
Summer Camp Director









2013 Sponsorship Update

During the week of May 26-30, 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:

"Over this last week I have had one of the highlights of my life. I learned that you can be a child of God and still have fun and enjoy yourself. My favorite part of being at camp was getting to enjoy the high ropes course. The food was amazing and this was certainly an adventure and I was blessed to enjoy this experience. Lastly I want to say God bless you for donations and may God be with you."

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide this special outreach. Since 1972, over 6,200 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.







Meet Zach Bradshaw!



On August 1st, Zach Bradshaw joined the CWR full-time staff as Program Assistant. He has served in various summer staff and part-time roles since 2008. Zach has facilitated recreation areas, been a counselor, and even helped renovate the swim dock this past year!

Zach is from Richmond, VA and graduated in 2010 with a B.A. in Communication Studies from Bryan College.







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2013 Camp Willow Run Summer Staff

Front Row: Malika Davis Jessalin Carroll Michaux Arthur Kaitlyn Beal Drayton Garrett Tori Brock Cat Marshall



Back Row: Allie Stoudnour Hayley Seiler Maria Hoover Mary Lynne Schmohl Emma Grace Moore Anna Keegan Tyler Hood Lauren Ghent Rachel Quinn Caitlin Keegan Laura Bradshaw Catherine Cheney Kellie Mitchum Anna Belle Lahoud

Back Row:

Hal Cooley
Cameron Stanley
William Brewer
John Lane
Andrew Stocks
Matt Calhoun
Sam Collier
Forrest Ansell
Kyle Ellington
Charlie Curran
Eric Van Scoyoc



Front Row:

Tommy Hurst Nick Sjolinder Colby Robinson Chris Holder Justin King Philip Riley Jordan Tatro Ryan Elliot

Fall Super High Retreats

We are excited to experience such strong registrations for both Fall Super High Retreats. At this time, 16 churches have registered. It looks as if we are full or very close to filling both retreat weekends. Pray with us as we prepare to minister to 300+ students and leaders in November.

Our next Super High Retreat will be March 28-30, 2014. If you missed out coming this fall, please contact us about coming this spring. We would love to minister to your students and help them grow in Christ.





CWR 2014 Retreats

March 28-30 Spring Super High Grades 7-12

April 25-27 B*U*I*L*D

Father/Son Retreat

May 2-4 Mother/Daughter

Legacy Retreat (Grades 2-6)

October 3-5 Mother/Daughter

Legacy Retreat (Grades 6-12)

November 7-9 Fall Super High

Grades 7-12

November 14-16 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 your group. Please contact our office at 252.586.4665 for more information on pricing and available dates.

2013 Fall Mother-Daughter Legacy Retreat October 4-6, 2013

Theme: Making a Difference in my Generation

Registrations are open for Camp Willow Run's 22nd annual fall Mother-Daughter LEGACY Retreat, October 4-6! This unique retreat is for Moms and their daughters in Grades 6-12.

You will be blessed with wonderful times of meeting new friends, seeing old friends, feasting on the delicious CWR meals, relaxing by the shore of Lake Gaston, sitting under the stars at the campfire, enjoying the fun and challenges of outdoor recreation, and, most importantly, lifting our voices in Praise and Worship and having a fascinating time of Bible study! Our Speaker will be Tara Furman of "Knowing God Ministries." Sign-up now and join this fabulous adventure and precious memory for years to come! Hope to see you here!

The cost of the weekend is \$195.00 for a mother and a daughter and \$95.00 for each additional daughter. Registration information/forms are available at www.campwillowrun.org.







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