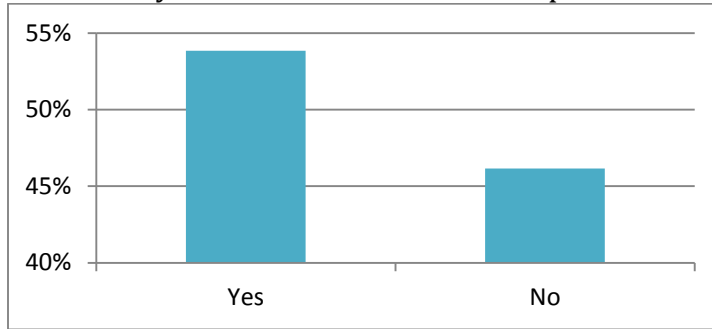
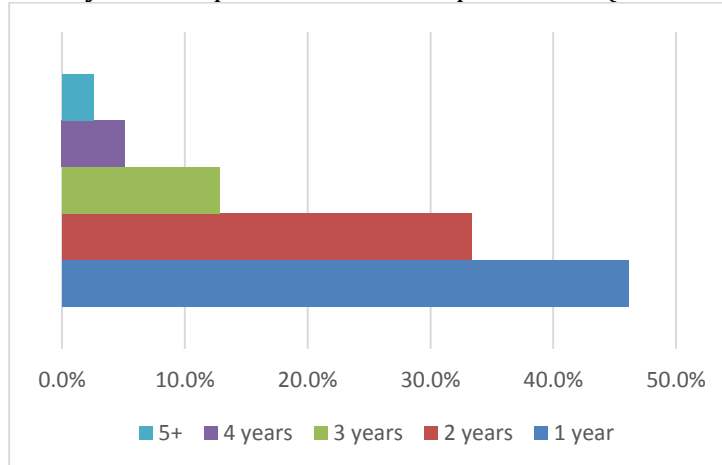


## **Parent/Guardian Evaluation Report 2016**

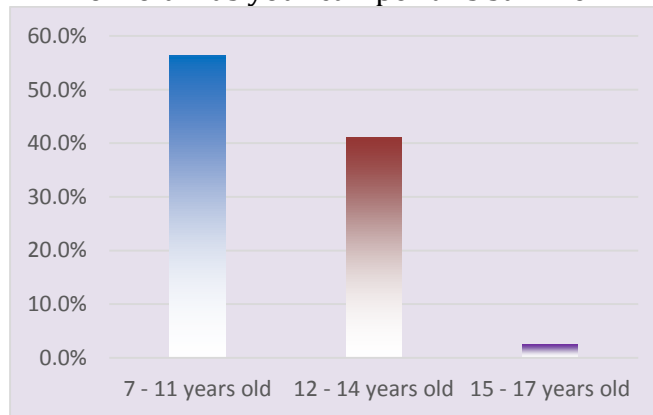
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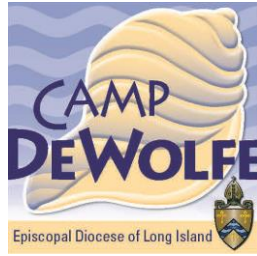


How many years has your camper attended Camp DeWolfe (including this summer)?

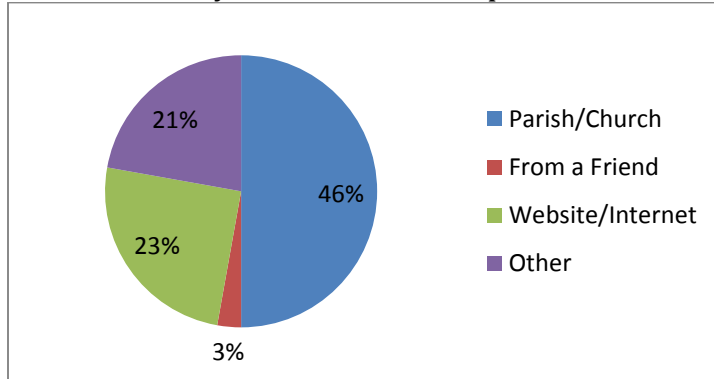


How old was your camper this summer?

