

Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

**FRIENDS  
NEWSLETTER  
SUMMER  
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ADVENTURE CAMP 2014- FULL HOUSE!

## RIDING THE WAVE OF CAMP 2014

by Matthew Tees- Executive Director

A summer camp season can often at times be compared to surfing a big wave in the ocean. You see the wave coming in the distance and then, in an instant, you are headed very quickly to the beach in a rush of excitement. Just as suddenly as you began, the ride is over and you immediately wonder what just happened! The “wave ride” of this summer has come to an end and I am so blessed to share with you how our campers encountered God during the adventure filled weeks of camp.

Back in June, the summer camp staff began training together in a 2 week intensive program to prepare for the season ahead. We all played, prayed and prepped for the camper’s arrival, while getting to know one another as

camp family and learning about ourselves too. Soon after, the Explorer Camp session began and the camp was full of excitement as we welcomed the youngest and newest campers for this session! For many campers, this was their very first time away from home for an extended period of time. It is always a blessing to see these youth progress through the program and leave wanting to come back for another week.

Adventure Camp and Discovery Camps were filled with more campers this summer than previously, and the David Dining Hall sat about 100 campers and staff per meal in the middle-school sessions! A lot of dishes!  
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### Baking Time!

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Adventure Campers returned from previous summers and welcomed new campers too! With more campers, meant more s'mores, more band aids, more songs and more water bottles, but there are always some things that don't change at Camp DeWolfe. For instance, every night around 8:30pm the sun sets over the western edges of the Long Island Sound and campers gazed wild eyed at a blazing red sun setting on another day. Every morning, campers make the 140 step decent down the beach trail to the water for boating activities and nearly every day a camper requests an escalator be installed along the trip back up the bluff!

I'm reminded in these moments of Psalm 136 where we learn that "His (God's) love endures forever". Our lives change in many ways and yet God's love endures forever. Our staff prayer for our campers this summer was that in some manner they experience Christ's love in a real, tangible and unforgettable way. For some it might have been in the activities, others in the new friends that they made, some from the daily Christian formation sessions, and I think a few from standing on the shores of the Sound as the waves come in, after a long day at camp.

*"His love endures forever"*

I am personally humbled each time I read this verse, as it puts

into perspective all our efforts, concerns, tasks on our to do lists and how long the wait might be for snack in the evening. Summer 2014 was a success because we each realized that "His love endures forever."



## SUMMERTIME IN THE DAVIS HALL



### CAMP COOKIES

This summer, Tina began teaching our campers to bake as well as preparing 3 meals a day plus snacks! Baking quickly became a very desirable activity area! Sign up soon and reserve your space for next year! In the meantime, here is our recipe to try out:

#### Ingredients:

2 ¼ cups of flour  
 1 teaspoon baking soda  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1 cup of packed brown sugar  
 12 tablespoons of salted butter (1 ½ sticks)  
 ½ cup sugar  
 1 tablespoon light corn syrup  
 1 large egg and 1 large yolk  
 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract  
 2 cups of chocolate chips

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1. In a medium bowl combine flour, baking soda and salt. In large bowl beat brown sugar, butter, sugar and corn syrup. Then add egg, egg yolk and vanilla. Slowly add flour mixture until all combined. Add chocolate chips.

2. Roll dough balls out. Line them apart 3 inches or so. Cook for approximately 18 minutes until slightly brown. Let cool.

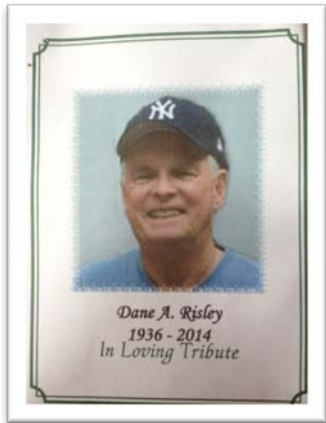
3. ENJOY!!!

-by Tina DeGolyer  
 (Food Service Manager)





IN MEMORY OF DANE RISLEY



**Camp Alumni**

Dane Risley was born in Islip, NY in 1936 and passed away April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He was part of the Camp DeWolfe family over the years and was an avid supporter of the ministry. Memorial donations were made to Camp DeWolfe over the spring and this allowed many youth the opportunity to experience the power of camp through the Dane Risley Scholarship fund. We are grateful for Dane, his life and lasting legacy to Camp DeWolfe!

SEND IN YOUR ALUMNI STORIES

Email the Camp Office [office@campdewolfe.org](mailto:office@campdewolfe.org)

Do you have alumni stories like upcoming reunions, weddings, babies, life milestones or graduations? We would love to celebrate with you! Send a picture and information to the camp office to make the next issue!



