

CAMPER FAMILIES AND FRIENDS VOLUNTEERING FOR EARTH DAY AT CAMP DEWOLFE

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"Hi! My name is Ethan Rafferty. I am in fifth grade, and last summer I had the opportunity to experience Camp DeWolfe for the very first time. Since then, I also attended Winter Camp this past January, which is a mid-point weekend of fun, fellowship and spirituality that keeps everyone connected. Camp DeWolfe is a place where fun is just as important as the worship of God. When you go to Camp DeWolfe, you feel like you are at home, with caring counselors, awesome cabin mates, and the whole team making sure that every day is special. The kitchen staff are kind and caring too. The chef prepares the most delicious food, and most nights we have special activities and a campfire, which is really a lot of fun!

Before I left for Camp the first time, I'll admit I was a little nervous since I had never been away from home before. But I learned very quickly that every day is an adventure and it was all such a great experience! The week passed by so quickly, filled with fun and challenging activities every day, while still staying focused on personal growth and spirituality. Some of my favorite activities were rock climbing, kayaking, Christian Formation, cabin time, and Devos - a thoughtful time in the evening when we would all sit in a circle and reflect upon our high point of the day; our low point of the day; and how we saw God in our day.

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by Ethan Rafferty (Camper)

My favorite counselor, Anthony, comes all the way from England to share his gifts with kids and make our summer special, as do so many other counselors from various parts of the U.S and across the globe. The counselors at Camp DeWolfe really do care about each and every one of us, and they do a great job with team building and making our time together count. Anthony wrote me a letter recently. I can't wait to see him this summer where I'm looking forward to staying for two weeks as a Discovery Camper.

Another way that the Camp DeWolfe team do a really great job of keeping our Camp DeWolfe family connected throughout the year is with seasonal wishes and lots of Facebook postings about our camp when we aren't able to be there. It was especially meaningful to me to be able to stay in touch through photos of all the amazing natural happenings that occurred as a result of Winter Storm Juno. Sometimes just a photo of a beautiful sunset is all it takes to feel like I am there. Camp DeWolfe is a beautiful place where real bonds are formed and lifelong memories are made. I hope that you will get to experience them too."



THIS SPRING IN THE DAVIS DINING HALL

HOMEMADE HUMMUS

Hummus is crazy healthy. It is low in fat and high in fiber and protein. It offers complex carbohydrates to make you feel satisfied and full. So... instead of breaking out the dip with chips, try some hummus!

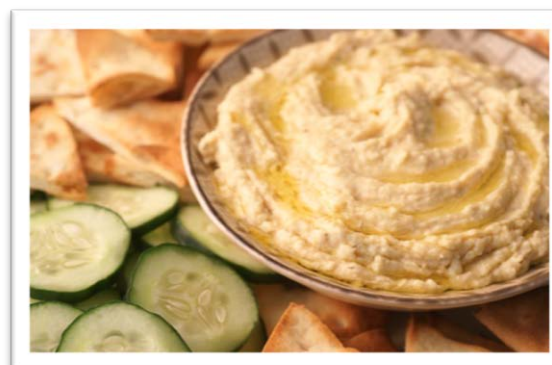
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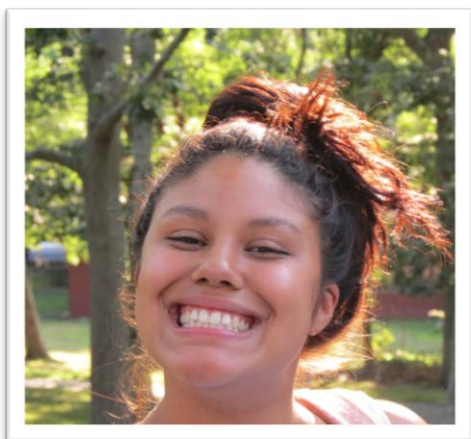
2 cups of cooked chick peas
1 cup of sesame paste
½ of lemon juice

4 gloves of garlic
¼ cup of olive oil
1 tsp of salt
1 tsp of cumin

Directions: Place all ingredients in food processor and mix except olive oil. Remove and place in bowl and add olive oil in middle and hand mix a few times, Enjoy!

