

The Wilderness Way

Wilderness Way Girls' Camp

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Thank you God, Thank you Community

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Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. ~William Arthur Ward

I've got quite a collection of wrapped presents from the past. Probably a warehouse full by now. Lost the mailing addresses as the memories faded away of those who showed and shared kindness and helpfulness. Did I thank my next door neighbor who comforted me as a little boy when my pet dog died? Probably not. I was too focused on me and my loss. A youth leader who had a great influence on my life later developed a terminal condition. But by then I was too busy with life to catch back up and express the gratitude that was due. Hopefully many others did respond well.

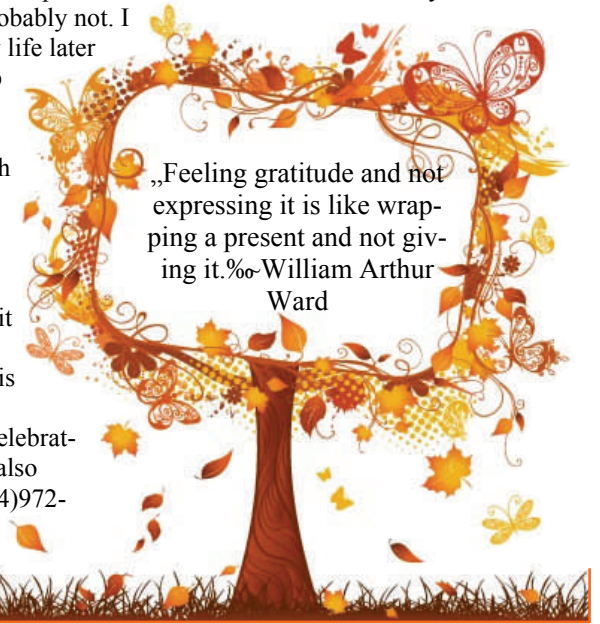
Girls come to our camp often confused and troubled by how life has gone for them. Gratefulness may not initially be a common characteristic. That is O.K., though. With time and opportunity a girl usually becomes more aware of her blessings and sees better who she is and how God is influencing her through her life situation. Many come to realize they are better off than they once thought-parents really do have wisdom worth catching.

Here at camp we truly seek to express gratitude for all the help we receive. We miss it sometimes, so please forgive us. Funds, service projects and donations, especially to our thrift stores, all help us to stay open. We are grateful to you and to our God who is the source of all our blessings.

On November 20, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, we will be thanking God and celebrating God's willingness to continue blessing us. Please join us for this occasion as we also seek to have an opportunity to say thanks to you as well. Please call our office at (864)972-0611 for details.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

-Bill Collins, Executive Director



Camp Happenings...

Things are „falling into place here at Wilderness Way. The air is getting cooler! and that means the time for hot drinks, warm fire places, and colorful leaves is here. For the October session, the girls choose to study food and food preparation, and so you never knew what you might find if you stopped by our camp. Early in the month, both groups got some experience picking apples. Carver's Orchard in Walhalla has been very generous over the years. The girls learned about the term gleaning (to allow those with less to take some of the crop that was leftover after harvest). We've all enjoyed some delicious apple pies from the kitchen as a result! We have learned some interesting things about food in sharetimes. Chief Rachel talked to us about the coffee bean. We even made a poster illustrating how a coffee bean goes from the tree to your cup. The Pathfinders wanted to learn

about coffee first hand so they took a trip to Main Street Coffee Co. in Abbeville, SC. One of the groups' favorite trip foods is corn nuts, and we got to make our own. First you soak field corn in water for three days; then roast and season. Mmmm.

Groups have been trying some different type of cooking as well. One Wednesday evening, we cooked in Dutch Ovens and enjoyed a great meal and vespers, with a beautiful sunset in the background. Have you ever cooked on a tin can? The girls at camp have! They used tin cans, cardboard, and wax to create a hot surface and made a good meal. Every girl tried her hand at cooking pancakes, bacon, and eggs. It turned out great (even though Chief Abby's egg slid off). Trailblazers also put fresh vegetables and meat on skewers and roasted them over an open fire for another supper. Put it all in a tortilla, and whalla!

Going on trips is one of the highlights of

the camp experience. Both groups are heading out on 3 week river trips. But before that, they were busy with plenty of day trips. Trailblazers did some paperwork at the beautiful Clemson Gardens, and both groups planned days to go practice their paddling skills on the nearby Lake Hartwell. Our camp also blessed others with our voices at the Wilderness Wheels fundraiser and at a Benefit Auction in Westminster. Many girls had never been to a live auction before and the experience was definitely one they won't forget.