*L.I.T.'S (Leaders in Training) pose for a picture with the newly dedicated "Provenzano Point" that they designed and made overlooking the Long Island Sound over their 5- week session at Camp DeWolfe*

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

**September 2014**

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Service Saturday #1- 9AM
- 6<sup>th</sup> – IGHL Group Retreat
- 7<sup>th</sup> – **Summer Camp Early Bird Registration for 2015 Opens!**
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Service Saturday #1- 9AM
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Yoga Retreat
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Hillsong Conference NYC- Join us for a great weekend!
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Friends Academy Seniors Retreat

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – NY Youth Symphony Retreat

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Lutheran High School Retreat

27<sup>th</sup> – Service Saturday #3

**October 2014**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> Yoga Retreat
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Fundraiser Night for Camp! - Hamptons 6pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Service Saturday #4
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> – Reformed Church of Newtown Youth Retreat
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> St Mark’s Church Confirmation Class
- 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> St John’s Church Vestry Retreat

25<sup>th</sup> – Service Saturday #5

**November 2014**

- 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Diocesan Convention- Melville Marriott- Come and Support the Camp Ministry!
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Annual Camp Benefit Dinner- Celebrate 2014 with us and support the ministry in 2015! All welcome!

**SNEAK PEEK!**

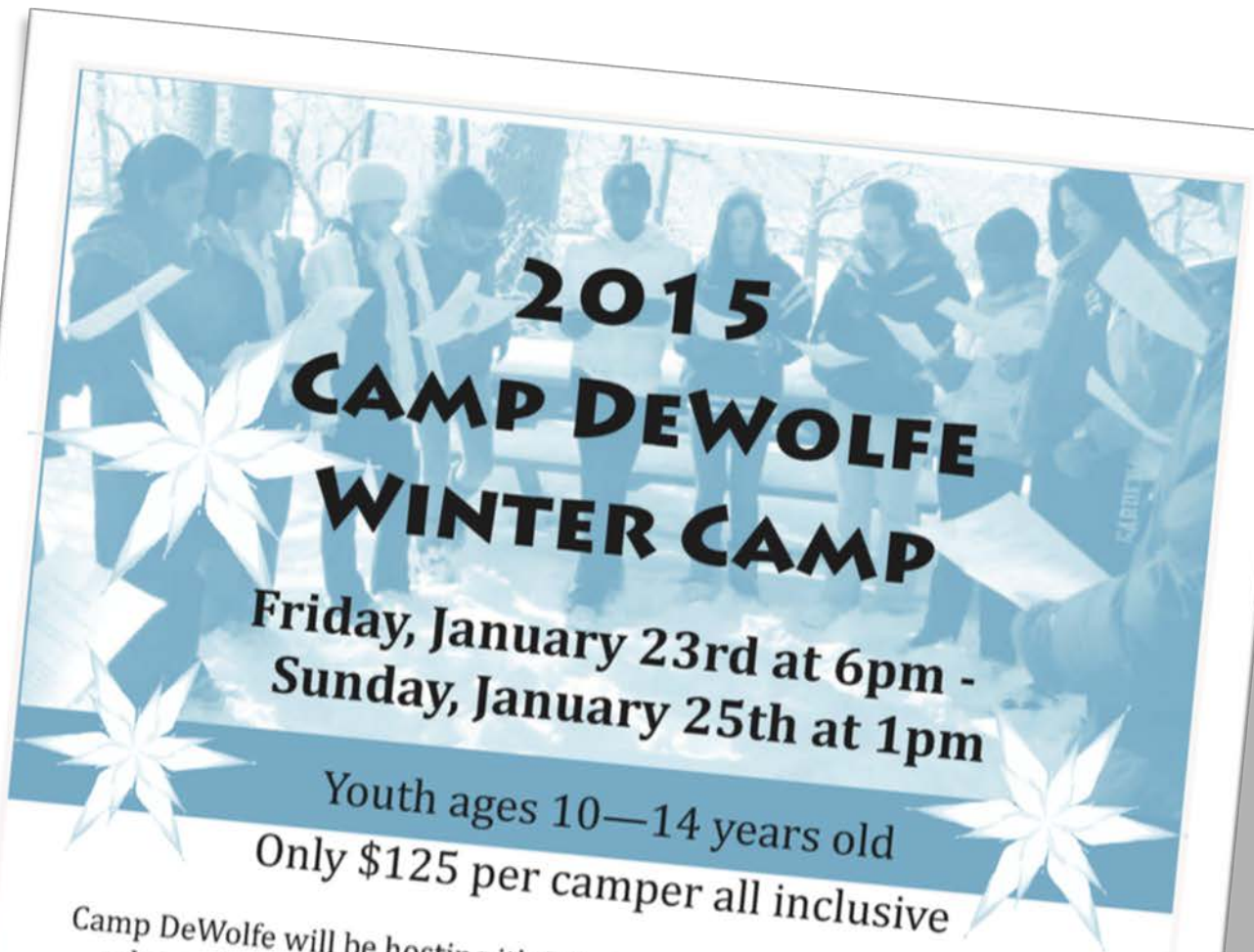
- January 10<sup>th</sup> – Engaging Youth Workshop @Camp DeWolfe
- January 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> – Winter Camp 2015
- February 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> - Listening to God Adult Retreat
- February 21<sup>st</sup>- Camp America Staff Fair London
- March 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – ACA Tristate – Atlantic City NJ.