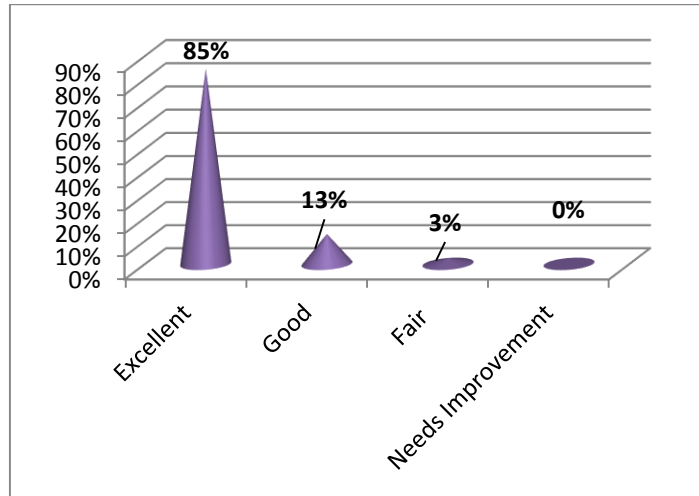




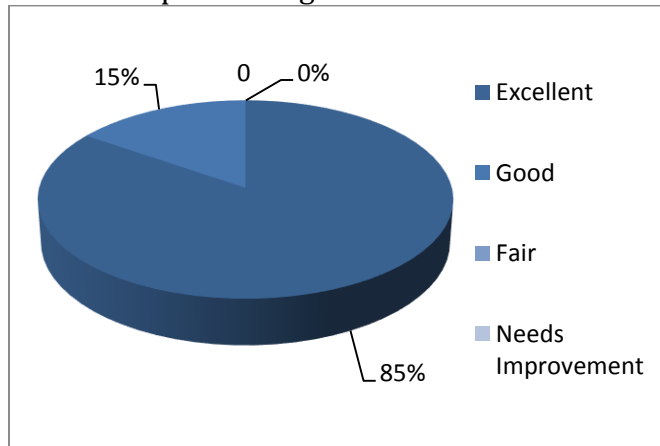
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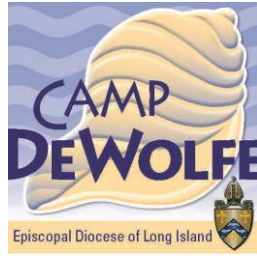


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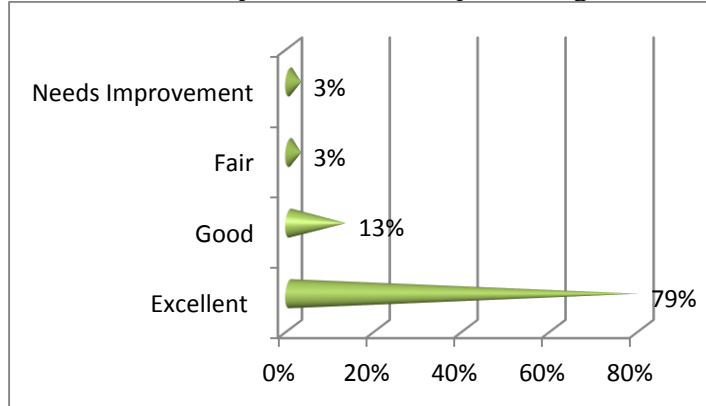


The brochure and printed registration forms were informative

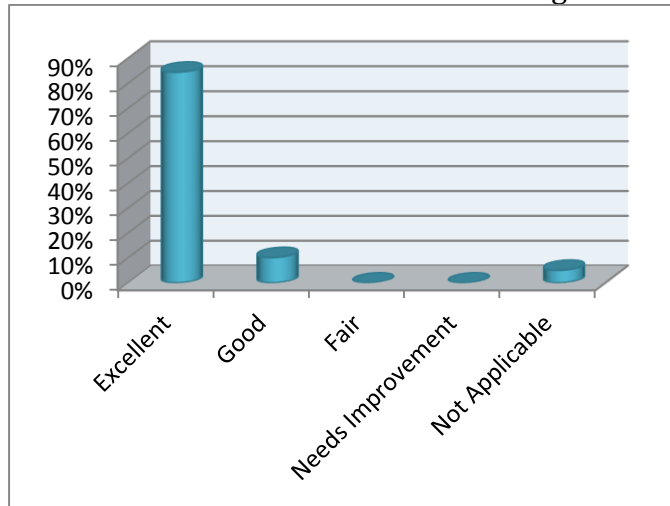




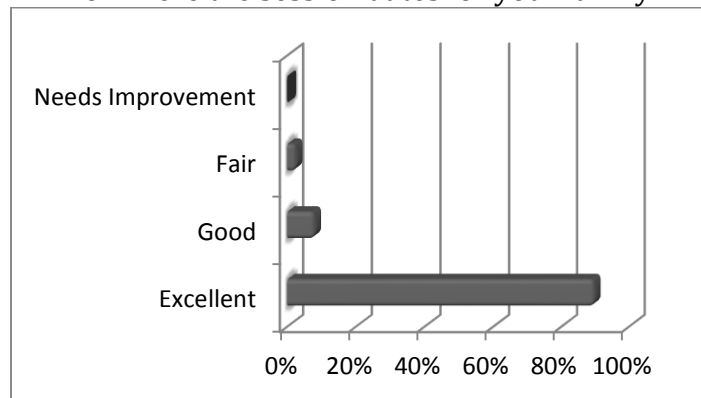
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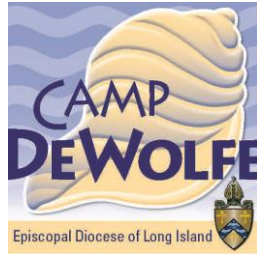