God's blessings are all around us. He provides. Times do get rough, but it is in these times that we grow the most. May we continue to love the Lord and serve one another.

Amber Grayford
Group Work Supervisor

Three Stories

We went to pick apples on Friday. We saw all kinds of apples. I picked a lot and felt good about that. Some people ate a lot. I only ate four or five. The reason I ate four or five is because I was hungry. The lady who let us pick was so nice. We were allowed to glean in the orchard. There was a lady in the Bible that gleaned wheat. He name was Ruth. She lived with her mother-in-law, Naomi, and took care of her. Ruth met a man named Boaz who asked who this woman is. We read about Elisha. Now we are reading about Ruth and Naomi.



Betty Ann

TB



An Amazing Week!

Hi, I'm back as Serena the reporter and I'm going to tell you about the week. On Friday we went to Abbeville to Chief Veronica's church. We ate supper with some bikers. We even met them. We also sang 3 songs for them. Was it fun!

On Sunday night we drew names for Christmas and we did crafts. It was also fun. On Wednesday night we looked at some pictures for Vespers. They were pictures of Chief Amber when she went to the Amazon Jungle. Tonight we will build a big fire and eat smores. We will also be reading and other things. Today Chief Rachel will be coming down to our campsite to teach us how to draw. We will be in an art class. I hope it is fun.

Serena

TB

Hobo!

On Monday night, I did something I never dreamt about doing. I ate like a hobo! I cooked eggs, pancakes, and toast over the top of a can.



Now usually I would advise you not to try this at home, but this is a „try this at home type of thing. We took huge tin cans and punctured holes in them. We each had our own „burner can%that

made the surface hot. Chief Bill used my hobo can to cook his food. I think he liked it. Chief Carol, Chief Rachel, and Chief Bill said that I would most likely go out in my front yard and cook for all the neighbors to see! Hobos aren't half bad. Cooking like that is something I can handle. As for cooking in the yard: I've done it before and I'll do it again.

Madison

PF



Family's Day!

Family's Day went great last Sunday! My sister, Taylor, Papa, Mama Jean and My Daddy came! I was so happy! When I saw my family I ran up and gave them all a huge bear hug! The first thing we did when they got here was we went and gave our families campsite tours! It was my Papa's first time seeing the campsite. He loved it!

I am determined to have a good rest of the session, and a great home stay this session.

McKenzie
PF

The Campers wrote...

That Chuck Tent!!

Do you have muscles? Do you like to pound things? Well, I do because I like to feel accomplished about what I did on our Chuck tent. It is crazy. One of the up rights had to be taken out then put back in. It took about everybody to get it out. It was frustrating but we finally got it out. But now we're having another struggle. It's our side rails. It's either that we had broken dowels or cut the wood the wrong way. It wasn't notched out far enough. It was just a lot of things. Pathfinders were really frustrated so we talked about it and tried to figure out how to make it work. When I said, „We pounded it, we pounded it%it was awesome. Now, I just thought it was cool to talk about because this is something I really want to take pride in, so come down and observe our lovely tent.

Lafayette PF

MFL Yeah!

Okay, let me begin to tell you about how excited I am to go on the Suwannee River. If you think about it, we only have one month and fourteen days! Only three days after home stay. can't wait. Right now we are doing our MFL! (MFL stands for Master Food List) I am so pumped! We have lots of powdered milk so far. We are only on day nine lunch, but we will be done fairly soon. Hopefully we can play a game. I have a feeling that this is going to be a great session! Good job! We can do it!

Cheyenne TB



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Cough E, Cough E, Cough E

Lately, Chief Rachel has been brewing up good

sharetimes. They have been about one of my favorite things...coffee! I like the beverage, what it stands as, and discovering how it's made. Plus, Chief Rachel finds ways to make it very interesting. Here's a bit of what we've learned.

What ends up hot in our coffee cups, certainly didn't start that way. It all begins as a cherry looking berry on a shrub with glossy evergreen leaves and white flowers. This shrub is called coffea arabica. The plant grows best in soil that contains volcanic ash. The cherries are usually hand picked and then taken to a pulping house where machinery removes the outer layer. The beans become a bluish-green and then later become hard and pale yellow. Then the beans are roasted and become different shades of brown. The darker the roast, the stronger the flavor. We also learned about caffeine, which is a stimulant on the nervous system. We learned how to decaffeinate coffee too.

Tomorrow my group is going to a coffee shop in Abbeville, and we'll get to taste some. It's a great way to end the session, talking about a latte coffee! Yum!

