



## Time to Plan for Summer Camp

Flexibility for today's busy children and their parents is at the heart of Windhover's summer schedule. (See our 2010 schedule below.) The days when summer camp, swimming at the pool and baseball were the only summer activities are long gone. Today's children have lots of other choices, including sports camps, music camps, tennis, swim team, theater camp, vacation bible school, family vacation, beach trips with friends, and visits to relatives, to name a few.

We believe summer camp – where the focus is on development of the whole child in a fun-filled, loving atmosphere – should remain a staple of a healthful summer. Our flexible schedule is geared toward making choosing Camp Windhover easy.

Campers can attend any week or any combination of weeks. In 2010, for the first time, campers who can't make it to both weeks of the two-week session can attend one week of it.

As campers get older, they are

## Memorial Day Family Camp

Mark your calendar: On Memorial Day weekend, Camp Windhover will host a two-night, three-day family camp. The dates are Saturday, May 29 – Monday, May 31,

2010.

If you've been thinking about introducing your young child to camp, or just want to get away with the kids for a couple of days



before summer begins in earnest, this is a great way to see what Camp Windhover has to offer. Depending on the weather and luck, we may

*Rachel, Jennifer and Hannah Brady work on crafts together at family camp.*

## 2010 Summer Schedule

**Memorial Day Family Camp** (2 nights) –  
May 29-31

**Session One** (1 week) – June 13-19

**Session Two** (1 week) – June 20-26

**Session Three** (2 weeks) – June 27-July 10

**Session Three A** (1 week) – June 27-July 3

**Session Three B** (1 week) – July 4-10

**Session Four** (1 week) – July 11-17



*CIT fall retreat attendees, Jessie Smith, Will Simmons, and Morgan Jefferis, make the kitchen run smoothly.*

ready for longer stays at camp. Many campers attend for two weeks, and stays of three or four weeks are not uncommon. Make your summer plans now, and include Camp Windhover!

climb the rock wall, and zip through the canopy of trees, shoot some arrows, cook over an open fire and tell a few tall tales, blob and zip into the lake, tromp about the woods or jump on the water trampoline, meet or hear a hoot owl, and definitely create a craft. We feel reasonably sure that you will eat well, make new friends, have fun, and leave with a more relaxed perspective.

## We Get by with a Little Help...

If you love Camp Windhover and want to help us grow, schedule a camp slide show in your home (and get a discount on next summer's fees), or a birthday party at camp. Email Celia Wood at [celia@campwindhover.com](mailto:celia@campwindhover.com), or call 601-892-3282, if you're interested.

For months we've been working on a new website, which we'll put up in January. It will feature our new camp video! Last summer, Alex Petrovitch and our daughter, Katherine Randolph, shot the video during Session Four, and our daughter Alice Wood set it to music. Stay tuned!

## Billion Dollar Birthday Bash

A billion dollars worth of fun was had at the November 8 birthday party for Kent, Romeo, and Roz. They celebrated a combined 26 years (182 human years), as Kent turned 13, Romeo turned 12, and Roz turned 1. Invited guests included Zeus (aka Miss Kitty), Tai Pan, Morgan, Cheyenne, Vegas, and Hershey, but the party was officially open to anyone with four legs and/or a tail (or tailfeathers). On occasions like this, hostilities (dog-cat, cat-mouse, etc.) are set aside, to be resumed the next morning.

Everyone stopped what they were doing to attend. Beavers stopped their dam-building, birds took a break from nest-building, deer and turkey quit roaming, squirrels, rabbits, chipmunks, moles, and voles stopped digging, and mice stopped chewing up the wires in the tractor. Even the pets, who don't have to do anything but have fun and wait to be fed again, stopped waiting to be fed.

All gathered around a campfire in the fire pit under the light of

a full moon, where they roasted marshmallows and sang songs. The highlight of the evening was when Roz, the inimitable entertainer, sang "I Can't Believe It," a song of her own composition, which began like this:

*I can't believe how cute I am  
I'm cuter than biscuits and black-berry jam  
I'm easily the cutest one in the fam;  
I can't believe how cute I am*



*Romeo, Kent and Roz enjoy the birthday bash held in their honor.*

*I can't believe how cute I am  
I'm cuter than grits and Virginia ham  
I'm cute when I wear a Scottish tam  
I can't believe how cute I am*

*I can't believe how cute I am*

*I'm cuter than a baby in an old-fashioned pram  
I'm cute as a bell on the neck of a lamb  
I can't believe how cute I am*

There were 26 verses, all in the same vein, and while some (notably Miss Kitty) grumbled that the song was conceited, boastful, and egotistical, all admitted that the little dog did an admirable job of putting the song across, staying in character the whole time and bouncing, springing, and yipping in between verses for good measure.

Cries of "Speech! Speech!" went up for Romeo and Kent, and the two old dogs made a few remarks along the lines of winter coming and gathering ye rosebuds while ye may and other sage words, before everyone toasted them long life and happiness, and all melted back into the woods, leaving the campfire cold and the night silent as if the magical occasion had never occurred.

## Retreats Anyone?

In addition to summer camp, Camp Windhover offers camp-run retreats and also rents its facilities for outside group retreats and birthday parties. This fall Camp Windhover sponsored a CIT Retreat and a Family Camp Retreat, on weekends in October. At the fall **CIT Retreat**, those interested in being a CIT next summer had an opportunity to find out about the program and meet CITs who



*Meredith Coleman, Rebecca Sistrunk, and Maggie Nichols show off retreat crafts.*

who have served at camp before.

Goodweather (Buchanan and Sam Westover, Will Simmons, and Ben Henry), who played Saturday night of the retreat, was a huge hit. At the **Family Retreat** old campers showed new campers and their parents around camp and relived summer memories around a campfire. **The New Orleans Swim Team and Luling (La.) Swim Team** had a big turnout for their retreat in September and demonstrated – if there had been doubt – that New Orleans folks know how to have fun!

Camp Windhover  
2092 Six Mile Road  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059  
601-892-3282

[www.campwindhover.com](http://www.campwindhover.com)