

## **CAMP WILDBROOK PROGRAM INFORMATION**

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

### **AIMS & OBJECTIVES**

It is our mission to give your child a safe, positive, and memorable camping experience. Our program is designed to stimulate an appreciation for the outdoors while enhancing skills that encourage social, athletic, and artistic growth. Throughout all of the activities, we stress the importance of character development. Our camp aims to hone each camper's sense of sportsmanship, creativity, cooperation, kindness, respect, honesty, empathy, and perseverance. Campers are given experiences in self-direction and self-control as well as developing skills in cooperation, teamwork, and shared responsibility. We aim to provide a camping atmosphere where your child can make new friends, discover new interests, and develop new skills. As a staff, we hope to help each of our campers grow in his/her self-confidence, respect for nature, interaction with others, and willingness to partake in new activities. Our main objective is for our campers to embark on a summer adventure that they will remember forever. We are more than a "summer activity." We strive to have our campers return to us year after year. Many of our staff members and our camper families consist of former Wildbrook campers. We are proud of our Wildbrook Family and take pride in helping our campers become strong, unique, kind, respectful, dependable, magnanimous members of society.

### **THE STAFF**

Camp Wildbrook's staff primarily consists of highly qualified teachers and college students who have experience with and/or a passion for working with children. Our staff is dedicated to helping our campers grow in their athletic and artistic skills, increase their comfort in and appreciation for nature, and promote character development, self confidence, and a sense of unity within our world. 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 who does everything it can to motivate and encourage beginning campers to attain this feeling of confidence. Instruction is given for learning and improving techniques as well as building endurance, sportsmanship, and integrity in the more advanced and proficient campers.

### **THE PHYSICAL PLANT**

- 16 acres
- Main house 1<sup>st</sup> floor with First Aid station, full service kitchen, counselor meeting area, lanyard porch, and camp office
  - Arts & Crafts Room located in main house basement
  - Lanyard Room/Board Games located in main house 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- 30' x 70' swimming pool and shower house
- Large recreation building with a gymnasium, nature den, and indoor bowling
- Bearcat Barn and Buckeye Barn used for dressing rooms, floor hockey, and rainy day activities
- Three ball fields used for soccer, baseball, and kickball plus 4 open fields for badminton, newcomb, volleyball, and physical education games
- Shelter building with four floor tennis courts
- One regulation sized tennis court
- Two basketball courts
- Archery range
- Indoor and outdoor rifle range
- Drama and Singing Pavilion
- Wooded area and winding creek for boat races, building dams, and searching for fossils, clay, and salamanders.
- Gaga Pit and 9-Square-In-The-Air

## 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 with daily group swim lessons, archery, arts and crafts, badminton, basketball, bowling, drama and singing, floor hockey, floor tennis, gaga, games of low organization, gymnastics, kickball, nature and camping skills, rifle, soccer, softball, storytelling, t-ball, tennis, volleyball, and flag 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 above 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 where the children select their favorite camp activities on a weekly basis for additional instruction, participation, and fun.

The summer includes cookouts, field trips, and special events that help ensure our campers' experience is unique and invigorating year after year. Our special events include unique planning, experiences, and themes to help set our campers' experience apart from any other. Our events have included Campopoly, Gold Rush, Tribes Unite, Everyday Heroes, Carnival, Wildbrook Olympics, Overnights, Parents Visiting Day, Splash Bash, and various community service projects. Group cookouts are scheduled during the group's 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 for the campers who have completed the 3rd grade (one for the girls and one for the boys). There are 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; however, the campers are given a free t-shirt every year depicting that season's design. It is the perfect place to wear old clothes, shorts, t-shirts and gym shoes. Camp shirts and bags can also be purchased. Sweatshirts and raincoats can be sent on cloudy, rainy, or cool days. Swimming suits, towels and pool shoes (flip flops, water shoes, etc.) are brought daily. Lunches and drinks are to be brought to camp 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 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.

### OUR DAY CAMP:

- Serves as an excellent introduction for children to gain an increased appreciation for the outdoors.
- Enhances our campers' self-concept, appreciation for nature, and recognition of the power in unity.
- Provides children with the opportunity to experience traditional programs and activities of 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 throughout the summer..
- Offers children a well-rounded program that supports learning important life skills that may be unobtainable through baby-sitters, day care programs, or recreational centers.
- Provides our campers with the opportunity to step away from screens and into nature.
- 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.

**2024 Camping Season** – June 17<sup>th</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Monday - Friday, 9:30 AM - 3:20 PM)

**Tuition and Bus Transportation for 2024-** Non-refundable Registration Fee- \$150 per child

Tuition for 2023- \$1782/6 weeks (Tuition for 2024 TBD)

Bus Transportation for 2023– \$268.00/6 weeks (Transportation for 2024 TBD)

Bus stop locations in or around the following areas: Amberley, Blue Ash, Finneytown, Hyde Park, Indian Hill, Kenwood, Loveland, Mt. Lookout, Montgomery, Oakley, Wyoming, Mason

**2024 Registration** - Open to 2023 enrolled campers and their siblings until September 30th, 2023.  
Open to children on the waitlist October 1, 2023.