

Windhover Way

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Camp Announces New Manager

Frank Wood is retiring from law practice to become Camp Manager, effective January 1, 2009. "I'm looking forward to taking over the business and management part of camp," he said. "That will free up Celia to devote her entire energies to the kids as Camp Director."

Frank, who will be 57 on Feb. 5 (no gifts, please), brings a diverse background to his new position. After attending Ole Miss as an undergraduate, he spent the next ten years in graduate schools (medicine, architecture, business, and law) and working (construction and banking), obtaining an MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill and a law degree from U. Va., before practicing law at Watkins & Eager in Jackson for 25 years.

He has been involved in the

camp from the beginning, preparing the business plan and designing all the buildings, and has been "around" much of each summer to lend a hand.

"We built the camp for Celia to follow her dream, but I've been surprised at how much I enjoy it," he said. "Camp is about having fun, first, whether it be playing guitar, riding a horse, or swimming in the lake. But it's also about learning to stand on your own two feet, to live in community, and as you get older, it's about finding out who you are (or who you are becoming), in a microcosm. I enjoy being part of that."

Celia, who graduated from Millsaps and earned an M.A. in English from North Carolina State, worked with children and young adults for 25 years,

teaching at every level from kindergarten to college and directing or serving on staff of Junior League and church camps, before starting Camp Windhover with Frank in 2002.



"Celia and I work well as a team. She's more spontaneous and is great with the kids. I'm more steady and practical. As my friend David Womack used to say, I'm the quiet Beatle."

Frank wrote the lyrics and libretto and David wrote the music for two musicals produced at New Stage Theater in Jackson. "My duties will run the gamut from keeping the books to changing light bulbs, but I also hope to spend some time helping out with theater, as well as horseback." (Both Celia and Frank are certified horseback instructors.) "I may even find time to do some writing in the off-season," he said, as he drove his tractor into the sunset.

What's New for Camp 2009

Next summer - our eighth - will see a few changes. Some parents feel their 7- and 8-year-olds aren't ready for a full week away from home. In order to give these children an opportunity to test the waters, in 2009 we will offer two half-week mini-camps for 7- and 8-year-olds (campers who have finished first or second grade), in addition to the regular one and two week sessions for campers ages 7-14.

A new addition we're particularly excited about is the giant water trampoline we've purchased to complement the "blob" at the lake. It has a twenty foot diameter, floats three feet above the water, and has slide, log, and launch attachments. Get ready to bounce! We're also looking into ropes course elements, so stay tuned for announcements on this score.



Summer 2009 Dates

It's never too early to sign up for next summer. Some people wait until late in the spring to sign up for camp because they are waiting to find out dates for family vacation, soccer camp, vacation bible school, etc. Here's something many people don't know. If you sign up by February 15, you will get the early bird discount, then you can change your session(s) later, depend-

ing on availability. Don't forget that you can combine any two or more sessions and campers are welcome to stay over between sessions at no extra charge. We offer short sessions in order to give you more flexibility. By the time campers are 9 or 10, many are ready for a longer camp experience. Applications and complete fee information are available on our website.

Session One	June 14 – 20	One week
Mini-session One (ages 7-8)	June 17 – 20	Half-week
Session Two	June 21 – 27	One week
Mini-session Two (ages 7-8)	June 24 – 27	Half-week
Session Three	June 28 – July 10*	Two weeks
Session Four	July 12 – 18	One week
Session Five	July 19 – 25	One week

*Note that the two-week session ends Friday. All other sessions end Saturday.

Romeo's Reply



I'm a year younger than Kent. I guess that explains why he's getting older and I'm not. I respect my elders but I don't understand them, especially Kent. We're so different. Kent's scrawny and weak; I'm strong and muscular. He's a field dog; I'm a water dog. He's quiet and wimpy; I'm loud and authoritative. He's milky white; I'm pitch black. He's philosophical and boring; I'm active and fun. Could we be any more different? I'm trying to be objective, but it is not easy.

It's like having an older brother who wears glasses and reads all the time, when all you want to do is play football. I mean, how did our parents have the two of us - I won't even mention the cat - that's a different subject - and how do they seem to like us the same? It's a testament to parenthood, I guess, that they could find Kent so lovable and endearing. Really!

Oh, Kent's alright, as far as he goes, and of course I love him (I have to; he's my brother), but I'm glad I'm me. He can keep his Latin and his armchair, his Shakespeare and his pipe. Give me water to swim in, give me a stick to fetch, give me something to bark at, and I'll show you a dog!