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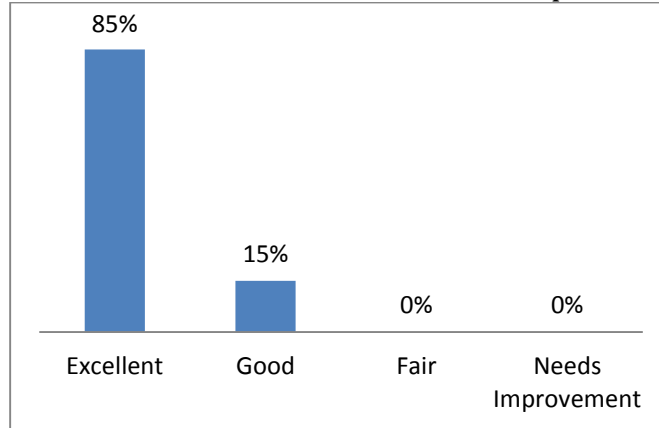


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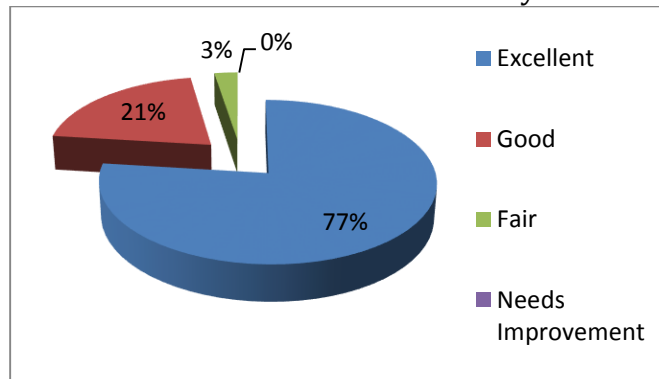




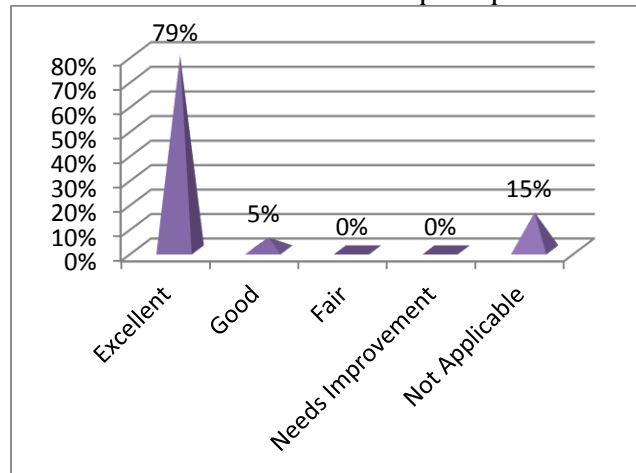
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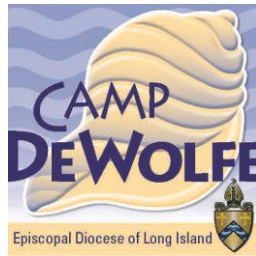


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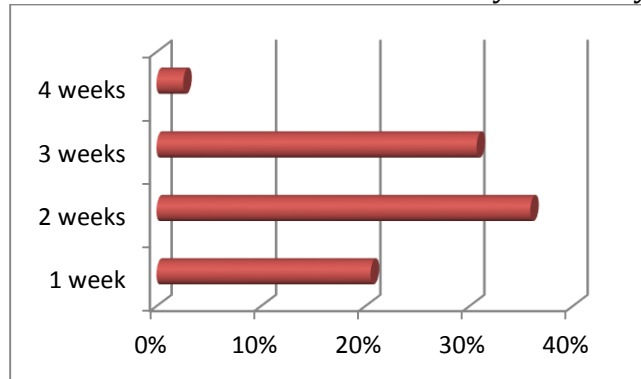


How helpful was the financial assistance from Episcopal Ministries or your parish?

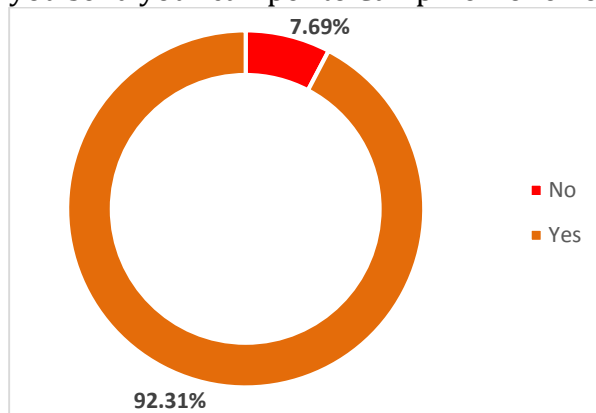




What session duration would work better for your family next year?

