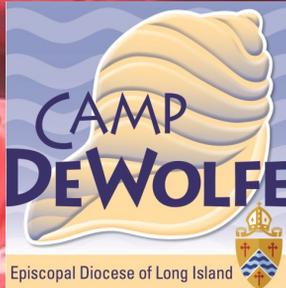
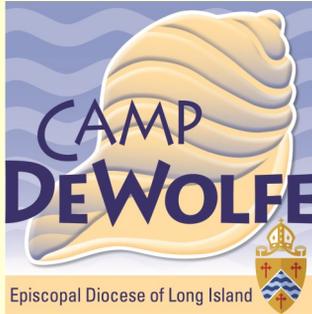


Parent Packet





Camp DeWolfe

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Camper Parent Packet

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Section 1: Camp DeWolfe

Welcome to Camp DeWolfe

Greetings

Thank you for choosing to make us a part of your child's summer! This Parent Packet is intended to provide the practical information you will need before sending your child to camp and some general information which will help you understand the practices and procedures of the Camp DeWolfe summer camp experience. If you have any further questions after reading the Parent Packet, please feel free to call the Camp Office: Wednesday - Sunday 9.00am to 4.00pm.

Vision

Camp DeWolfe offers an 8-week summer camp season sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island to serve the entire diocese and youth on Long Island and NYC. Camp DeWolfe offers young people (grades 2-11) an opportunity to experience camping with one-, two-, three-, and five-week sessions, during which they can enjoy a natural setting, engage in community, and be empowered to live an outward and visible expression of the love and grace of Christ. Camp DeWolfe is a place where young people are encouraged to be themselves, to grow in their Christ-like identity, to explore their God-given gifts and to enjoy making friends in a picturesque beach and waterfront setting.



Accreditation

Camp DeWolfe is proud to be accredited by the American Camping Association. Developed exclusively for the camp industry, this nationally recognized association focuses on program quality and health and safety issues, and requires camp to regularly submit every facet of its operation to an independent appraisal by camp experts.



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Summer Camp Goals

Explore nature

To facilitate learning in an outdoor environment. To use the outdoor space and provide outdoor programming for exploration and enjoyment of God in nature.

Engage community

To develop temporary community for learning and growth within a positive, safe, honest and encouraging environment.

Empower decision making

To encourage decision making that leads to group development and personal growth.

Embrace challenge

To experience different levels of challenge and test and expand personal comfort zones so that a transfer of skills can be made to everyday living.

Enjoy participation

To provide fun, interactive, and varied programs that maximize learning and growth through experiential education.

Experience reflection

To provide the time and space to be still, reflect on God's word, listen to God, grow in faith and practice spiritual disciplines.

Episcopal service

To create a safe environment where youth can practice serving others, the environment and the Lord, learning to love each other as Christ loves us.



Camp DeWolfe Core Values

Natural Setting:

To use the natural setting, including the woodlands, bluff, beaches and open fields, for people to experience God in nature, bringing the outside indoors, incorporating nature into each program while modelling and teaching the importance of being stewards of the Earth.

Spiritual Formation:

To provide space and resources for people to engage with God, in praise, prayer, worship, celebration, reflection, study and meditation; using the word of God, music, nature, administration of the sacraments and liturgies of the Episcopal church

Purposeful community:

To provide opportunities for people to engage in community through programs, meeting spaces, meal times, housing arrangements, and to practice living an authentic Christian faith within a temporary community, then transfer development into permanent communities afterwards.

Develop Leaders:

To provide programming where decision making and leadership skills can be practiced and developed, and to encourage individuals to reach their full potential. To facilitate learning in an outdoor environment. To use the outdoor space and provide outdoor programming so that there can be exploration and enjoyment of God in nature.

Contacting Camp DeWolfe

Office Hours

September—May: Wednesday - Sunday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

June—August: Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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When can we visit the camp?

OPEN DAY

Every May, Camp DeWolfe offers a free Annual Open Day. Come take a tour, enjoy a family-style meal in the Davis Dining Hall, try some camp activities, make some new friends, attend an informational session and register for summer camp.

Alternatively, book a tour between September and May for a date at your best convenience. Please call the Camp Office on 631-929-4325 to RSVP for the free Open Day or to book a tour during the school year.