Dakota
PF

NEEDS AND NEEDS MET

We have our doublewide in place after moving an older single wide out. This will improve staff housing. We have been blessed with different help accomplishing this. We are continuing to move dirt and rock to improve the space where it is placed. While doing this we will start repairs on the inside as well. Help with electric, water and sewer is lined up. We would welcome financial help with replenishing the approximately \$20k needed to make the change. Thank you!



Will you pray daily for Wilderness Way?

Sunday

Campers (*Isaiah 32:17*)

- Their Salvation / Spiritual growth
- Accomplish their goals
- Make lasting change

Monday

Staff (*Colossians 3:23*)

- Growth in relationship with God
- Strength for the difficult situations
- Wisdom in making decisions
- Unity

Tuesday

Future of Camp (*Proverbs 29:18*)

- Vision and resources for growth
- Preservation of camp
- Staffing needs
- Larger property

Wednesday

Families of campers (*Joshua 24:15*)

- Their Salvation / Spiritual growth
- Desire for change
- Willingness to work with camp

Thursday

State Agencies

(*Matt. 5:13a, 14a, and 16*)

- A good working relationship
- That they will see the value of our ministry
- Spiritual growth / Salvation

Friday

Finances (*Philippians 4:19*)

- Scholarships for families in need
- For every day expenses at camp
- Donations / Sales at our Thrift Stores
- For expansion and growth

Saturday

The Groups (*Proverbs 27:17*)

- Safety in their various activities
- Accomplish their goals
- Maintain a healthy group culture
- Build healthy relationships in the group
- Take care of each other in the group



SOLD!!!

This month we were blessed with the opportunity to go to an auction. Some of the funds were donated to our camp, as well as another camp in the area. The girls sang, had dinner and enjoyed experiencing what a real auction is like. Thank you to Foothills Fellowship for planning, organizing, and hosting the event!



Trailblazers and Pathfinders singing at the auction



Tuesday Pick-Up
Thrift Store donations: please
Call 864-985-3194 for large item
pick-up

Wilderness Wheels

A 1st Annual Success

Riders covered nearly 200 miles to raise funds for our camp and Fair Play Boys Camp on September 24&25. Next year's ride is already being planned for Saturday September 17, 2011. There will be a 127 miler, a 62 miler and a 25 miler all in Oconee County that day. Interested? Call Nate Graber at (864)903-0964 or email Paul Yoder at yoderpaul@gmail.com.

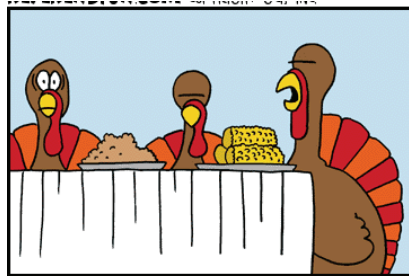


UPCOMING EVENTS CONCERNING CAMP

October 21 Hosting Oconee County's Chamber of Commerce Meeting. WYFF Channel 4's Chief Meteorologist John Cessarich broadcasting the weather from a campsite

October to November Both groups are heading out for a canoeing adventure on the Suwannee River in Florida

November 20 Turkey in the Hole Thanksgiving Dinner



WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE BOUNTY THAT FARMER BOB HAS BLESSED US ALL WITH THESE PAST FEW MONTHS

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU !!!

Here are our financial backers for August to November of 2010. Thanks. This helps pay the bills. Please let us know if we missed your name. Many others are praying for us and providing services. We are grateful for all support.

Churches

Crossgate Church PCA, East Union Mennonite, Oakdale Baptist Ladies Class 6, Earles Grove Baptist, Westminster Baptist, Saint Marks United Methodist, Westminster Baptist, Foothills Fellowship, Crossroads Mennonite, Mifflinburg, PA, Rock Hill Baptist (Fair Play)

Businesses and Organizations

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We consider your financial support a sacred trust, and regard ourselves as ultimately accountable to God for the good stewardship of funds you have entrusted to us. We also believe we must be fully accountable to the public, and so:

- We carefully follow accounting procedures established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and we are audited annually.
- We publish an annual report or financial statement in which administrative and fund-raising expenses are identified.

The identity of all names on our mailing list is kept confidential; we do not rent, sell or exchange mailing lists, and we will always strive to be responsible in our management, truthful in our communication, and cost-effective in our fund raising.

In Memory of:

Marcia Collins	Memory of Rev. James Ferber Hobkins
Marcia Collins	Memory of Janie Hudson
Marcia Collins	Memory of Rev. Jim Mizell
Marcia Collins	Memory of David Tessener
Marcia Collins	Memory of Tom Lynch, Jr.
Marcia Collins	Memory of Irene White

In Honor of:

Gerry Edwards and Debbie Foster by James and Sarah Feltman
Samantha's Birthday by Ken and Flora Edgar

