

2023 Summer Testimonies

Parents:

- She felt 100% comfortable unlike other summer programs we have tried. She never wanted to leave and couldn't wait to come back. She is usually shy and was so excited to tell us she made 7 friends the very first day.
- She talked our ear off on the way home. I would say the social impact on her is most evident. She told us about each friend she made and had so many stories about them.
- Both of our girls loved camp. Thank you so much! We are planning to send them again next year. I see an increase in confidence and willingness to try new things. I also feel like it was good to disconnect from all screens. They really appreciated the new friendships they made as well! I feel like they are more content since coming home from camp!
- She said she realized how much God cares about us because He sent His son Jesus to come to this earth to save us. Jesus could have done this in a short time but instead he stayed 33 years to help teach us and then he died for us.
- To deal with my son with PTSD, ADHD, and a little autism on the side, the counselor is an angel. I didn't think my son would make it. This camp is a gift from God and gave us a break. We home school so this was a gift. Thank you.
- He grew spiritually and emotionally in just one week at camp. He's never been so excited to learn a bible verse and share what he felt it meant to him.
- This spring I asked you if our granddaughter could switch from Trailblazer to the RISE program. She wanted to switch because her best friend was doing RISE. I said she's not crazy about the outdoors and she probably won't be a counselor- she doesn't like kids. You said, let her do RISE. She will want to be a counselor. We laughed! Well she LOVED the RISE program, made awesome friends and volunteered one week as a day camp counselor! I picked her up the end of that week of counseling. She couldn't stop talking about the experience and yes, she wants to be on staff in 2024! We can't thank you enough for your knowledge of teenagers! She has grown in her faith, in her confidence, and found great friends.

- He loved Day Camp and is already taking about going back next year! His highlights were the pool, slide, and snack shop. He appreciated being in a group with a friend from church and a friend from school. Thank you for accommodating this! I appreciate the seeds that were sown into Isaiah's heart this week. Awesome experience for him!
- He is going through a really hard time right now, and he could share some of what happened to his counselor. I was really impressed. He never opens up to anyone hardly. He also loves to have a lot of fun playing in the pool.
- Being on the autism spectrum, She can have difficulty making friends and tends to stay to herself. This week she seems to have really enjoyed taking part and being involved with everyone!

Campers:

- This week I learned that its important to start prioritizing God more than other things. I also learned how to fully give my life to God. Woodcrest really changes the way I look at things.
- I learned to never underestimate God!
- Woodcrest has become like another home to me.
- I have never been close to God. This brought me there!
- I've been more motivated to start doing devos and reading my Bible more.
- Keep doing the same thing, I loved it and I loved the counselors they were so nice and funny.
- I had a lot of unanswered questions that God answered.
- I learned that I am worthy of God's love.

Attendance:

- **1,419 Daycampers**
- **509 Overnight Campers**
- **1928 Total Campers**

Impact:

First Time Commitments to Jesus: 32
 Rededications: 59
 21 campers connected to churches
 Everyone brought one step closer to
 Jesus