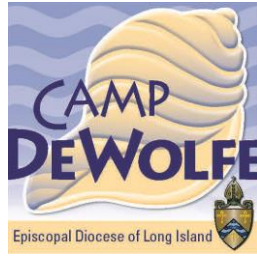


Would you send your camper to Camp DeWolfe next year?



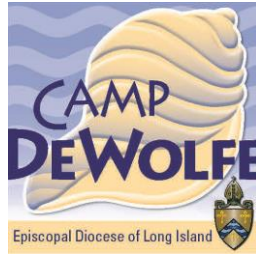
Please explain why you would send your camper to Camp DeWolfe next year?

- My son came home each day from the camp filled with excitement about all the adventurous activities from the camp. He just couldn't wait to go back and sail, ride his bike, play archery or just socialize with the counselors & peers. We already are looking forward to next summer at Camp De Wolfe!
- My children had a wonderful time at camp.
- She has the best time. I think camp help her socialize and grow up been a happy and mature girl
- My camper just seems to blossom while at camp. And is glowing at pick up.
- My son has already said he wants to go again for three weeks next summer. This was such a wonderful thing to hear him say since in general he spends so much time on electronics especially when parents are working. When i picked him up he couldn't stop talking about the great staff, new friends, good food and all the fun he had. So many wonderful happy experiences, memories



and lessons, with the Lord at the helm. I am so grateful to Camp DeWolfe for being there and providing such a meaningful, inspirational and spiritual haven. Thank you

- My camper has spent 2 very happy summer camps at Camp DeWolfe. I cannot thank you enough for all you have provided for these kids. Our son is so happy at Camp DeWolfe and this is a blessing I would love to see him continue to experience.
- My son had a wonderful time and made lots of new friends.
- My son had another Great time this summer
- My camper has such an amazing time each year. He learned so much, like his newfound archery ability, and he really enjoys reestablishing old friendships and making new ones. He also gets to explore his faith. It's the perfect environment for him.
- They love going every year
- Wonderful all around experience in a safe, Christian setting
- Great experience! Fun, friendly, enriching.
- He loves this place
- Excellent experience every year. Positive role models, learning more about God and the importance of community.
- She loves it. Makes new friends every time.
- It all comes down to whether I can get a scholarship/assistance as I'm retired on a fixed income.
- My camper had a great time. He loves the activities and he loves everyone there. He calls the camp his second home and he hopes to become a counselor there. There are no words to describe how happy he is there and this helps him with the things that are going on at home, thank you so much for all the love that is given here at the camp.
- Great experience that exposed them to new things in a diverse community setting and forced them to face their fears about camping. They met new friends. They had no anxiety about sleeping away from home. As a parent of first time sleep away campers, my experience was good once I started seeing more pictures of my kids online.
- My camper had a very positive experience at the camp. He enjoyed coming to the camp everyday.
- My son loved being at camp. It was his first time away from home, except for an overnight at his aunt's house, and he stayed the whole time. He had lots of fun.
- My daughter was homesick but she loved it... i had spoken to donna who was very helpful...
- My kids had a great time. They were kept busy all day and well taken care of by the staff.
- My camper had a very good time and is expecting to return!
- The camper had a great experience.
- My camper had such a wonderful experience at the camp. He enjoyed coming everyday. Everyone was very kind. He is looking forward to attending next year.
- They had a wonderful time and felt a true sense of friendship and accomplishment in all that they did. Loved the food too!
- He made friends and was interested in all activities. he had fun.
- I love the camp and the staff



- Because they loved it. They liked spending time with new friends and amazing councilors. They are looking forward to next year
- She had a great time.
- I myself am a Camp DeWolfe alumni, I know what an amazing place it is. My son loved it, he had a wonderful time and raved about it. It was an amazing experience for him. Before we were a minute away he was already telling me he wants to return for fall winter and next summer! (Note: originally under a “Not returning to Camp” response, assuming it was user error on previous question)