**Summer Camp 2015**-July - August 2015!  
Register online: [www.campdewolfe.org](http://www.campdewolfe.org)

- 50% Scholarships available
- Sibling Discounts
- Refer-A-Friend Discounts



## YOU'RE INVITED...



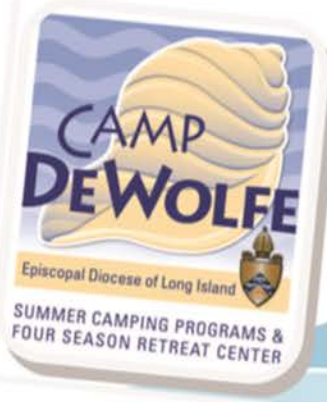
# 2015 CAMP DEWOLFE WINTER CAMP

Friday, January 23rd at 6pm -  
Sunday, January 25th at 1pm

Youth ages 10—14 years old  
Only \$125 per camper all inclusive

Camp DeWolfe will be hosting it's Winter Camp for all 4th to 8th Graders who can't wait until summer camp! Activities, worship, games, arts, returning staff, fun and maybe even some snow!

This weekend will be a great retreat for returning campers, interested first time campers, and anyone who loves camp! Bring your friends! Youth groups welcome too!



Register at: [www.campdewolfe.org](http://www.campdewolfe.org) by December 15th  
For Questions: Call (631) 929 4325





# GOD WITH US!

## EXPLORER CAMP

by Christina Miller

– *Christian Formation Leader*

I started chocking up before camp even began. During check-ins I was assigned the nurse's station, where I greeted families and called them in one-by-one to make sure they were healthy and ready for their summer activities. One camper, Noah, came up to me with a bright smile on his face. I asked him what he was excited about this year and he said enthusiastically, "Everything." Then in a thoughtful voice he added, "I just feel so safe here." I was completely caught off guard, a feeling I've had continually this week as our first round of kids amaze me with their hearts and awareness of God.

In chapel we have explored the different roles of Jesus. We talked about Jesus as God with us, Jesus as teacher, Jesus as friend, and Jesus as Savior. In our first session I asked the kids if God is always with us and was met with an emphatic chorus of "YES!" "Is there any time God isn't with us?"

What about when you're sleeping?" I challenged them. "NO! He never leaves us!" they shouted back at me. Nalyssa raised her hand and said, "God is always with us because the Bible says he will never leave us or forsake us." It was such a clear concept to our 7 to 11 year old campers, and a profound reminder of God's nearness to me as I get older and am prone to forget.

Last night we talked about what it means to serve each other as friends. We talked about the ways Jesus served his friends, and how Jesus offers us things that no other friendship can. Some of the kids said Jesus gives them unconditional love, forgiveness, never leaves, and doesn't judge us. Then we went to the back of the room to take turns washing each other's feet. There was a loud cry of protest when this activity was presented! I wasn't sure if some of the kids would even leave their seats! But when the activity began, I was amazed to see kids and counselors kneeling in front of each other

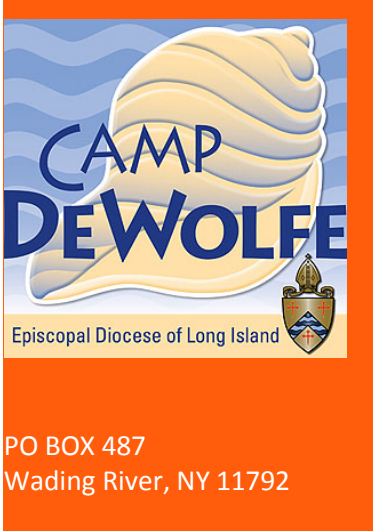
and carefully scrubbing away the dirt accumulated from their day. Ava pushed back her messy blonde hair and asked me to sit down. She evaluated the bottoms of my sandy, grass stained feet, assessed my rough calluses, and then meticulously washed between each of my toes with a bar of soap. I have never enjoyed the feeling of clean feet so much. That night when I joined a girl's cabin for devotions, Tyne closed us in prayer saying, "Thank you God for one of the funniest experiences I've had tonight in chapel."



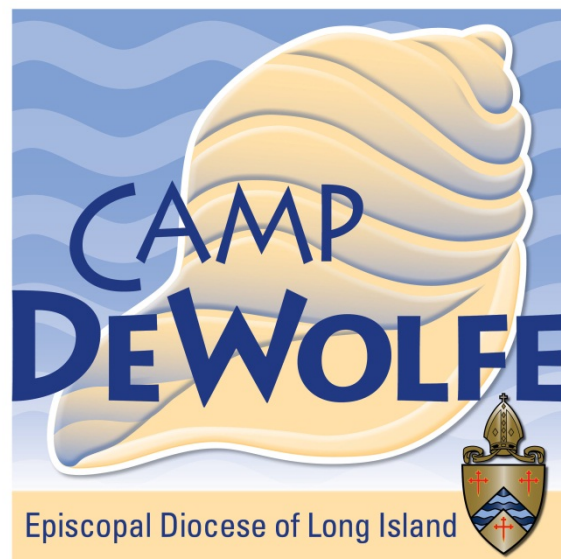
### NOTE:

Check the camp blog for regular news and articles to support you, your family and your parish ministry!

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