

Windhover Way

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Camp Sessions for 2008

It's never too early to start planning for next summer. 2008 sessions will be the same as in 2007, with the first session beginning on Saturday, June 8. There will be three one-week sessions, then a two-week session, followed by two more one-week sessions to provide the flexibility many of our campers need for their busy summers.

While we haven't had anyone stay for the entire summer yet, many campers stay for two, three, or four weeks – attending multiple one-week sessions and/or the two-week session. Campers are welcome, and encouraged, to stay over on Saturday night between sessions, when they will have a special activity they have helped plan.

Past activities have included a canoe trip, campout, or movie in the lodge. We like to see campers take ownership in camp – “this is my camp” (and it is!) – and we have noticed the longer a camper stays, the more he or she “owns” camp.

Schedule for 2008

Session One - June 8 - 14
Session Two - June 15 - 21
Session Three - June 22 - 28
Session Four - June 29 - July 12
Session Five - July 13 - 19
Session Six - July 20 - 26

Prices remain the same as in 2006 and 2007, with discounts for early sign-up.



(Above) Will Pickard, Adam Field, Luke Dulske, and Whit Ramsey visit Zeus.

Fall Retreat Calendar

Fall retreats are a great way for campers to savor summer memories and take a break from the hub-bub of school, and for prospective campers to get a peek at what Camp Windhover has to offer. This year we are inviting parents to attend the 1st-4th grade retreat with younger campers if they would like. Also, we've scheduled retreats for 5th-

6th graders and 7th-8th graders. We're also planning a women's retreat. Here are the dates:

1st-4th Grades: Sept. 14-15

Women: Oct. 12-13

5th-6th Grades: Oct. 19-20

7th-8th Grades: Oct. 26-27

All retreats begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and end at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. The fee is \$45 per person (or \$30 per person for families). Bring linens! Return the sign-up form included in this newsletter (or print one from www.campwindhover.com under FORMS). Please let us know you're coming by sending in the form or calling by the Tuesday before the retreat. Directions are on the website. Call with questions (601-892-3282).



(Left) Channeling the wonder are Caroline Jaques, Madeleine Arthur, Olivia Becker, and Lauren Ellison.



Kent's Corner: Counting Crows

I've given up counting the crows that have begun frequenting the front lawn since you left. In truth, there are never more than five or six at the time, but they come and go with impunity. I tried planting Romeo out there as a scarecrow (he may as well do something!), but they practically landed on his nose. Romeo, the friendly scarecrow. I don't like to eat crow, but I've been giving it serious thought lately.

Besides counting crows, I've just been trying to beat the heat. August is the time when you speed up and we slow down. While you're starting school and getting ramped up for football games, we're hanging in the shade keeping an eye on the thermometer. It's been hot for the grown-ups too. I've heard them complaining about

it on their way from the air conditioned house to the air conditioned car. They're not even in the heat long enough to get out a complete sentence. The other day I heard Pops say, "I sure am glad I'm not a" Slam, the car door closed and the a/c cranked up. Presumably "dog" was the rest of the sentence.

That's okay. I personally don't like a/c. It just makes the heat that much worse when you're outside. All I ask is a bucket of cool water and a little shade. Now Romeo will take the a/c every time. Then he doesn't understand when they kick him out and it's hotter than when he went in. Of course, nobody ever accused Romeo of being smart.

I hope to see some of you soon. Fall retreats are just around the



corner. Come on down and let's dig up some bones from past summers.

Bull's Eye Club Boys, Judson Womack, Jeremy and Ryan Vezina remove arrows from the archery target.



Romeo's Reply: The Dog Days of Summer

Sirius, the brightest star, is in the big dog constellation. The ancients called July and August the dog days of summer because in those months Sirius, the big dog star, rises and sets with the Sun adding (they thought) to the Sun's heat. I know this, and Kent doesn't, because a little google bird told me and because I am smarter than Kent.

The ancients, of course, were wrong. These are the dog days of summer because it is so hot the dogs are lying around with their tongues hanging out panting for their lives. During the dog days, in order to stay alive, it is essential to get inside and into the air condi-

tioning as often and for as long as possible. Air conditioning is a wonderful invention of the grown-ups. They are not, however, any smarter than the ancients. If they were really smart, they would have air conditioned the outside too.