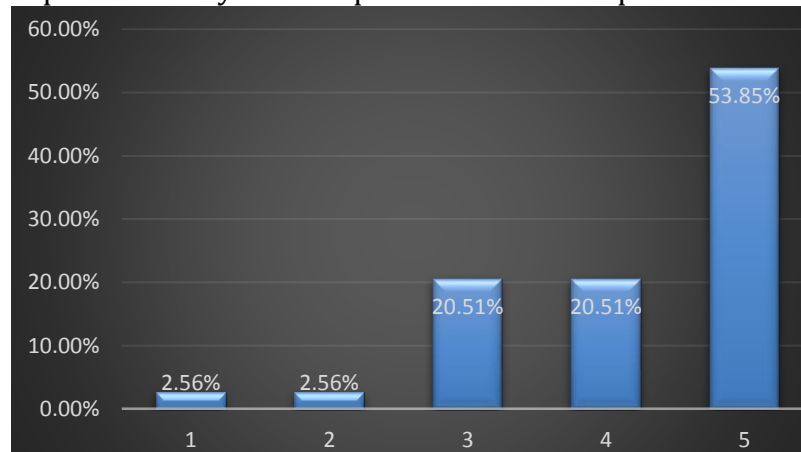
Please explain why you NOT would send your camper to Camp DeWolfe next year?

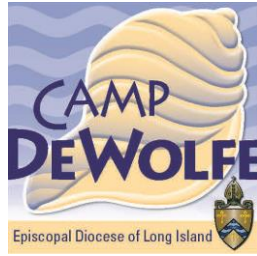
- They are not sure about returning because they felt the counselors were not as nice this year. They felt like they were getting in trouble a lot.
- My son was bitten severely by bed bugs. The nurse said it was mosquito bites. The director Nathan could care less about the issue and pretty much did not directly address the issue or apologize
- I don't know yet. Because my daughter might go mission trip, I don't know the schedule yet. another reason, financial issue. But, they really like to go again. Appreciate to have them had a really good time.

## CAMPER OUTCOMES

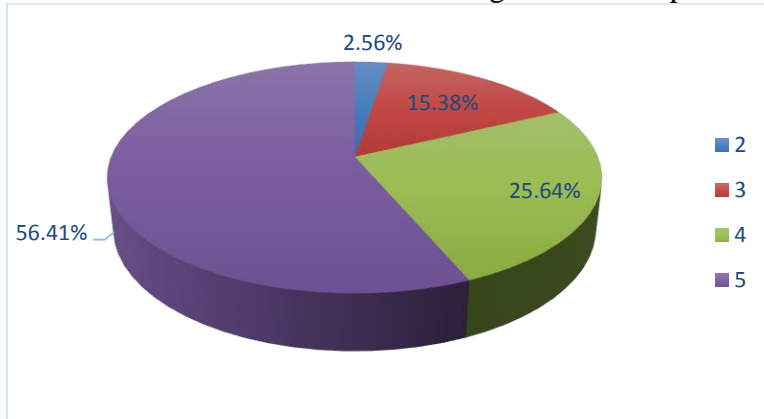
**Parent prompt: “To what degree did you experience change or growth in the following ways? Rate the following on this scale: 1. No growth... 3 Some growth... 5 Significant growth.”**

Improved ability to build positive relationships with others.

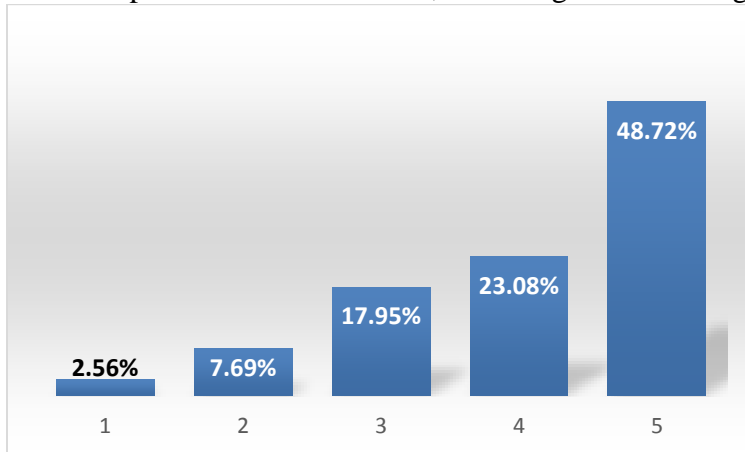




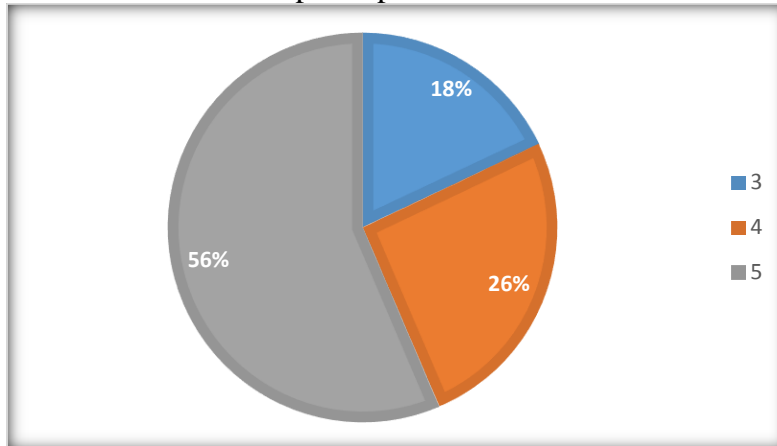
Increased confidence to take on challenges and solve problems.



