

THE WOODCREST RAMBLER



"Thoughts and summer memories from the Woodcrest Alligator"



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



WHERE ON CAMP IS THE WOODCREST ALLIGATOR?



Answer on back at bottom

GET TO KNOW A WOODCREST COUNSELOR: AUSTIN MARTIN

Age: 22

2020 Summer role: Overnight Camp

Counselor

How many summers on staff: 1

Favorite thing to do at camp: Game time

Favorite ice cream: Mocha Cookie Dough

Favorite hobby: hiking

What are you up to now: I am working at a local dairy farm and counting the days till spring and then camp.

One challenge you are facing now: A big thing for right now has been staying in touch with friends that I haven't seen in a while.

One verse you are encouraged by right now: Psalms 119:9- How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.



DIRECTOR ADAM'S JOKE CORNER

Food Version

Q: What is fast, loud and crunchy?

A: A rocket chip!

Q: What has ears but cannot hear?

A: A cornfield.

Q: What did the Dalmatian say after lunch?

A: That hit the spot!



SUMMER MEMORIES: COLOR WARS!



YOU ASKED FOR IT!

All summer long you campers had awesome questions about God, life, and faith. We challenged you to seek “True North”, and you did! Here is a special edition by Woodcrest Director Bill Klees.

Too Bad or So Good?

Romans 10:13 For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

In this world you will meet people who are really nice people. They do good things. They help others. Listen to their parents. Do well at school. They are fun to be with because they treat you well.

But the sad truth is there are also people who aren't nice. In fact, they aren't fun to be with because they treat people badly. Perhaps they are bullies. They do bad things and say bad things.

Both types of people have at least one thing in common though—they both need Jesus. **The Good News of Christianity is that there is no one so bad that that he or she is beyond the reach of Christ's saving love. But likewise, there is no one so good that he or she doesn't need Jesus's saving love either.**

The beauty of the Gospel is that it is truly for everyone. We understand the bad group. We know that they need Jesus. We can see their sins—the things they do that displease God. We know they aren't perfect. But we do need to be careful that we never think that someone is so bad that they are beyond God's love. History is full of amazing stories of some of the biggest bad guys making confessions for their need for Jesus. They cried out to God for relief from their guilt and shame. And the Bible tells us that, if done from the heart, God hears their cries and forgives them.

What we might not understand, however, is that we are never so good that we don't need the work of Jesus on the cross to make. Even the nicest of people fall short of the perfect standard needed to be seen before God who alone is perfect. There are secret sins that even the best of people can keep hidden. But know this: nothing is hidden to God who sees even the secrets of the heart.

At Woodcrest we present the truth of Jesus to everyone who steps on the mountain because we know that everyone needs Jesus. We share the love of Jesus to everyone because Jesus loves everyone, and we want everyone to know Him personally. And that truth begins with you. Do you know Jesus died for you? Do you believe you need His grace? Have you cried out to Him for forgiveness? Now is the perfect time to talk to your parents or pastor if you have questions or to tell someone you love Jesus, too.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Bible memory challenge: Psalm 105:4 "Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!"
Remember: Our God is not distant— he is actively with us! He hears our cries, He cares deeply about the struggles you are in.

“Where on camp” answer: Snack bar