

Why Send your Child to Camp?

As a parent you may have thought about sending your child to camp, but for a variety of possible reasons have not pursued doing so. Ask a kid who has gone to camp why they love it, and they will tell you it's because "it's so much fun". Well, we all want our kids to have fun! *But camp is about more than a good time.* Here are five reasons to aid your decision making as you consider a Christian camp experience for your child this summer.

Camp promotes...

- **A Safe Space to Grow:** Camp provides a safe and nurturing environment, but at the same time it is structured to allow children to challenge and test themselves. Camp is jam-packed with potential for growth! A simple challenge course activity can foster leadership, friendship, problem-solving, decision making, conflict resolution, social and physical skills. Kids who find it difficult to learn in a classroom setting will often succeed at camp. *It's experiential learning at its finest.*
- **Caring Community:** Camp provides a safe and nurturing environment for children to explore, gain new friends, and have incredible fun under the leadership of a trained group of caring staff. *"I really like the staff because they were very welcoming to me and the campers also did this. It made me feel confident and want to come back. Thank you!"*
- **Increase Independence:** While at camp, children have the opportunity to try new things, gain confidence, develop new skills, and make new friendships. *60% of parents report observing increased independence in their child as a result of camp.*
- **Spiritual Growth:** Campers discover more of God's love. Opportunities are given for campers to ask questions and personally think about their faith. As campers relate to one another, character traits such as respect and kindness have a chance to develop. *"Talking to my counselor after Fireside really helped me. It brought me closer to God and helped me think."*
- **Appreciation for Creation:** Life in the out-of-doors, hiking, exploring, visiting farm animals, and playing outdoor games allow campers to enjoy a change from the indoor environment. *"My son has a new love for outdoors and nature! We were pleased with everything."*

Why Woodcrest?

Our purpose is to introduce people to Jesus Christ and to encourage Christian growth through wholesome programs and quality facilities. As a Christian camp we show campers how God should be at the center of their lives. Every aspect of camp at Woodcrest promotes spiritual growth. Children who come to Woodcrest are surrounded by God's beautiful creation in our wooded setting, led by carefully selected Christian counselors who have been trained to provide positive and nurturing Christ-centered relationships, and prayed for daily by camp staff, volunteers and camp supporters.

It is a top priority for us to provide a safe environment for your child. Our staff have undergone all background clearances according to PA law, and received mandated reporter and CPR certification. A Health Care Provider ensures proper health protocols, and a year-round administrator lives on site at all times. If you have any questions or concerns our staff would love to talk with you. Feel free to call our office at 717-738-2233, or email info@woodcrestretreat.org

Consider sending your child(ren) to Woodcrest this summer!