Pops has something against dogs coming into the air conditioning. It offends his sense of "a place for everything and everything in its place." Kent is so deferential he goes along with this and just lies in the garage panting and grinning. That's all very well, but when it comes to air conditioning, I say it's every dog for himself. Why shouldn't the place for me be in the air conditioning? I have only one complaint. When

Pops kicks me out of the house, it's always hotter than when I went in. Why is this?

I look forward to seeing all of you at the weekend retreats coming up soon. If it's hot, you may find me under the table in the lodge - but don't tell Pops.



We're in the midst of updating the website with new pictures, retreat information, camp 2008 dates, and much more. Check it out starting mid-September.



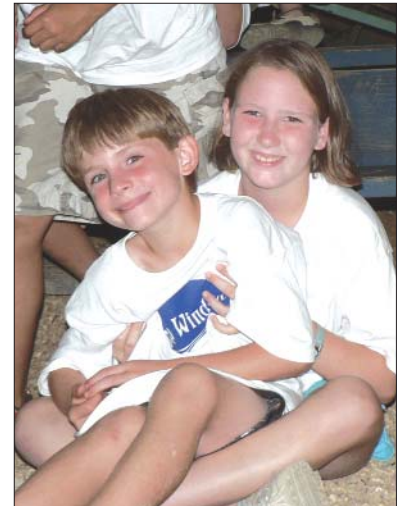
Another Year, Another Deer

Early one morning during camp, an expectant doe stepped out of the woods by cabin 2 to peer curiously at the lodge, casually crossed the lawn, and slipped away behind the infirmary. Now she's back, much thinner, with a little spotted fawn scampering here and there under and around her. Another year, another new deer.

Next summer will be our seventh at camp. Can you remember your first year? Some of you who started with us as nine-year-olds will be coming back as CITs next year. Some of you who started as campers will be coming back as counselors. And every year new campers arrive. For some of you 2007 was your first summer of camp - hopefully, your first of many. And while we manage to stay the same (unspecified) age, we love watching you grow up - and watching camp grow up.

From that first session of 2002 with seven campers, we have grown to well over 200 campers and 24 CITs from Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Illinois, the District of Columbia, Arizona, and France, in 2007. Our camp family grows with each passing year, and we're glad you're part of it.

(Right) Siblings, William and Sarah Tucker Barrier share a moment together at camp.



(Above left) Julia Farley Collins, Addison Hughes, Hadley Thompson and Shelby Quinn Andress strike a pose en route to horseback riding. (Middle) With the aid of the zip line, John Long runs on the water. (Above) Waiting for lunch with Alexx Shirley are Alianne Bruce, Elizabeth Field, Jayne Backstrom, Mary Morgan Grantham, Sylvia Culpepper, Olivia Cronin, Becca Miller, and Swayze Williams.



Registration for Retreats

Please reserve a space for : _____ * at Camp Windhover for the retreat idicated below. Enclosed is the fee of \$45 per camper or \$30 per person for families. I also agree to the terms of enrollment and regulations of the camp as stated in the Camp Policies, found on the website under Camp Policies and What to Bring on the home page.

I give permission for my child to engage in all camp activities, except as noted by me on this application. I give permission for photographs or video footage of my child to be used by the camp for promotional purposes. In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director to hospitalize and/or treat my child. Please attach copy of health card.

Grade of child in 2007-08

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Parent/Guardian's Complete Printed Name

On my honor, in the spirit of Camp Windhover, I promise to be trustworthy, helpful, honest, and true and to encourage others to be likewise. I also agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Camp Windhover. _____

Camper's Signature

September 14 - 15 First - Fourth Grade Retreat

October 12 -13 Women Only Retreat

October 19 - 20 Fifth - Sixth Grade Retreat

October 26 -27 Seventh - Eighth Grade Retreat

*Parents may attend First-Fourth Grade Retreat with their campers. If you plan to attend with your camper(s), please indicate the name of the parent(s) and camper(s) attending.