Kent's Corner

I hear Mom and Pops all the time saying, "Kent's getting older." They don't sound surprised, just a little sad. I don't know why. Of course, it's true. Everybody is getting older. That's how it works, if you're lucky. But that's not bad.

The difference is I'm getting older in dog years. Every seven or eight weeks I get a year older. Think about it. What if you moved up to the next grade every other month? Even taking summers off for camp, you'd still finish the fifth grade at seven, the tenth grade at eight, college at nine.

Tempus fugit takes on a whole new meaning if you're a dog. Life telescopes.

It's a little different for all of us. Think of those bugs that appear in the fall and only live for twenty-four hours - or less, depending on traffic. Or tortoises that live for centuries. You and I are somewhere in the middle. You're a little more in the middle than I am.

The funny thing is I don't feel any older. I don't run around the countryside as much as I used to, and I sleep more, but other than that, I'm still Kent the Kid. Time is a concept I never understood or cared about. It's all one big moment to me. I expect I'll live forever in that moment. But what do I know? I'm just a dog.



CIT Fall Retreat Cultivates Leadership

After nearly doubling in size this summer, the CIT program demanded a two-night fall retreat to begin the training process for new CITs, to plan campwide activities for the summer of 2009, and to give Windhover CITs time just to enjoy being together in their supportive camp community. Because we anticipate the same number of CITs as last year, it is likely that some CITs may be spending only one week at camp, making pre-camp planning important. CIT duties include working in the camp kitchen and assisting counselors in the cabin and at activities.

Camp Director Celia Wood said, "We are committed to cultivating their leadership skills, so the longer fall retreat is a way to focus on their native style of leading and start paying attention to what they like and dislike about various styles. We also try to emphasize the importance of pairing with someone of a different personality type when leading a campwide event so that the leadership is well rounded."

CITs at Windhover are really the fuel that drives our engine. During the fall retreat the senior leadership offered several suggestions to make their customary tasks more streamlined and to give them more opportunities to be with campers. We plan to try their ideas out this summer.

All CITs need to apply using the CIT Application form found under "Forms" on the website.



Posing for a photo during the fall CIT retreat include Counselor Bryan Broussard, Lorna Harkey, Stuart Ramsey, Emily Gaines, Xan Failing, Laura Potts, Hanna Wipplinger, Lilly Meeks, Lisi Wipplinger; (front row) Leah Harkey and Kristen Dautenhahn.



Stuart Ramsey and Cadden Christy begin preliminary stages of putting the Blob to sleep for the winter.



Laura Potts, Lorna Harkey, Angie Evans, Will Brewer, Xan Faling and Emma Liston create a fun campwide event using unrelated props.



Going Greener at Camp

In an effort to help Mother Earth, this summer each camper used a blue handle plastic cup that she or he could take home when camp ended. Using these cups in the cabins reduced the amount of disposable plastic cups. Still, the amount of throw-away cups that we use in a summer could fill a land fill.

As a result, this coming summer, we will implement phase two of "Save the Planet." Much the same way that most of our camper parents used a water bottle when they were children at camp, we are going to move to that plan this summer.

The camp staff will tout the values of saving resources,

while making rituals out of filling water bottles and cleaning them daily. The time we spend advocating for a healthier planet should help develop a sense of stewardship in our campers. We are investigating various kinds of water bottles now for our campers and will have them ready with their names on them when they arrive at camp in June.

Want to see these photos in color? Check them out on our website: < www.campwindhover.com>!

Fifth and Sixth Graders Re-Connect at Camp

On September 20-21 fifth- and sixth-grade campers and friends convened for an energy-packed weekend, supervised by counselors Anna Katherine Coker, Daniel Hosler, and Claire Whitehurst. They prepared and cooked their own dinner over an open fire, played a multitude of games that they can now lead at camp, as well as tromped about in the woods, carried away clay from the clay wall and zipped and blobbed in

the lake.



Shelby Leigh Brewer enjoys a perfect zip across the lake on a perfect warm fall day.



Gabriel Escude takes five from playing the guitar to check out the lake before supper.



Enjoying the lake one last time at the fifth-sixth grade retreat are Madeleine Arthur, Honey Holman, Mari Liza Almand, Caroline Jaques, Carly and Alex Good, Olivia Becker, and Frances Huff.