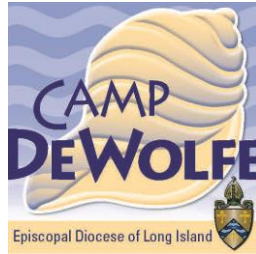
Increased interest in personal time with God, including Bible reading and prayer.



Increased awareness and active participation in the outdoors and natural setting.

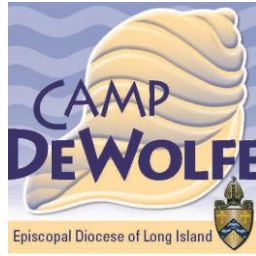






**Parent prompt: “Please explain your answers.”**

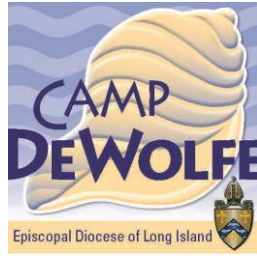
- 5 camp help her be a positive person
- My camper come back home renewed and so, so happy!
- My son always experiences personal growth at camp ...prior years he experienced a lot because he was younger but he always gets a lot from his camp experience.
- He enjoys it all and has a better attitude when he comes home before reverting back to the awful social-media checking, texting, video-watching teen that he is.
- He continues to have problems with the meaning of Christian faith and questioning. My impression is that while exposure is good, he can benefit from discussion which allows for the expression of doubt. He has had so little exposure to nature that he does not know how to handle it.
- My camper has come home after the first year as an LIT understanding the importance of taking responsibility for your actions. My camper has shown growth and maturity after spending time with counsellors and clergy that provided him with friendship, mentorship and spiritual counseling to help him grow and mature into a responsible teenager. He also learned the importance of responsibly and working together within a community.
- My oldest in particular felt like his experience was overshadowed by an emphasis on pointing out negative behaviors and being punished for even small mistakes.
- My camper really loves being with his friends that he made last year and new friends this year. He took on the challenge of the 3-mile walk to Wildwood. I don't see him reading his bible or praying so no change there. Rene loves the activities and outdoor/natural setting.
- there are no words. The program is great and I'm sure it will only get better with the ideas that Nathan has.
- The Camp DeWolfe experience enriched my children's lives in the following ways: spiritual growth first and foremost, understanding the value of community (particularly important during these trying times regarding world, national and local socioeconomic conflicts they are exposed to on the news), learning independence and gaining courage to have difficult conversations without me there to coach them through situations with their peers.
- My son seemed to mature a little after his camp experience. There were lots of examples for him of positive relationships with other, he spoke about it all the time. He described how he had a wow moment (one of the three things they had to discuss every night). He was in the chapel and looked out at the sound and felt grateful for God and in awe of His creation. I am happy he slowed down enough to experience that.
- My camper had a great experience with his counselors and new friends
- My camper is a child that can be very shy at times.... she really opened up with the help of her buddy and her counselor Amoy...
- My camper made several friends and made strong connection with nature and God.
- He does not like much of an outdoor activity but he loved the activities he was doing and also the environment compared to the camp he went last year.
- My camper has always been interested in God, loves Sunday school. He discusses it a lot more than he used to.



- My camper has changed in so many positive ways and has been a lot kinder to her sister and other kids.
- When she has some issues with others, counselor just talk to person, but not to move.

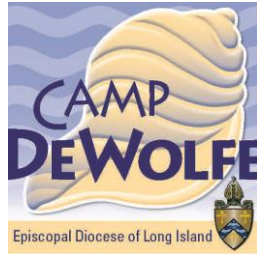
**“What were your hopes for your camper while they were at camp? In what ways were these hopes realized or not? What was the highlight? What was most disappointing? Describe any changes you've seen in your camper.”**