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Section 2: Registration, Payment, and Paperwork

Session Dates and Times

Camp Program	Arrival	Departure
Explorer Camp (Ages 7-12)	6 nights; Sunday 3:00pm	Saturday 9:00am
Discovery Camp (Ages 7-13)	13 nights; Sunday 3:00pm	Saturday 9:00am
Adventure Camp (2wk) (Ages 11-15)	13 nights; Sunday 3:00pm	Saturday 9:00am
Adventure Camp (3wk) (Ages 11-15)	20 nights; Sunday 3:00pm	Saturday 9:00am
LIT Year One (Ages 15-17)	20 nights; Sunday 3:00pm	Saturday 9:00am
LIT Year Two by invitation only	34 nights; Sunday 3:00pm	Saturday 9:00am



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Registration Process

To register for summer camp, a registration form is required with a \$100 deposit. After May 1st, registration requires full payment of the registration fees. The form can be found in the Summer Camp brochure or it can be filled out and submitted online at: <http://campdewolfe.org/home/summer-camp-forms/>. Payment can be made by check to 'Camp DeWolfe', money order, or credit card. Your camper's spot will be saved once both the form and the deposit are received.

Registration Fees

Non-Refundable Deposit: All registrations prior to May 1st require a \$100 non-refundable, non-transferrable deposit for each session per camper. Registrations after May 1st require that the full registration fee be paid.

Due Dates: Registration fees must be paid in full before the expiration of a rate period in order to receive that rate. (i.e. January 1st for Early Bird, May 1st for Standard Rate). The final balance for all fees is due on June 15th and all accounts with an outstanding balance risk possible forfeiture of the camper's space without refund.

Cancellations: In the event that a camper cancels before May 1st, a refund of the amount paid will be issued less the \$100 deposit. After May 1st refunds will not be given unless with a doctor's note for illness or for extreme circumstances. In such circumstances, at the discretion of the camp, the full amount less the \$100 deposit may be refunded.

Arrival Day: A camper who is deemed ineligible for health reasons to attend camp upon arrival by camp health care professionals will be eligible for a refund of the amount paid, less the \$100 deposit.

During Camp: A camper whose stay is terminated for disciplinary reasons, or for homesickness, or who is otherwise unwilling or unable to participate in the program will not be eligible for a refund.

Discounts & Financial Aid

Sibling Discount: Families who register multiple campers may receive a discount of \$50/ sibling/ session. *This discount must be requested by contacting the camp. No discounts will be retroactively applied after May 15th.*

Refer-a-Friend Discount: Registered camper families will receive a discount of \$50 for each new "referred" camper who submits a completed registration form and payment. *New camper families must list who referred them to Camp DeWolfe on the original registration form for the discount to be assigned. No discounts will be retroactively applied after May 15th.*



Scholarships

Episcopal Ministries of Long Island provides scholarship funds for Camp DeWolfe camper families who need financial assistance. Scholarship applications are available on the Camp DeWolfe website on the “Camp Forms” page. Each camper must be registered for camp with completed registration form and \$100 non-refundable deposit per session prior to applying for scholarships. Scholarships can be awarded for up to 50% of the cost of camp. Please review the Scholarship Application for information concerning Scholarship eligibility, potential awards, and deadlines. Once awarded, a scholarship amount will not increase to match rate increases due to missing rate deadlines.

Registration Paperwork

Registration paperwork can be downloaded from the website (<http://campdewolfe.org/summer-camp/camp-forms/>) or it can be mailed as a physical packet upon request. All registration paperwork must be completed and submitted each year, for each camper for the summer season. Paperwork from prior years or events is not valid for summer camp.

The following is a list of paperwork to be completed and by whom it must be completed:

- ◆ Parent/ guardian must complete: *Health History Form* w/ supporting documents, *Meningococcal Response Form*, and the *Camper Profile Sheet*.
- ◆ Camper and parent/ guardian must complete: *Acknowledgment of Risk*, *Camper Contracts*, and *List of Items not in My Possession*.
- ◆ Camper must complete: *Getting to Know You!*, and either the *Activity Request Form* or, if an LIT, *LIT Pre-Summer Interview*.
- ◆ Camper’s doctor(s) must complete: *Camper Health Certification* and *Authorization for Medications*

Registrations are only counted complete for deadlines (eg. Early Bird rate, Standard Rate, June 15th Final deadline) once all paperwork has been received and full payment has been made.

