

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF "CHANGING LIVES, SHARING CHRIST" SINCE 1947

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## 1947: What a Year!

### *Gearing up for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Camp DeWolfe*

What a year! In 1947, Camp DeWolfe ran its very first summer camp and now, nearly 70 years later, the camp is preparing for one of the most exciting years of celebration to date!

Imagine, that back in 1947, Bishop DeWolfe was signing the title deed of Camp DeWolfe and at the same time, and not too far away for that matter, *Jackie Robinson was signing a contract to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers*. Becoming the first African American Baseball player, since the 1880's. While the two events may be mutually exclusive, I still imagine that there were a few Dodger fans who came to camp that year and had something to talk about during lunch.

This brought up to the idea to me that: *Time and place are really important*. The fact that God has sustained this camp, in this place, these last 70 years is really important. The fact that back in 1947, our campers were talking about Jackie Robinson and that now we still find ourselves addressing racial injustice and inequality, in this place and at this camp, is still really important.

I'm so amazed that Camp DeWolfe has stood its ground throughout some pretty tough times over the years. However, in reading Psalm 103:19 I am provided an alternative view, *"The Lord has established his throne in Heaven and his kingdom rules over all."*



### **What's Happening?**

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Is it really so hard to believe that the God whose "kingdom rules over all" would not be working in and through the faithful work of the generations, in this place, to make Him known? I'm excited for the Camp's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we invite you to celebrate with us at seven different events. I'm also excited to think about what our camper's may be talking about in 2087- that is something really important to work on for today.

**-Matt Tees**  
**Executive Director**

## "FALLING" INTO THE Season

As we have shifted from camp ministry to retreat ministry in the fall season, I've noticed several things about myself and about the kinds of work involved in making our ministry happen. Compared to summer camp, the retreat season allows more time to observe.

Rather than taking an active and vocal role in the lives of those who come here, as we do in summer camp, our role in the retreat season is to make sure that everything is in its place for the groups who arrive and depart every week. This involves unlocking doors, washing linens, mopping floors, clearing tables, and doing dishes (to name only a few things).

Of course, there are plenty of projects to work on, videos to make, repairs to be done, winterization to finish, but the overall feel of camp life in the fall is one of quiet and composure. Through painting cabins and fall clean up I've started placing supreme importance in recognizing that it is the gift of God to find satisfaction in my work.

This satisfaction is also spoken about by St. Paul in the oft-quoted verse from Philippians: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." That verse, though seemingly about power and skill, is in a truer sense about being content in all stages of life. To be just as fulfilled in hunger as you are in plenty, just as happy when others put you down as when they lift you up.

This all-content mindset is a lofty goal, no doubt, but it is one that, in our striving to reach it, we encounter the gift of God in our work and in the satisfaction that our work brings us. There is nothing better...

**-Anthony Suggs**  
**Program Coordinator**



Watch the 2016 Summer Camp and Retreat Videos online at: [www.campdewolfe.org](http://www.campdewolfe.org)

## This autumn in the Davis Dining Hall

### Chef Alex's Butterscotch Blondie

#### Ingredients:

½ cup margarine, melted  
2 Tbsp Vegetable Oil  
½ Cup White Granulated Sugar  
1 ½ Cups Brown Sugar  
4 Eggs  
1 tsp Vanilla  
1 ¼ Cups Flour  
1 tsp salt  
1 tsp baking powder

#### Directions:

**Preheat:** Oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13 inch pan.

**Mix:** Margarine, oil, white sugar and brown sugar. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Combine the flour, salt and baking powder; stir into the sugar mixture just enough to absorb. Spread the batter evenly into the prepared pan.

**Bake:** For 10 minutes in the preheated oven, then cover the pan with foil and return to the oven for an additional 10 to 15 minutes, or until firm. Cool slightly before cutting into bars.





**November 2016**

**October 29<sup>th</sup> -Fall Camp Reunion**

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> -CenterPoint Church & St James Lutheran Church Retreat

6<sup>th</sup> -Parish Visit: St Mark’s Church Brooklyn & Zion Church Douglaston

11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> -Camp @ Diocesan Convention, Melville Marriot

12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> -IGHL Retreat

13<sup>th</sup> -Parish Visit: Grace Church Whitestone

18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> -St John’s University and Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle Retreat

20<sup>th</sup> -Parish Visit: St Anne’s Church Sayville

24<sup>th</sup> -Happy Thanksgiving!

**FAST FACTS**

# NATURE TRAIL

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# Camp Programs & Events

**December 2016**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> -IGHL Retreat

4<sup>th</sup> -Parish Visit: Christ Church Manhasset

9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> -St Mark’s Church, Jackson Heights, Clergy Retreat

11<sup>th</sup> -Parish Visit -St James’ Church Brookhaven

14<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> –Diocesan Staff Retreat

15<sup>th</sup> -Camp Board of Managers Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> -Camp Parish Visit: St Stephen and St Martin’s Church, Brooklyn

25<sup>th</sup> -Merry Christmas!