- My son had a wonderful experience in a safe environment while learning more about God, community service and sharing with others. He loved most if not all the outdoor activities.
- Last year we move from queens her home town to new Rochelle and was the first time for her a camp. Camp helped her a lot with that transition, she learned how to make friends and accept changes positively. This year she was so excited to attend camp again and when she returned she was happy and secure that she wants to return. The experience makes her more independent and mature and I love the contact with God in a more adequate way for her age!
- To laugh, learn, be engaged, meet and make new friends, feel safe and accepted, to be with God and contemplate his faith.... All and more were realized in his smiles and happiness and excitement to return next year. I have heard him singing some of the songs he learned at camp and we have been saying camp grace at meals. He said even the rainy days were fun... No disappointments!
- We wanted him to have fun, socialize, be active, and just be a kid.... He did it all! Thank you so much!
- He again met new friends and interacted well with them and counselors...he always gets a lot out of it. The only thing I feel should be changed is that I felt bad for the campers that were left when some of their friends went home. I think the sessions should be the same length for all campers.
- Disappointing that what he learns there doesn't seem to stick. He's right back to behaving the way he was prior to camp. His change seemed to last only 24 hours. I know he did benefit from it but even as I write this, he is back to watching videos and constantly being on social media and texting friends rather than engaging in any meaningful conversation. I wish camp could last all summer right up to the start of school.
- I wanted my children to feel comfortable being away from home and to be in a nurturing environment, learning about God, themselves and outdoor activities. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, loved the food, had a great time with the counselors and other campers and learned new things. I'm very happy about their experiences.
- My camper had an amazing summer last year and this summer seemed just ok. She didn't seem to have as excellent of a time as last year and I think she came back a little less enthusiastic. One thing I was worried about was that she had been dealing with anxiety attacks all year and I only found out that she had been having a pretty hard time with it at camp from her on the very last day. Also, last year there were so many more photos each day for the parents. I would say that the total number of photos put up for the whole week this year was equal to the number of photos put up each day last year. Even in the end of camp video, there wasn't a single picture of my kid. You wouldn't even have known she was at camp by looking at the pictures. The only pictures I did get were taken separately and emailed the second to last day because I had asked for photos.
- My hope was that my camper would return home a little more mature and recognize the importance in following through with responsibilities and obligations. He has come home after his first year as an LIT



understanding the importance of taking responsibility for your actions. He has shown growth and maturity after spending time with counsellors and clergy that provided him with friendship, mentorship and spiritual counseling to help him grow and mature into a responsible teenager. He also learned the importance of responsibly and working together within a community.

- I was hoping they would gain independence and enjoy interacting with peers and counselors. This year was not quite as positive an experience as the first time around. There was a lot they enjoyed, especially my youngest who was away for first time, but the two oldest came back feeling very ambivalent about returning. There was a big difference for them between last year and this year.
- My hopes were that he would eat healthy and lose weight and in a way that was achieved. I wasn't so thrilled with the camp store as I couldn't know what he was buying. I wanted to avoid him buying sweets and unhealthy snacks. I gave him \$20 and it was all gone. He said he bought low calorie GatorAid. I also wanted my camper to take on challenges and learn to control his emotions. He was scared of the 3-mile walk to Wildewood but I'm so glad he made it. He was so glad to meet up with his old friends and make new ones. Highlight was him being awarded Camper of the day and archery winner. Disappointing for me was his initial refusal to go to Wildewood. He enjoyed camp.
- I feel that every time my camper goes and comes home he is closer to god and believes more in our faith and he loves going there and all of the things he learns.
- As described above this was a great experience for my family overall. However, I have concerns about Nicole, one of the counselors in G1 during Discovery Camp. As a parent, I found her to be standoffish as I tried to connect with her due to her role as caretaker for my girls. I was not surprised to find out that she made one of my girls cry when she impetuously shoved my daughter's mail from home into a plastic bag with wet clothing when my daughter was begging her not to. Needless to say the ink on the letter was smudged and now illegible in some portions. My first impression is that working with kids is not Nicole's passion. Honestly, I would ask that my children not be placed in her cabin should they return to Camp DeWolfe next year if you continue to employ her. Kayleigh was delightful. My girls adored her. My experience was with Kayleigh was also a very good one. I appreciate the time she took to reassure me that my children would be well looked after.
- He overcame his fears and did very well at camp. He was responsible and independent.
- My son is immature for his age, and he wanted to go with the Adventure camp knowing he would be the youngest. My hope was that he would see by example and mature a little. It did happen, although he reverts back to younger behavior when he is with his younger friends. It's still a positive step. I was disappointed that he wet his bed a lot during his stay. I was told it was every 2-3 days. I know it was a lot for the counselors to work with, and I am very happy that they responded cheerfully and was able to give my son a very rewarding camp experience. He was never ashamed and everything was handled discreetly. thank you.
- Bed bugs!!!! NOAH was severely bitten. I wish they would have called me or change his bed at the camp.
- I cant honestly say that she accomplished all.... she had a great time and really opened up...
- To make friends and become more independent. My kids had a wonderful time. My daughter who is on the shy side made many friends. I can see the change in her confidence when entering new situations since we have been home. She is not afraid to try new things. My son too made some friends. The cabin

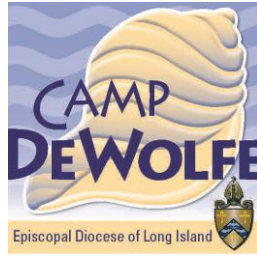


mates(kids) were a little rough. In fact one had told him that if my son was to attend again next summer that he would make my sons life horrible because he was coming back as a CIT. My son does not want to go back for that reason only. I am hoping my son will forget about this part. Outside the cabin camp was great for him. He made many friends in the different activities. He too has grown in making decisions and being more independent.