Health Information and Forms

Physical Exam: The State of New York and the American Camp Association require that each camper have a copy of the results of a medical examination, signed by a licensed physician, physicians assistant, APRN or RN. Physicals are good for 12 months from the date of examination and must cover the entire camp stay (i.e. no more than 12 months before the *last* day of camp).

Camper Health Certification: The Camper Health Certification form is required for each camper. It must be filled out and signed by a doctor. It must include an appropriate physical exam date (see above), information about camper immunizations, and the box must be checked clearing the camper for all camp activities or limitations must be listed by the doctor. A copy of a school or Department of Education form cannot be accepted instead of the Camper Health Certification.

Health History Form: A completed health history form must be submitted to camp with Emergency Contact, Health Insurance, allergy, and medication information. This form must be completed and signed by parents/guardian. This form must be completed for camp each year.

Meningococcal Vaccination: New York State Public Health Law (NYSPL), §2167 requires overnight children's camps to distribute information about meningococcal disease and vaccination to the parents/guardians of all campers who attend camp for seven or more nights.

Parents of all Camp DeWolfe campers will be provided a letter and fact sheet about meningococcal vaccination. They must sign a response form as receipt of meningococcal meningitis disease and vaccine information and return it with the health history form prior to camp. This form includes:

- ◆ A record of meningococcal meningitis immunization within the past 10 years;
- ◆ An acknowledgement of meningococcal meningitis disease risks and refusal of meningococcal meningitis immunization signed by the camper's parent or guardian.

Camper Agreements

It is important that campers understand what will be expected of them while they are at camp. We count on our camper parents to go over forms that require camper signatures with their campers and to ensure that the campers understand those forms (i.e. Camper Contracts, Acknowledgement of Risk, List of Items Not in My Possession).

Section 3: Preparing for Camp

What to Bring/ Dress Code

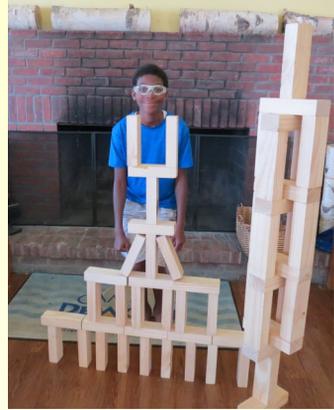
This is a suggested clothing/equipment list for a two-week stay at camp. Please mark all items with your child's name with either a name tag or permanent marker. There are no laundry facilities available for one and two week campers. Each camper is responsible for their belongings. Please check the lost and found before departing camp.

- ◆ Dress Code/ Clothing
 - ◆ 3-4 sweatshirts and pairs of sweat pants
 - ◆ 6-8 pairs of Bermuda shorts (minimum to end of the finger-tips)
 - ◆ 12 full length T-shirts with sleeves, minimum cap sleeves (T-shirts, polos)
 - ◆ 3-4 pairs of pants (leggings/tights alone are not appropriate outerwear)
 - ◆ 14 pairs of underwear and socks
 - ◆ 2-3 sets nightclothes
 - ◆ 2-3 modest bathing suits (One piece bathing suits for girls, board shorts/trunks for boys)
 - ◆ Sneakers (flip flops and sandals are permitted at waterfront/ pool only)
 - ◆ Water shoes and swim goggles for waterfront/pool
 - ◆ Hat
- ◆ Pillow and pillowcase and sleeping bag
- ◆ 2 bath/ beach towels and washcloths
- ◆ Laundry bag
- ◆ Raincoat/jacket
- ◆ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Soap in soap container
- ◆ Shampoo/ conditioner
- ◆ Hairbrush/ comb
- ◆ Sanitary items (if needed)
- ◆ 2 personal water bottles (labeled)
- ◆ Flashlight and new batteries
- ◆ Insect repellent without DEET
- ◆ Sun block with SPF 30 or greater
- ◆ Stationary/letters/postcards & stamps (Pre-addressed to home)
- ◆ Prescription medications (if needed)
- ◆ Bible, pencils, journal and book