-by Tina DeGolyer
(Food Service Manager)





Meet our Summer Camp Coordinator

Camp DeWolfe is pleased to announce Steph Turcios as the 2015 Summer Camp Coordinator! Steph is from Long Island and resides in Brooklyn NY. Steph is a certified NY State Teacher and is completing her Master's Degree in Special Education from Hofstra University this spring. Steph was a Camp Counselor in 2013 and a Unit Leader in 2014. We are excited to have Steph return to share her energy, positive attitude and teaching skills with the campers and staff in this leadership role!

Register for Summer Camp 2015 at www.campdewolfe.org today!

SHARE YOUR CAMP STORIES

Email the Camp Office office@campdewolfe.org

FAST FACTS

98%

% of summer campers and staff rate camp's food as EXCELLENT!

1337

Number of retreat guests served this spring at Camp.

CAMP PROGRAMS & EVENTS

May 2015

1st – 3rd – Cure of Ars Youth Group Retreat

1st – 2nd – Korean American Presbyterian Church of Queen Retreat

2nd – 3rd – I.G.H.L Monthly Retreat

2nd – St Mark's Episcopal Church Westhampton Beach and Camper Families/Friends at Service Saturday

9th – New Life Community Church Women's Retreat

10th – Happy Mother's Day!

15th – 16th – Christ Episcopal Church Garden City Confirmation Retreat

17th – Camp Open Day 12pm – 4pm

18th – Korean American Presbyterian Church of Queens Family Retreat

22nd - 24th – Episcopal Bilingual Cursillo Retreat

24th – 25th – Arumdaun Church Choir Retreat

27th – Three Village Clergy Association Retreat

27th – Mercer School of Theology Staff Retreat

28th – 29th Institute for Collaborative Education 8th Grade Retreat

29th – 31st – Amityville Gospel Church Men's Retreat

30th – St George's Episcopal Church Confirmation Class Retreat



June 2015

5th – 7th - St John the Baptist Episcopal Church Youth Group Retreat

5th – Help Suffolk Staff Development Day

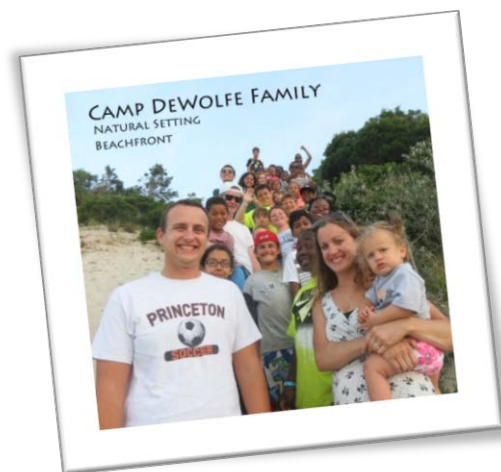
9th – Camp Board of Managers Meeting

11th - 14th – Camp Friends Retreat

14th - 15th – Hansung Presbyterian Church Retreat

24th – Summer Staff Training 2015!

Fall Retreats- Each week during the academic year, Camp DeWolfe welcomes church groups and schools from across NYC & Long Island. Call the Camp Office to book your retreat today at 631-929-4325.



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THE GIFT OF CAMP - A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

by Jennifer Rafferty (Parent, St John's Church, Cold Spring Harbor)

It is my absolute privilege to share with you about the wonderful gift that Camp DeWolfe has been for our family. My son, Ethan, was a first time camper there last summer, and he had the most wonderful experience! It was everything I had hoped for him, and more. Nestled along the North Shore of Long Island, on 26 sprawling acres beachfront to Long Island Sound, Camp DeWolfe is the perfect residential camp experience for kids, while still being close enough to home for the parents!

Camp DeWolfe is a truly exquisite place that is safe and loving, nurturing, and even life changing ... But the reason for this goes far beyond the glorious setting and the picturesque views. **Everything that Camp DeWolfe is and everything that Camp DeWolfe has to offer our youth lies in the integrity of this God-centered place, and the outstanding quality of dedicated Counselors who do His work.** To merely say that Camp DeWolfe is an exceptional place seems *insufficient*, even, because there really is no way for me to adequately describe the impact of watching your ten year old boy set out for what he hoped for and begged would be "an adventure," come home a happy, excited, grounded, self-possessed, (and I do declare) taller and even more mature young man only one week later!

