

## 2021 Summer Testimonies

### Parents:

- My daughter was stressed this whole entire year, and she has been so full of joy when picking her up at camp. She was so happy to be with kids, too! She loved everything. Thank you Woodcrest!
- I wanted to say thank you to all the staff for giving my son a great week. He doesn't do well socializing and has a hard time with his impulses. But this past week helped him learn and grow and takes risks. I'm sure there were moments that his TSS stepped in but from what I was told daily, his TSS didn't have to be on top of Dylan like he normally does. Dylan's favorite times were the water activities and meeting new friends. We are definitely sending him next summer! Thank you again!
- Adrian has such a beautiful understanding of Jesus just after two short weeks. We are extremely grateful for this opportunity.
- One of the nights after camp, we heard our daughters talking for some time after they were in bed. When my husband checked in on them, they were taking turns reading to each other from the Bible! They both enjoyed the skits and mimes and retained a lot of the Bible teaching/memory work.
- I want to send my thanks for the amazing experience my son had at camp this week. We was part of the wilderness camp and I am just so blessed he got come this week. Each and every night he couldn't wait to share all the amazing things he got to experience each day.
- You all run such a wonderful camp and the staff is awesome. I know my sons life was touched this week and as a parent I can't say thank you enough. God is blessing your camp!!! You are all in turn blessing children and families. Keep up the great work.
- Brennan has grown spiritually, socially and emotionally. He loves the Bible stories, loves his counselors and seems to be getting along well with the other kids. After a year of isolation it is so good to see.
- I love the fact that he comes home singing the camp songs, sharing conversations with the group that are very deep IMPORTANT questions, and always exciting for the next day. I can tell that the counselor had been trained in a Bible manner. Love Wood Crest Camp
- We want to thank you for allowing our boys to come to Explorer 2 and granting us access to the campership fund. Our boys had a very good camp experience, even Simon who has special needs. Both their counsellors, Jaedon Steager and Cordell Gingrich did very well with our boys, even though we're sure that there were challenges associated with the special needs in our family. As we are cross-cultural workers in France where there are less than 1% Evangelical Christ followers, our boys may be the only believers in their French school. Camp offers them the possibility to make Christian friends. These last 2 years in France had their joys and challenges, especially with many restriction due to COVID. We have had very little, if any, time alone as a couple away from our children. Having our boys so well cared for at camp gave us the opportunity to reconnect as a couple and get much needed rest. Thank you for the way you

graciously extended yourselves in our lives and serving us in the love of Jesus as you have done. We are so blessed. May God richly bless you in return in your ministry in the community where you serve.

- We are a homeschool family. This was the first time the boys have been away from me with a group of peer boys and a male counselor. I think the opportunity for them to be “boys” was wonderful. And for them to have their own unique camp memories and stories.

## Campers:

- I went from being agnostic to a Christian about a year and a half ago. I became a Christian because one year at Woodcrest, one of my counselors managed to reach me in a different way and I felt like I wanted to start pursuing a relationship with Christ. To me, my faith is very important because I feel it is very comforting to know that God is always by my side and I am forever in His debt.
- This is my sixth year, and I haven't grown as much any other place as I have here. I was baptized in this pool. Because of Woodcrest, I am a Christian. Woodcrest is one of the most important places in the world to me!! I'm so, so grateful for this incredible environment and I want to keep coming here forever.”
- Fireside time was really impactful; camp really changed how I think about things and I learned to have a positive outlook
- The Way has encouraged me to look into theology
- Fireside and Bible time with our cabin was very impactful for me because it felt like a safe place to ask questions and learn about the Lord
- I liked being surrounded by Christians, it was a nice break from normal life
- It was a needed reminder that I'm worth something and not alone in my hurt

## Attendance

- 1,373 Day Campers
- 478 Overnight Campers
- 1851 Total Campers

## Impact

- 62 First time commitments to Jesus
- 71 Rededications to Jesus
- Everyone brought one step closer to Jesus