What NOT to bring to camp:

- ◆ Dress Code/ Clothing
 - ◆ Shirts that expose the midriff (eg. halter tops, belly shirts, etc.)
 - ◆ Sleeveless shirts (eg. tank tops, halter tops, cami, etc)
 - ◆ Short shorts/ short skirts (minimum to the ends of the fingertips)
 - ◆ Two piece bathing suits (including tankinis)
 - ◆ Swimming briefs or “Speedos”
 - ◆ ANY attire with offensive language, logos, images, etc.
- ◆ Cell Phones, I-pods, or mp3 players
- ◆ TVs
- ◆ Laptop computers, I-pads, or tablets
- ◆ Radios
- ◆ Electronic games or electronic devices
- ◆ Digital cameras
- ◆ Skateboards, “heeleys”, or roller blades
- ◆ Water pistols
- ◆ Weapons or knives of any kind including carving tools (eg. pocket knife)
- ◆ Heavy perfumes
- ◆ Valuable jewelry
- ◆ Money*
- ◆ Food and candy*



Any items mentioned above will be removed from your child’s possession on the first day of camp and returned at the time of departure. Items will be stored in the camp office until camper departure day.

To avoid any misunderstandings, campers are required to sign an “List of items not in my possession” with parents as part of the registration paperwork.

*please see the page regarding the Camp Store for more information.

Section 4: During Camp

What happens at Camp?

Praying, Sleeping and Eating!

Christian Formation

Centered upon the Episcopal tradition, the daily morning celebrations and end of week Eucharist are primary worship opportunities for all campers and staff to participate in as a camp community. Clergy and trained staff lead the Christian Formation program that includes daily cabin devotions and prayer time, Bible studies and engaging activities, to encourage campers to engage God and develop an authentic and personal faith in Christ.



Accommodation

Campers reside in traditional style cabins with bunk beds, accommodating 10 youth and 2 trained college-age counselors for supervision and guidance. Each cabin group prays and shares in devotions together daily, chooses and participates in cabin night programming, builds community and shares in cabin cleaning responsibilities. The Camp Director makes cabin assignments and will take into account requests to put two campers in the same cabin, if both campers request this on the registration form. Any reassignments during the session are made by camp staff in the best interest of the camp community.

Meals

Three nutritious meals a day are served family-style in the Davis Dining Hall, to create a caring family community atmosphere. Youth eat with their cabin group around tables, beginning with prayer and thanksgiving, and providing a time to share how they have experienced God in their day. Some meals are in the outdoors/ cookout style, to enjoy nature. If the camper



has a dietary restriction, or prefers a vegetarian diet, please make this known on the registration form in order that the kitchen can comply. Fresh cold water is available at a number of locations around the camp. Evening Snacks are also provided.

Typical Daily Schedule

7:00	Wake-Up
7:45	Flag-Raising
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Cabin Clean-up
9:00	Christian Formation
10:00	Activity 1
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Cabin time
1:45	Camp Store
2:15	Activity 2
3:15	Activity 3
4:15	Free Swim, Ga-Ga, Bonus Activity
5:30	Dinner
6:30	Evening Program
7:45	Snack
8:00	Chapel/Worship
9:00	Cabin Time/Devos
9:30	Lights Out



Activity Areas

Swimming, Sailing, Canoeing, Kayaking, Paddle-boarding, Model Rockets, Wilderness, Archery, Arts and Crafts, Sports, Climbing, Music Biking, Adventure Challenge Course and more!

Campers are assigned activities based on the preferences they have communicated on the Activity Request form. Activity space is limited and campers are assigned their requests on a first-come, first served basis. Campers will stay in a single activity per period an entire week, allowing them to develop skills and progress toward more rewarding challenges. This also allows each activity group to form deep and meaningful relationships around shared experiences.

All campers participate in Christian Formation and evening Chapel every day and are given the opportunity to swim. Activities are in the outdoor setting and include natural resources/elements/materials.

Evening Programs

Programs are centered on the summer theme that focuses on Christ. Activities, games and events are planned to maximize the use of the outdoor space. Campers are encouraged to participate within the larger camp community and utilize their cabin groups, activity area groups and gender groups to make friends and build relationships.

