



## Fall 2023 Semester

God's creation is shifting from the green of summer into the colors of autumn. At Woodcrest we are also shifting from the busyness of summer camp to a quieter fall season. We may not have 260 campers here each day, but we are excited to have students and families coming to participate in our School of Wonder classes. We invite you to join us for hands-on fun and learning this fall. Look over our list of programs and then visit us online at [www.WoodcrestRetreat.org/education](http://www.WoodcrestRetreat.org/education) to register. Class space is limited so sign up early to reserve your space. Payment for all classes is due on the day of your first class. For questions, please call the camp office at 717-738-2233. You can also call to schedule a co-op fieldtrip for most of these classes.

**Pond Studies** — Discover the diversity of life that lives in a single drop of water and have fun catching the varied creatures that inhabit our pond. Students will get wet and muddy during this popular class. *This is a great class for co-op fieldtrips.*

**Gym Break** — Just because summer is over doesn't mean we can't enjoy being outdoors. In Woodcrest's Gym Break, staff lead a variety of games and activities that keep students moving and having fun while also helping fulfill your Phys-Ed requirement.

**PA Forestry** — Learn about the variety of trees that call eastern PA their home. You will learn how to identify trees, go for a hike to collect leaves, and much more. This is a family class (due to the light hiking, strollers are not permitted). *This is a great co-op fieldtrip idea.*

**Parent & Child Canoe Trip** — The Fall is a beautiful time to canoe down the Schuylkill River. Our staff will guide you down the river for a fun-filled time. The trip will include snacks, games, use of Woodcrest canoes and lifejackets, and shuttling. We will meet at Woodcrest at 10:00 a.m. and caravan to our drop-in spot in Leesport. We will then shuttle drivers back to their cars after the trip at approximately 3:00 p.m. You will be emailed full details and maps prior to the trip. In case of rain, we will reschedule the trip to Friday, September 22nd.

**Christian Leadership 101** — Woodcrest is passionate about equipping teens to love Jesus and serve in His Kingdom. Our unique leadership programs challenge students to develop key leadership characteristics through games and activities. This is our first level class. A second class will be offered in the spring that uses our ropes course area to further develop leadership potential.

**Pond Studies**  
**Tuesdays, September 12th**  
**1:00-3:00**

Grades: 3-6

Cost: \$8/student



**Gym Break**  
**Wednesdays September 13, 20, & 27**  
**1:00-3:00**

Grades: 3-7

Cost: \$18/student (for three sessions)



**PA Forestry**  
**Tuesday, September 19th**  
**Session A: 9:30-11:30; Session B: 1-3**

Grades: Family

Cost: \$12/family



**Canoe Trip**  
**Thursday, September 21st**  
**10:00-3:00**

For: Parent w/ Child (age 8-up)

Cost: \$90 (one parent w/ one child; \$25 for additional child)



**Christian Leadership**  
**Monday, September 25th — 1:00-3:00**

Grades: 8-12

Cost: \$10/student



**Sense Nature 1** — God created us to enjoy His creation. To help us do that, He gave us the five senses. Discover those senses and how different animals use them differently. There will be games and activities to help students appreciate their senses.

**Nature Exploration** — Learn how to experience the wonder of God while walking through the woods. This class is a hike along the trails of Woodcrest with various activities that help you to pause and reflect upon who God is and what He has made.

**Introduction to Practical Apologetics** — The Bible calls believers to know and explain their faith to others. Apologetics is the discipline of learning how to do that. In this two-part class, students will learn to “contend for the faith” by focusing on practical arguments and explanations for the Christian faith. Students will find that their own faith is strengthened while equipping them to share with others.

**Christmas Around the World** — An annual favorite with our families and co-ops, Christmas Around the World is a great way to kickoff the holiday season. This year we travel to Germany as we discover the traditions of the past and present. This exciting class includes a time of baking and crafts while also hearing from missionaries who have served in Germany. They will share about how we can be pray for the German people. *This is a great field trip class for co-ops.*

**Theater Tips** — Interested in acting? Want to make good friendships in a godly atmosphere? Come to Theater Tips held by Lancaster Youth Productions (LYP) at Woodcrest Retreat! LYP is an amateur theater group with a mission to use acting to glorify God and entertain others. We do an annual summer play, and meet throughout the year to practice acting skills while having time with friends. Some of our past productions include *A Christmas Carol*, *The Prince and the Pauper*, and *Overcome*. Theater Tips takes place twice a month on Monday evenings, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm starting September 11th. Dates for the fall session are as follows: September 11th and 25th; October 9th and 23rd; November 6th and 20th; and December 4th. If you are interested in participating, please contact Elizabeth Gormley at [writing.justdoit@gmail.com](mailto:writing.justdoit@gmail.com) for full details. Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LYPTheaterGroup> for more details about our group!

**To Register for classes visit [www.WoodcrestRetreat.org/education](http://www.WoodcrestRetreat.org/education)**

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- Parents with other children who are not in a class are welcome to use the playgrounds during class time.
- An **Emergency Contact Release Form** needs to be completed each semester so that School of Wonder staff have access to parents in case of emergency during class time. This form is available on our School of Wonder page of our website and at each class.
- **Payment** can be made by mailing a check to Woodcrest Retreat. Credit Card payment can be made over the phone or by stopping in the office prior to your registered class. Payment for all registered classes should be made on the date of your first registered class. Once payment is received, there are no refunds if you cancel class less than two weeks before the class.
- You will receive an email with arrival instructions for each class approximately the week before the scheduled date.

### Sense Nature 1

**Tuesday, Oct. 3rd — 1:00-3:00**

Grades: K-3

Cost: \$6/student



### Nature Exploration

**Thursday, October 12th — 9:30-11:30**

Grades: Family

Cost: \$8/family



### Intro to Practical Apologetics

**Tuesdays, Oct. 17/Nov. 7th — 9:30-11:30**

Grades: 8-12 (and adults)

Cost: \$12/student



### Christmas Around the World

**Session A: Tuesday, Nov. 14th**

**@ 1:00-3:00**

**Session B: Tuesday, Nov. 14th**

**@ 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Grades: Family

Cost: \$22/Family



### Theater Tips

**Selected Mondays — 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Grades: 3-12

Cost: \$15/student or  
\$20/family