While it was a tough week for me that first time, I tell you that I never once worried about Ethan's safety or his wellbeing. He was smiling and happy in every photo that was posted! (It was just a mom's first awkward time at home without her child) But the minute he ran up to me at Pick Up and the first words out of his mouth were, **"Next year, I'm coming for TWO weeks!"** and **"Oh yeah, can I also come to Winter Camp?"** I knew that I had made the right choice allowing him to go.

One of the photos I had seen that week was the kids working together to build a giant community banner during Christian Formation. Each child traced their hand and wrote about their hopes for the week. Ethan boldly wrote, "To have an all new experience". And as each cabin processed into the chapel, singing a spirited song about God's Love during Closing Ceremony, I noticed the touching display that was their heartfelt mosaic, and I thought to myself, isn't that what it's all about? **Children who are coming to God. With tender souls and open hearts. Seeking a new experience, a new understanding. Thirsting to know God's love and glory.** At Camp DeWolfe this happens every single minute. Children are immersed in nature, and in the love of God, among friends and nurturers and a Christ family. Their souls are fed *beside* their curiosity, in a sacred place, away from rush and electronics.



With some sweat and some dirt and a whole lot of God's love and discovery, every child blossoms.

Camp DeWolfe is the most beautiful place in so many ways. Ethan still references and draws from his camp experiences on a regular basis and cannot wait to return this summer. Camp DeWolfe touches hearts. **It builds strength and character, and it literally molds, supports and shapes our youth.** It is the crowning jewel of our Episcopal Diocese. The Counselors are highly skilled and deeply invested in every child's journey through team building, fostering community, and teaching God's love. I really applaud the work that the team are doing. With their amazing vision and extraordinary team of spiritual leaders, **Camp DeWolfe continues to touch the hearts and lives of all who come through its gates.** I encourage you to consider taking advantage of this blessing for your own children, as the Camp DeWolfe mission is alive and well. For the superlative program which the team have continued to build truly IS the work of God ...

And God Himself is there!

YOU ARE INVITED TO YOUR CAMP... ALL WELCOME:

CAMP DEWOLFE OPEN DAY 2015

CHANGING LIVES. SHARING CHRIST.

Reconnect
with friends



Camp Tours

Arts and
Crafts



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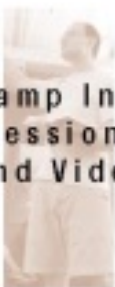


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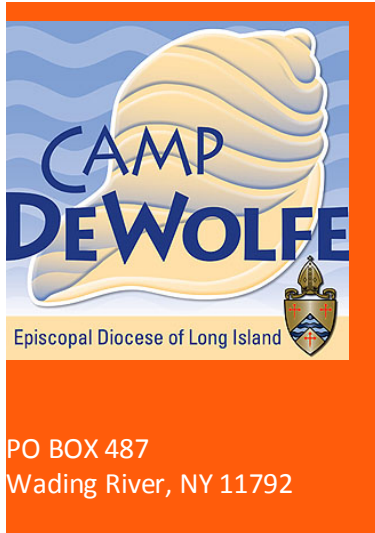
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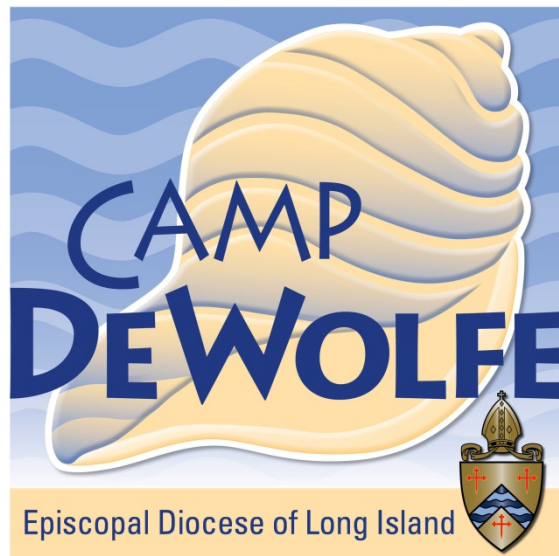
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