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Arrival and Departure

Arrival Day

Time: Registration is at 3pm on Sundays. Please do not arrive before 3pm as staff are in their weekly staff preparation meetings.

Parking: All vehicles will be guided to park in the basketball court upon arrival. If you arrive before 3PM, please wait in your vehicle.

Check-In: Once parked you will go to the Registration Tent where you will confirm your contact information and receive your cabin assignment. **Please leave your camper's luggage in your vehicle.** From the Registration Tent you will be directed to the DeWolfe Hall.

Health: In the DeWolfe Hall you will see Health Center staff to review health information and give medications to the Camp's licensed health care provider. **All medications must be in original containers and in a paper bag labeled with the child's name with the original prescription label/ papers.**

Camp Store: After seeing the Health Center staff, you will have an opportunity to put money on your camper's camp store account and to make purchases if you wish. For more information about the Camp Store, please see page 23.

Cabin: You will return to your vehicle in the basketball court and, at this point, take your camper's luggage to your assigned cabin where camp counselors will help your child settle in.

Depart: your child has moved into their cabin, you are free to say goodbye and depart camp as your child will immediately join in camp programming that will already have started.



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Gratuities

To help encourage equal treatment of all children, parents/ guardians are advised that gratuities are not accepted. Parents wishing to show their appreciation for the child's stay at camp may make a contribution to 'The Rev. Canon Domenic Ciannella Annual Fund' at Camp DeWolfe.

Departure Day

Time: Pick up is 9:00am on Saturdays with an expedited pickup process at 8:30am—8:50am. Please do not arrive before 8:30am.

Authorized Pick-Up Person(s): All campers are released to an authorized person with photo ID. If a custodial parent requests that a camper be signed out to a non-custodial parent, the camp office must receive notification in writing in advance. When a last-minute pick-up change occurs, the new instructions are to be verified with the Camp Director by a custodial parent.

Sign-Out Process:

(Completed Prior to Parent Presentation for Expedited Checkout):

- ◆ The authorized person(s) will be given a camper release slip at the departure table, which will be used throughout the rest of the process. The authorized release person will then be notified of the camper's camp store balance (if any) and decide how to handle that balance.
- ◆ The slip will then be taken to the Health Center table to check-out with the Nurse and pick up medications.
- ◆ Then proceed to the Camp Director (or representative) at the Lost and Found table. Please check the "Lost and Found" at this time. Items left behind will be either donated or discarded. Camp does not mail lost and found items. The Director will check photo IDs at this point.

Parent Presentation: At 9AM parents are invited to attend a 15 minute presentation at which we will share about our session together and campers will be recognized and receive awards for various achievements.

Luggage Pick-Up: After the presentation, families that have completed the sign-out process will proceed to the basketball court where they will pick up and check the camper's personal belongings, equipment, etc. Please be sure to get your camper release slip signed by your camper's counselor. Parents who did not arrive for expedited check out will complete the sign-out process above and then proceed to pickup gear.

Departure: Leave the camp by the exit road via the sign-out station. Camp roads are one way, please do not go back down past the chapel. Submit the Camper Release slip with signatures from each preceding station.

Families are asked to leave by 9:30am to allow staff to prepare for the next session and have some well-deserved time off.

Late Pick-Up: There will be a late pick up fee of \$15 per hour for any camper not signed out by 10AM.



Healthy Campers!

Medical Care at Camp

A medical professional is on site 24 hours a day at the camp Health Center to monitor medications and administer first aid. When needed, campers are taken to the East End Urgent Care medical clinic in Wading River. Emergency care is at the Peconic Bay Hospital, a 15 minute drive from camp.

Camp policy is to contact parents/guardians regarding any medical or emergency care during your child's stay at camp. Campers that need medical attention in the infirmary for more than 24 consecutive hours will be asked to recuperate in the comfort of their own home.

