

# Woodcrest Retreat Summer Camp 2015

## Parent Comments

- I know he was challenged spiritually. I would never be able to challenge him to journal and have God Time. Also, please share this with whomever because it touched our hearts. I guess he got a little homesick Tuesday night. He said during a quiet part he just started crying for like an hour. He felt weird right here (rubbed his heart area). He said his counselor and some friends were around. He said, "it was ok though because I asked Jesus to fill that spot. He must have used concrete or something because it never came back!" I know that someone helped him through that. He learned to rely on God for a very real and personal thing he experienced. That's an awesome life lesson!!



- My son has autism and has a very very hard time with new places/people. I thought camp would be a disaster but it turned out to be amazing! My family is not religious at all but going to Woodcrest my son now wants to go to church every Sunday and is making me want to become a Christian. Again with my son having autism I didn't think camp was even going to be a possibility for him. The staff was amazing with him and they were very accommodating and never made him feel "different". Camp truly opened up many many doors for my son and has given him confidence to try new things.
- Your awesome! Thanks for caring for our child! Three and two years ago he was at Woodcrest day camp with a TSS and now he thrived at a weeklong overnight camp! Praise God and thank you guys. You'll never know how much hope that brings our family for his future. It's more than surviving a week at camp. It's a life milestone for him and us!
- Thank You for the Campership funds so my children could go to camp. This was their first time at camp and they loved each and every day of it.
- We appreciate all the prayer and dedication to Bible teaching that goes into camp. You provide an excellent program and balance of events- kids are engaged, but not exhausted-great job.



- She enjoyed prayer walk, Bible lessons and I love that she was memorizing scripture. Thank you for the generous scholarship. This is her favorite week of summer and we would not be able to attend without it.
- My daughter learned a lot and mentioned many of the lessons throughout the week as they applied to things our family was doing. She had so much fun! This was her first summer at Woodcrest and she is excited to return (for more weeks) next summer. Her counselors were fantastic!

- I wanted to thank Woodcrest for the summer. I worried all summer about whether it was the right fit for Chris. There were some issues and some rough kids during his time there. Well all of my fears were put to rest on the last day of camp. We picked Chris up and took him to the pool as a celebration and we were awestruck by how lively and excited he was. He was so animated showing us the nature shack and all the other places he went and it made us totally overjoyed. He loved Woodcrest and that was all we needed to know. Thank you and have a great fall and winter. See you next summer.
- My grandson was at your camp last week, August 3 - 7th as an overnight camper. Usually he is not a big talker but my oh my when I asked him about his experience at camp he said it was AWESOME. He then went on and on telling me about all the fun things he experienced. He liked his counselor a lot and the speaker too. The night time and after dark games, etc. were just perfect for his "12 year old" boyishness. I know how exhausting it can be to function as a camp worker ( done that, been there ) but I wanted you to know that you are impacting the future church in a big way. When I finish this e-mail I am going to pray and thank the Lord for each one of you and ask His special blessing upon you.
- I thought it might be nice to get your Sunday morning off to a good start. Our grandson is at Woodcrest this summer. He absolutely loves the camp and says he definitely wants to be back next year. He is 7 and very active which is to be expected at that age. He says the counselors are nice and the food is quite good also. Yes the pool and the slide and everything else is fun too. Here is even better news. He responded to the call to accept the Lord as his Savior and is very happy about that as are we! He and his mother were visiting with us yesterday and we had a good laugh. He said that he told one of the counselors that his great grandpa started the camp and they thought that was pretty funny. Didn't believe him which is totally understandable. He couldn't have cared less. All he cares about is that he is having a wonderful summer. Keep up the good work and may the Lord give you increased strength and joy in your work.

### Camper Comments

- Comment about God Time: Accepting Jesus and going to God more. Great to spend alone time with God.
- I have grown closer to God and really grown in my faith. I have also finally grasped how hard it was for Jesus to bear all our sins and die for us. I loved having alone time with God to just pray and read the Bible.
- I learned and was impacted by fireside and Bible. I was inspired to go to God in not just the hard times but the good too..
- On God Time: Loved it😊. I never read the Bible and it was fun to.
- I have been drawn closer to God. I am now reading my Bible more.
- I had an amazing impact in my life because I really felt like God was there with me.
- Making new friends was great and I learned stuff I never knew about God.
- I learned to fix my eyes on Jesus more.

### Results

- 21 that accepted Christ
- 10 rededications
- All drawn one step closer to Jesus
- Staff's faith deepened

