

Camp Wildbrook has been operating as a day camp since 1952 and is currently accredited by the American Camp Association. It offers a complete day camping program to both girls and boys going into the first through the sixth grades. The camp has **ONE six week session** which starts mid to late June. The program is conducted Monday through Friday (rain or shine) from 9:30 AM to 3:20 PM.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

It is our aim to give your children a safe and happy camping experience. Our program is designed to stimulate an interest in "keeping fit" by participating in alternately vigorous and quiet activities where the campers can develop basic skills as well as an appreciation for activities they can use in their leisure time. The program is arranged where the campers can receive more intensive instruction and help if they wish to pursue any of these activities to greater personal satisfaction. Throughout all of the activities we stress fun, sportsmanship, unselfishness, cooperation, and try to provide opportunities for developing desirable social traits such as courtesy, respect, honesty and fairness. They are given experiences in self-direction and self-control as well as numerous opportunities for leading and following. We aim to provide a camping atmosphere where your children can make new friends, discover new interests, develop new skills and have a summer of fun they will always remember.

THE STAFF

We have a staff consisting primarily of highly qualified teachers and college students who have the experience to guide and help your children to live and have fun in the out-of-doors. It is our goal to provide each camper with fundamental skills necessary for self-confidence and safety both in water and on the land. We have an understanding staff that does everything it can to motivate and encourage beginning campers to attain this feeling of confidence. We ask the parents to be patient and help us by giving their encouragement at home. Instruction is given for learning and improving techniques as well as building up endurance and good sportsmanship in the more advanced and proficient campers.

THE PHYSICAL PLANT

On the 18 acres you will find a 30' x 70' swimming pool and shower house; a large recreation building that includes the equipment room, gymnastics room nature den, indoor bowling and four-square areas; the attached porch is used for dancing and organized games; the Bearcat Barn is used for the girls dressing room and for rainy day activities; the Buckeye Barn is used for the boys dressing room, floor hockey, roller skating and rainy day indoor soccer; the house with six rooms is used for rainy days, counselors retreat, singing and crafts; two ball fields; a soccer/football field; four badminton/deck tennis courts; one tennis/basketball court; shelter building for floor tennis; archery range; indoor and outdoor rifle range; two areas for games of low organization; camp craft, nature lore, drama, singing or story telling areas; wooded area; and last, but not least, a winding creek where many enjoyable hours are spent searching for fossils, salamanders, building dams, and having boat races.

THE PROGRAM

The program is led by a staff of experienced teachers and college students qualified in giving instruction and guidance. It includes the Red Cross Swimming Program, archery, arts and crafts, badminton, basketball, bowling, drama and singing floor hockey, games of low organization, gymnastics, kickball, nature and camping skills, rifle, soccer, softball, story telling, t-ball, tennis and tag football. The complexity and amount of time spent on each of these activities is determined by the attention span and interests of each age group. The day is spent teaching and playing the aforementioned activities on a rotating basis.

Most boys and girls groups have 2 group counselors, while the 2 older groups have 1 group counselor. All groups, along with their group counselor(s), rotate to the activity specialists for instruction in the specialist areas (i.e. archery, nature & camping). Every counselor is responsible for each camper's happiness and well being.

There are two daily club periods when the children select their favorite camp activities on a weekly basis for additional instruction, participation and fun.

Cookouts, field trips, tournament play-offs, novelty hikes and special events such as Olympic Day, Mission Impossible, Crazy Auction, Swimming Meets, Overnights, Parents Visiting Day, and community service projects are scheduled throughout the summer.

Group cookouts are scheduled during their regular nature & camping period and a popsicle/ice cream treat is served to all campers once a week. Overnights are scheduled on two different Fridays, one for girls and one for boys who have completed the 3rd grade.

There shall be separate girls' and boys' groups for each age level with the possible exception when numbers enrolled may necessitate combining two grade levels.

There are no uniforms at Wildbrook. It is a good place to wear old clothes, shorts, blue jeans, T-shirts and sneakers are always in style. Camp shirts and bags can also be purchased. Sweaters should be sent on cloudy or cool days. Swimming suits, towels and sandals or clogs are brought daily. Lunches are brought every day except when notified and dairy drinks for lunch are provided by Wildbrook daily.

WHY WILDBROOK?

Listed below are reasons many parents prefer Wildbrook, an ACA accredited camp, for their children's first camping experience. The appeal of our camp may be varied. We always strive to give each camper a well rounded camping experience through creative educational and recreational activities in groups while in an outdoor setting. We also make every effort to use trained leadership and the resources of our natural surroundings to help develop each camper's mental, physical and social growth in a safe environment.

WE FEEL OUR DAY CAMP:

Serves as an excellent introduction for children to group living in the out-of-doors.

Provides your child with the experience of programs and activities traditional to organized ACA camps while returning to the home setting at the end of the camp day.

Provides an ideal introduction to camping for the child who is not quite ready for resident camps.

Provides an excellent camp experience for the youngster who is involved with local commitments (such as tennis or swim teams).

Offers children a well rounded program that may be unobtainable through baby-sitters, day care programs or recreational centers.

Gives children an attractive structured program when visiting relatives for an extended period in the summer.

May be more affordable for parents than resident camps for a six week period. Fees and expenses for day camp may be tax deductible. Parents should consult their accountant.

WE FEEL OUR CAMPERS GAIN FEELINGS OF:

Enhanced self-concept:

- I can do things, I have skills
- I have learned and improved
- I can make mistakes and still be accepted
- I have friends and people like me
- I like myself

Group acceptance:

- I like my group and they like me
- People listen to me and I listen to others
- My feelings are respected and I respect the feelings of others
- I am proud of my group and the things we do

Being part of a community:

- My group likes to cooperate with other groups in our community
- I want to leave something of me in this community
- I am proud of my community and want to improve it
- I enjoy being part of the activities with everyone in this camp
- I am not afraid of anyone in this camp

2016 Camping Season - June 20th – July 29th, 2016 (Monday - Friday, 9:30 AM - 3:20 PM)

Tuition and Transportation for 2016- Registration and Tuition \$1482.00 per child.

Transportation for 2016 – \$200.00/6 weeks - Amberley, Blue Ash, Finneytown, Hyde Park, Indian Hill, Kenwood, Montgomery, Wyoming, Mason

2016 Registration - Open to 2015 campers and their siblings July 15th - September 30th, 2015.

Open to children on the waitlist October 1, 2015.

CAMP POLICY – Wildbrook cannot be responsible for mailings not received due to a change in address. Those who do not return waitlist slip by October 1st but call at a later date expressing interest in attendance may be placed AT THE END of the waiting list and not at their original position.