Medications: To receive medications, prescription or over-the-counter (OTC), while at camp an authorization for medication form (1 form/ medication) must be completed by the doctor and the health history form must be completed by the parent before camp arrival day. Medications can only be administered exactly as ordered by the doctor. All medication provided to the licensed medical provider must be in original containers with the label matching the camper's name. The medication directions on the label must match the physician's order. Please bring an adequate amount of each medication and an extra day of medication for precautionary measures. There are no exceptions to these federal and state health regulations.

Inhalers and Epi-Pens: If your camper requires a fast-acting inhaler or epi-pen, please be sure that the doctor lists the camper as able to self-administer on the medication authorization form. We also prefer that, if able, two inhalers be brought —one for camper and one for the Health Center.

Insurance: A copy of the camper's medical insurance card should be given to camp with the health history form for coverage if treatment is needed. If a camper needs medical attention at the clinic or hospital, parents are billed directly for services. The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island does not provide medical coverage for campers.



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Head Lice: Lice are found anywhere children gather in groups. It is not a sign of being unclean, in fact head lice prefer clean heads. If a camper is found to have head lice, they will not be permitted to attend/stay at camp. Our nurse will be able to advise you on treatment option and the camper will be allowed to return to camp only when they are lice free.

Ticks and Poison Ivy: As with many camps, the physical setting and activities involve campers spending time in nature. It is important to know your camper may come in contact with poison ivy, deer ticks and mosquitoes. In addition to your education prior to your child's arrival at camp, Campers are encouraged to do tick checks each evening themselves. Staff will not help campers check for ticks in abdomen and pelvic areas.

Homesickness

Please avoid telling your child prior to camp that they can come home if they get homesick. Homesickness at the beginning of camp is natural and within a short amount of time, campers are busy having fun and making friends in the outdoors and begin to feel secure. Our staff is supportive and understanding to children who experience homesickness. A parent/guardian phone conversation is often not helpful and often makes the situation worse. Parents are encouraged to send positive and encouraging letters by mail or by using the "Email Your Camper" page on Camp DeWolfe's website (See "Contacting My Camper").



Bed wetting

An occasional incident of bed-wetting will be handled in an understanding manner with discretion and compassion, by the child's counselors. However, our limited laundry facilities and humid environment make it difficult to deal effectively with chronic bed-wetters. Please make sure you note this on the camper health form and mention to counselors on arrival day so we can make sure we cut evening beverages out and work out a night-time bathroom schedule. In extreme cases parents will be required to provide disposable absorbent undergarments.

Swim Evaluations

All campers wishing to swim for any part of the camp session must complete a swim evaluation on arrival day. This is not a test, but an evaluation to place campers in the appropriate swimming area. Safety is our primary concern when assigning swim areas. Due to the physical nature of the Long Island Sound, staff to camper ratios and safety concerns, some campers may be placed in the pool rather than the Long Island Sound.

Happy Campers!

Behavior Management Policy

The Camp DeWolfe program is designed to help create a safe, caring and moral community where self-esteem, skills, teamwork and a sense of community can be developed.

Camp DeWolfe utilizes a number of behavior management techniques such as:

- ◆ Time outs
- ◆ Conflict resolution
- ◆ Behavioral contracting
- ◆ Community service

Camp DeWolfe does not use any methods of physical or humiliating discipline.

Misbehavior is dealt with on an individual basis, first by the counselor and then the unit leader and the Program Director. Parents/Guardians will be notified about any serious occurrence. Occasionally campers are sent home. Parents are responsible for providing transportation in these cases.

Care of Property and Equipment

We encourage good stewardship at camp, expecting campers to respect the environment and physical camp property. Parents/ guardians will be charged \$50.00 or more per item for vandalism done to camp property, manmade or otherwise. Equipment damaged or destroyed through misuse or misbehavior will be replaced and parents/ guardians will be charged for replacement.

General Camp Rules

Campers learn the general rules on the first day of camp with their cabin groups.

- ◆ Follow the fire safety plan and all emergency plans.
- ◆ Follow the buddy rule while at camp.
- ◆ Respect off limit areas (Benson House, Lodge, Staff Lounge, and Maintenance Shed).
- ◆ Respect your counselors, fellow campers, and their property. Every person has a personal space bubble.
- ◆ Stay on camp property at all times. Only go to the challenge course, pool, or beach trail with supervision.
- ◆ Males and females are not allowed on each other's sides of the camp or in each other's cabins.
- ◆ Always swim with a lifeguard.
- ◆ Always wear shoes except at the beach and the pool.
- ◆ Hands are for helping. No rock or stick throwing, hitting, play fighting, towel snapping, or wrestling.

