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## **SUMMER SERVICE**

### WRYC SUMMER NEWSLETTER

#### **Fall Retreat**

we have just completed summer camp, but WRYC's fall high school retreat is just around the corner. We are excited to announce that Jefferson Street Church of Christ will be leading our worship and games this fall. 8th – 12th graders can go to our website at www.whiteriveryouthca mp.com and register. Mark your calendars for October 22-24 and come reunite with us for our fall high school retreat.

## This is the Way

Our gate was open and the campground was flooded with excitement and worship. These are a few of our summer highlights: initiation, silly songs, campfire, counselor skits,

all night prayer sessions, Bible classes, devotionals, recreation, many laughs, a few tears and lots of worship. Planning and preparing for 7 weeks of summer is a team effort. We are blessed with grounds keepers who work year-round to keep the camp clean and functioning. We have a team who spends several months focusing on the curriculum. We have a handful of servants who work night and day handling registration, reading hundreds of emails and organizing tents so that everyone is with their friends. We have several volunteers who are willing to sacrifice their time, energy and resources to update buildings, rooms and games. And we have hundreds of warriors who are diligent in prayer for White River Youth Camp. For over 50 years, WRYC has been the highlight of many campers' and volunteers' summers. And it has always been a team effort aimed to bring youths closer to Christ. And although camp is the highlight of their summer, our highlight is being able to see the many laborers at work

for the Kingdom of God.

This summer, we focused on The Way of Christ. As Christians and as young men and women, the world fights to pull us in different directions. However, as disciples, we are called to follow one way - God's way. We discussed and studied how many throughout scripture were called to follow God's way. They were not the oldest, wisest, strongest physically or spiritually, but they answered the call to walk in the way of Christ. We were blessed to share this summer with 674 overnight campers, 82 day-campers, 15 workcampers and over 100 volunteers. 24 young hearts turned their life to Christ in baptism and we had many more who went home, studied with their families and also obeyed the gospel. Our hearts were full and our joy was complete with the work of God this summer. Thank you for sharing your kids with us. We cannot wait do it again next year!

This summer, when we reached out for help, you answered the call! When we needed new sports equipment and furniture, you answered the call; when we needed help with completing our deck in front of the new buildings, you answered the call;

when we needed assistance in making our campground wheelchair accessible, you answered the call. We prayed and you were and are an answer to our prayers. We had contractors, construction workers, welders and many others leave their permanent jobs to help us with our many projects around camp. We cannot express our gratitude enough. Thank you to all those who gave their time, energy and resources to help camp grow! We are blessed to be surrounded by people with servant hearts.

# It's Almost Time

We hope you have marked your calendars and are planning to attend our 50th Year Celebration on September 18! Check out our schedule below; come and go as you would like. Take some time to reminisce your past and see what our future holds for the next generation of campers.

#### WRYC 50th Year Celebration Schedule

#### 1:30-3:00 - WRYC Through the Years Reception

- Parking Patrol and Golf Cart Shuttle Service available as needed
- Reception
- Memorabilia
- WRYC Store

#### Welcome in the Pavilion

#### 3:00-5:00 - Tours, Trading Post, and Fellowship

- Camp Tours and History Golf cart shuttles available as needed
- Trading Post refreshments for a nominal fee
- Rec Room
- WRYC Store
- Arts and Crafts
  - Open for business Crafts available for families (small fee may apply)
- Outside games
- Water slide and bounce house
- Pool Open for family swim time
- Train Rides

#### 5:00-6:30 - Dinner

• FREE Meal

#### 5:30-7:30 - Tours, Fellowship and S'mores

- Camp Tours and History Golf cart shuttles available as needed
- Trading Post refreshments for a nominal fee
- Rec Room
- WRYC Store
- Arts and Crafts
  - Open for business Crafts available for families (small fee may apply)
- Outside games
- Train Rides
- Coffee and fellowship in dining hall
- Smores at Fire Pit

#### 7:30-8:00 - Camp Sing Along and Silly Songs

• Old and New Silly Songs, Spool Songs and Sing-Alongs

#### 8:00-8:30 - Singing and Closing Remarks

- Campfire
- Devotional Songs