- My camper came back home a more independent and confident child. He also has a bigger interest in God and spirituality.
- I was hoping my child would become more confident and be more involved spiritually. Christopher made a lot of friends and developed positive ways to deal with problems. Overall I am satisfied with his experience.
- make friends and have fun.
- My camper loved camp, his counselors, his cabin mates he especially loved the food he said chef Alex was awesome "His hash browns are like biting a corner off a rainbow!" I wanted him to get closer to God and I feel he really did accomplish that. As much as he missed home he loved being there so it was ok. I appreciated the pictures each day! He really loved Olympic weekend as well. His confidence and self reliance has increased tremendously, as well as his increased relationship with God and interest in the stories.
- I wanted both of my children to open up to others... work on a relationship with God
- I wanted her to improve her self-confidence and self-esteem. She had a very hard school year and a teacher who punished her constantly. It really drove her self-esteem down.
- I hoped for my children get improved the relationship with other people without parents. Actually, one daughter got what I hoped, the other didn't get. But I am sure, when they get any similar situation as the camp, they will think and help to how to decide. One more thing, she was so impressed the worship and activity to know about God.

Please submit any other comments to help us improve the camp programs offered next season.

- My camper does not write home, perhaps time could be set aside for them to write home, a required 10 minutes every other day. She was sick at camp and I was informed when I picked her up. She seems to have been well taken care by the nurse. However, it was a little disconcerting and a phone call home during the illness would have been better.
- How do you improve on something and someplace so wonderful. Thank you all God Bless
- I am just so grateful and happy for all you do. Blessings in abundance to you!
- He had a great time again this year.
- I know how hard the staff and the counsellors must work to prep and then once the kids are there to engage them all and keep them safe and happy. You manage to give them some of their most treasured memories of their lives, where they can be outdoors learning new skills and deepening their relationships with their peers and with God. It is deeply appreciated.
- My daughter would have liked to have been able to do more activities in different areas throughout the week instead of just two different activities all week.
- He loved the food in camp! I was very happy to hear about all the healthy meals and snacks he enjoyed. I also loved the new email your camper on your website.



- There were some things that seemed to be overlooked. One of my kids vomited on his sleeping bag and clothes the first or second day of camp and was left without anything to sleep on for the week. Plus I was handed a bag of items with week-old vomit on them when I picked him up. I get no laundry service, but was there really no access to water of any kind so he could at least try to clean it? Additionally, my kids had pretty severe sun damage on their necks and faces. It would have been nice if the counselors had helped make sure they applied their sun screen properly (the same with the bug spray which I thought was supposed to be kept under supervision). Finally, when I picked their belongings up, everything was a mess--not just the vomit, but their belongings were laying around on the ground near their duffle bags in the parking lot. I don't expect anyone to pack for them, but it didn't appear they had any adult guidance at all in packing up. Overall, it felt like there was a general lack of attention to some of the details.
- I really don't have much comments. It looks like you really kept them occupied with so much activities like the Olympics, Hawaiian night, rocket making, boat making, talent contest. And that's what these adolescents need - lots of varied activities so they're active and not bored. Camp DeWolfe should look into air conditioners for the cabins as it can get very hot in August and my camper advised they were hot. I don't know if there is any way that the parents can see the menus of the daily meals and the selections the campers have. I'm trying to get my camper eat healthy and make healthy choices.
- Thanks for everything. I'm grateful that my family received a scholarship making it possible for my girls to attend Camp DeWolfe. They would not have been able to do so otherwise. The administrative staff was responsive and professional. I'm not sure if my kids just elected not to write home, but I recommend dedicated note card writing time and walking the kids to the mailbox to send the note cards off at least 1x/week for the benefit of the parents!
- I think everything was perfect. My son, who is a picky eater, came home raving about Chef Alex. He never tried Quiche before (refused to-- it's a combination food) but he proudly told me he had Quiche and loved it. I would love to get the recipe :) or at least the ingredients he used so I can try to make it at home. Everyone at camp de Wolfe was cheery and helpful and supportive. It's a good place to be!
- Exterminator
- My only complaint would be the mosquito.... she needed to use her spray at day and nite
- Loved the pictures and being able to see what the kids were doing during their stay.
- I wish the session was a bit longer. Also, wish there was laundry service so we wouldn't have to pack as much. Other than that we couldn't be happier.
- More snacks throughout the day. More counselor involvement.
- The only problem he complained about was that there were lots of ants. Maybe there could be a way of preventing that next time.
- My son has said to bring back his counselors Kyle and Aiden. He also said it would be good if the campout was optional. My daughter said to bring her counselors Lucy Amy and Katherine