- ◆ Report bullying and unkind acts to keep everyone safe. “If you see something, say something.” No put-downs, verbal threats, or ridicule. No profanity or inappropriate language – be positive!
- ◆ Respect the environment. No graffiti of any type (writing or carving). Pick up litter and dispose of it in trashcans. Leave no trace.
- ◆ No spitting.
- ◆ No gum chewing or candy/food allowed in cabins.
- ◆ Campers and staff sign agreement letters regarding items not in possession and community responsibilities and follow them throughout their session.

Camp DeWolfe Values

The following is the language of the “Camper Contract” form that campers and parents are required to turn in as part of registration. Please contact camp if you have any questions about these values or feel that you or your camper are unable to agree to them.

As parent or guardian, I uphold the vision of Camp DeWolfe to support spiritual formation in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. I agree to inform the staff of any important information about the camper that might enhance or detract from the camper’s stay and to assist the staff with ensuring the camper’s positive experiences. I further agree that if my child significantly detracts from any other camper’s stay through inappropriate physical contact, verbal aggression, bullying, or anything that makes our community feel unsafe, if asked, I will immediately remove my child from camp.

As a camper, I agree to respect everyone in the camp community, and to honor the many differences among us, as members of God’s family. I will do my best to have a good time without harming others, damaging equipment or any natural thing at camp. I will not tease or make fun of anyone or do anything that may be considered bullying. I understand that bullying is unacceptable and it is important for everyone’s safety and honorable to tell my counselors or another adult immediately if someone is being bullied. I agree to play with everyone because we are all members of God’s family. If I cannot follow the camp rules I understand that I might be sent home to help keep the camp community safe and welcoming.

Campers will go through these rules and also put together their own behavioral contract with their cabin on arrival day.

Contacting Your Camper

Camper Mail

All campers love to get mail or emails.

Please write to your child during their stay at Camp DeWolfe.

Mail and emails will be printed and will be distributed to campers every day at lunch. All mail should be addressed to your camper's name and camper's cabin for faster delivery:

My Camper—Cabin A
Camp DeWolfe
408 North Side Road
Wading River, NY 11792

Please do not send candy, gum, food items, electronics, or anything on the "Items Not in My Possession" form to your child while at camp. Packages will be opened in the presence of a counselor and any prohibited items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the camp week.

Camper Email

You can email your camper at the following link: <http://campdewolfe.org/homepage-left/email-your-camper/>

Emails will be printed and distributed at breakfast every day. Please be sure to send your email before 7AM for 8AM breakfast distribution.

(Camper emails will not be delivered on departure days.)



Hearing from your Camper

Please provide your camper a number of pre-addressed, pre-stamped envelopes allowing them to send mail home. Alternatively, campers can purchase pre-stamped envelopes at the Camp Store and address the envelopes themselves.

A Place Apart

Please do not plan to visit your children or speak to them on the phone during the short stay at camp. Visits and phone calls can be upsetting to the child and their cabin and they are extremely disruptive to the camp community.

If there is an emergency at home, please call the camp office.

If we have not called you, your camper has been doing fine. If you feel the need to check on your camper you can call the camp office and we will let you know how your camper fares.

Also, **mid-session departures will not be permitted to return to camp** unless required to depart by the camp for health reasons. Please expect your camper to be at camp and involved in camp programming for the duration of their session.

In the rare case that a camper must go home for health concerns, Camp DeWolfe may, at their discretion, require a note from your child's physician clearing them to return to camp.

Camp Store

Campers will have access to the Camp Store after lunch on most days. At the Camp Store they can purchase items such as granola bars, chips, Gatorade or Snapple, Camp DeWolfe water bottles, or pre-stamped envelopes for writing home.

Upon check-in at the registration table, parents and guardians will have the opportunity to put money on a store account for their camper. This can be done using cash or by writing a check to "Camp DeWolfe". This money will be held on an account from which the camper can make purchases throughout the session.