31<sup>st</sup> -LAST DAY FOR 2017 EARLY BIRD RATES!

**January/ February 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> -Happy New Year!

6<sup>th</sup> -Winter Retreats begin!

16<sup>th</sup> -MLK Day of Service

20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> -Winter Camp 2017

February 3<sup>rd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> –Listening to God Adult Retreat

## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events!

Be sure not to miss out on all the special 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events happening all year long!

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** -70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser: Nassau Club

**March 18<sup>th</sup> 1pm** -70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit Gala: Camp DeWolfe

**May 21<sup>st</sup> 12pm** - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Day: Camp DeWolfe

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Service: Cathedral of the Incarnation

**June 25<sup>th</sup> 10am** -70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Staff Commissioning: Cathedral of the Incarnation

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm** -70<sup>th</sup> 1st Day of Camp! Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Camp DeWolfe

**July 15<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm** -70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ: Camp DeWolfe

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CAMPER’S LIFE:**

Enjoy a “Gala” event at Camp DeWolfe on **March 18<sup>th</sup>** as we raise funds for camper scholarships and the future endowment. Register today! Call 631 929 4325 for more information. Seats are extremely limited!



# WINTER CAMP

# 2017

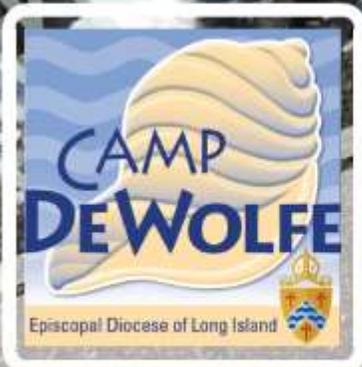
20th-22nd January

4th-12th Graders

\$175 Per Camper

Register online at  
[www.campdewolfe.org](http://www.campdewolfe.org)  
by December 16th 2016

Drop-Off: Friday at 6pm  
Pick-Up: Sunday at 1pm



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# Fall Reflections

**-By Nathan Saccol  
Program Director**

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." - Hebrews 12: 1-3*

It is mid-October and we are approaching one of the most entertaining holidays of the year, Halloween. More important to me, however, we are approaching one of my personal favorite holidays of the Christian calendar, All Saint's Day. As we approach a day dedicated to the remembrance of those who have reached the finish line of their earthly race, I am reminded that Camp DeWolfe's success is also built upon the loving work of those who have gone before us.

There are the big names that many will recognize like Bishop DeWolfe, Father John Davis, or Rev. Canon Domenic Ciannella, but there are also hundreds, maybe thousands, who have put their love and life into this place whose names will not be memorialized on buildings and scholarship funds. Perhaps

they helped run an event for a youth group, or worked as a counselor. Maybe they helped paint a cabin or split firewood. Perhaps they were unable to do anything more than pray for those who worked at Camp DeWolfe and those who utilize this beautiful place for rest and renewal.

No matter how large or small any person's contribution to this ministry, it would not be the same without each and every one. This realization makes me want all the more to "fix my eyes upon Jesus" and to keep running the race that is ministry at Camp DeWolfe. I can only hope that God will be as glorified in the work of my hands and heart as God has been in the work of those who have gone before me.



## A season for all things

**-By Donna Barbaro  
Office Administrator**

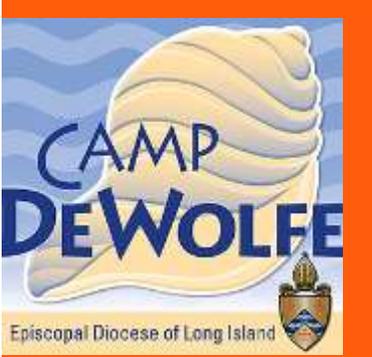
The seasons of the calendar are similar to the seasons of our Lord; a season of rest, and a season of renewal. Fall, the season of rest, is often associated with harvest time, Halloween, and Thanksgiving. The days get shorter and colder and it's a time everything slows down. We begin to reflect on the Season God has placed us in and His purpose for our life.

The new Nature Trail created this year provides our Campers and Retreat Guests the opportunity to experience God in nature on a half mile gentle walk through a mature forest, open fields, bluffs, and beach.

As you walk the Nature Trail this time of year, God's handiwork is revealed. The Oak trees that still have some leaves now allow hints of the bright yellow-white autumn sun to peak through. Hawks, birds, squirrels and other small animals have changed from the frenetic activity of defending territories, nest making, and raising families to seeking food and stockpiling calories in preparation for winter. The hummingbirds and other migratory birds have departed on their great journeys to overwintering areas far away. The deer that roam here have now matured and the young bucks start showing their first year antlers covered in soft fuzz. The shrubs and grasses have prepared their fruits and seeds to feed the life around them while others wait for the last of the frost to reveal their bounty. Soon, the cold will come, the snow will follow, and so will the change of seasons.

As we enter this season of reflection, we invite you to come and visit with us and take a walk in the woods to reflect on the season God has placed you in, to hear His wisdom for you, and to experience His love for you.





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