Deposits can also be made online before and during the camp session using a credit card at: <http://campdewolfe.org/homepage-left/camp-store/>

At the end of the session during pickup, parents/ guardians will be informed any remaining balance, at which time they can choose to do one of four things:

- ◆ Use the remaining balance toward the purchase of a Camp DeWolfe item (eg. T-shirt, hoodie, etc.)
- ◆ Carry the balance to a following session during the same summer, if your camper or one of their siblings is registered for a following session.
- ◆ Donate the balance to The Rev. Canon Domenic Ciannella Scholarship Fund.
- ◆ Have the balance refunded by check to be received within 6 weeks of the end of camp.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP WITH CASH! No cash will be accepted at the camp store and the camper will have no use for it while they are here. If you would like your camper to be able to purchase items from the camp store, please leave the money on their account on arrival day.

Section 5: After Camp

Evaluations and Feedback

Thoughts After Camp

If you have any concerns or issues after your camper has returned home, please contact us and let us know. You are a part of the Camp DeWolfe family and we want to take care of you. You can call the camp at 631-929-4325 or email us at office@campdewolfe.org.

Online Evaluation

We hope your camper had an amazing time and that camp was everything you and they hoped it would be, but we also know we always have space to improve.

Every year we adapt our program, add new tools and equipment, and tweak schedules, activities and forms based on the feedback we receive from campers and camper parents. Once your camper has come home, please be sure to let us know how we did at: <https://licommin.wufoo.com/forms/ms03lxd0fed8zw/>

Spiritual Formation

Camp DeWolfe is a part of a larger body of Christian believers called the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, which is part of the Anglican Communion, which is one part of the Body of Christ, the Church! Camp fulfills a very specific role of being a place away from the daily “norm” where children, youth, and adults can experience God’s grace in new and fresh ways. Our hope and prayer is that summer camp can be a part of a larger experience of the Christian faith for your camper.

Local Episcopal Parish Connection

If you have a home church and are happy there, we encourage you and your camper to get involved! If you do not have a home church, we would be happy to connect you with an Episcopal parish near you. Whether you are in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island (Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk) or another state, we will find a church near you that offers programming for families and youth. Please contact the camp and let us know if you would like that connection.

Keys for Kids

In order to help your camper connect with God throughout the year, Camp DeWolfe is happy to provide a free daily devotional that will be delivered to your camper throughout the year. It will include some information about what is going on at Camp DeWolfe, and then a daily devotional with a scripture reading, a prayer, and a reflection.

Camp through the Year

Camp DeWolfe has a number of programs through the year for youth and adults. Check out the following on our website.

Fall Camp Reunion

October

Fall Camp is a great day of reconnecting with Camp friends or making new ones! Register online to enjoy a wonderful day of Christian Formation, camp activities, and wonderful fellowship all built around a theme that celebrates the fall!

Register online at: <http://campdewolfe.org/homepage-left/fall-camp/>

Winter Camp

January

Winter Camp is a wonderful weekend at Camp DeWolfe for all youth ages 10 - 17 years old! The program will include activities through the day, sled riding if there's snow, Christian Formation, a campfire and s'mores, and more. Register online at:

<http://campdewolfe.org/homepage-left/winter-camp-2018/>

Listening to God - Adult Retreat

February

The "Listening to God" Retreat is a 24-hour overnight retreat. There is an option to extend for a 2nd night for rest and renewal. Participants will be led by a trained facilitator in a mixture of teaching, prayer, sharing and reflection times in order to discern God's voice. Register online at: <http://campdewolfe.org/retreats/adult-retreats/listening-to-god-registration/>

Open Day

May

The Annual Open day is a fun event for community members and prospective campers to enjoy activities like archery, arts and crafts, campfires and more. Participants will also learn more about the programs that Camp DeWolfe has to offer and will enjoy a free camp meal. The event is free of charge but RSVP is required.

Visits to Local Parishes

All Year

Throughout the year Camp DeWolfe is blessed to be able to visit local Episcopal parishes and share in the Eucharist with them. A camp representative will be available after Eucharist services to share information and answer questions. You are more than welcome to join us at these parish visits! You can see where we will be here: <http://campdewolfe.org/homepage-left/on-the-move/>



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