



"SMOOTH SAILING" ON THE LONGISLAND SOUND



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# Summer Camp Reflections

by Matthew Tees

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Summer Camp 2012 came to a successful close last week as parents picked up their campers from the closing ceremony of the Adventure Camp week! Campers shared with their parents, songs that they learned throughout the week, as they marched into St Luke's Chapel. It was a bittersweet moment of celebrating and sharing of the fun and memories of the camp season mixed with the emotion of saying goodbye to new friends and staff members until 2013!

All campers were "sent out" from camp to share their positive experiences with their family, friends, schools and parishes so that next year, even more youth can have the same great experience! Already, the camp office is "a-buzz" with plans and programs for next summer as preparations are being made to announce next year's summer camp schedule this September.

Summer 2012 will always be a special one in my own memory as there was such a great effort displayed by dozens of people to make the summer such a success. Camp grounds

crew ensured the grass was neat and clean, Episcopal Health Services C.P.E. interns planned out relevant Christian formation sessions, Board members were seen each opening and closing day greeting parents and assisting in the check in process, Diocesan youth staff played games and checked in with camp counselors, Episcopal Charities staff worked with Bethpage Federal Credit union in organizing a \$10,000 grant for scholarships, and even the Bishop and his wife Jeanne came out to plant flowers around the new pool area before campers arrived.

This summer was a credit to all of the hard work put forth by so many of you! We thank the Lord for His provision and protection over the last 3 months, keeping campers safe, and surrounding the camp with caring and dedicated staff and "support team" who made this summer happen!

I look forward to this time next year when we again reflect on how God moved through Camp DeWolfe! It continually is an honor to see and share how God meets His youth at His camp.



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# Camper Prayers

Over the course of the summer each Cabin was given the opportunity to write their own prayers for each day of the week around a daily theme (Water, Soil, Seeds, Animals and Harvest). Here is just a sampling of what some cabins prayed throughout the summer in response to God's Word learned at camp that day.

**Dear Lord,**

*We thank you for water. We pray for forgiveness that we have not always seen your creation as the gift it truly is. We promise to be good stewards to your kingdom both now and forever. Amen.*

**Dear Lord,**

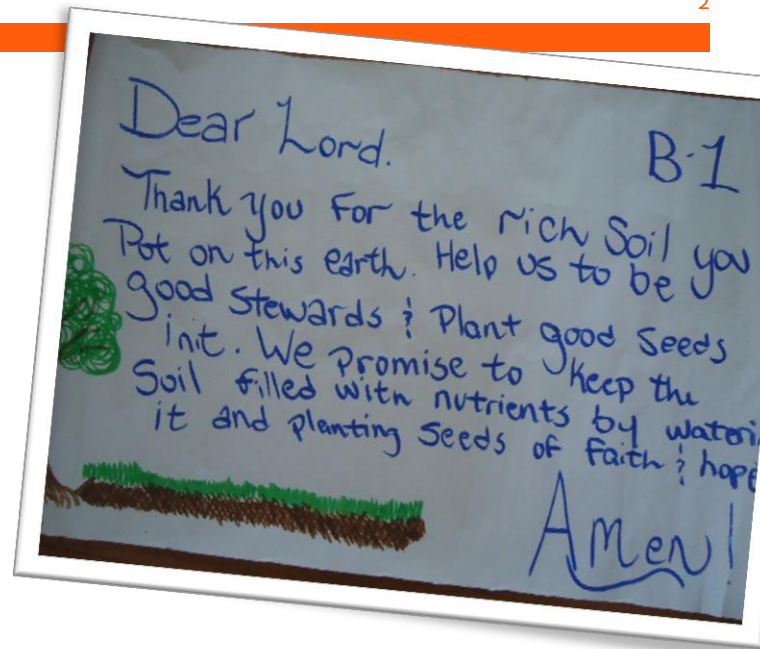
*Thank you for the rich soil you put on this earth. Help us to be good stewards and plant good seeds in it. We promise to keep the soil filled with nutrients by watering it and planting seeds of faith and hope. Amen.*

**Dear Lord,**

*Thank you for the seeds, for they spawn life in many ways, completing the cycle of dependence, making us able to live and thrive in this world. We pray for the people less fortunate. Let seeds be delivered. Amen.*

**Dear Lord,**

*We thank you for the gift of animals. They provide us with food and drinks. Thank you also for giving us animals for transportation. You allow us to have pets as friends, so take care of the animals properly. Make sure everyone who doesn't have animals get some and will have enough to feed their family or anyone else. Please stop people from killing for the fun of it. Amen.*



**NOTE:**

Check the camp blog for a complete list of all cabin and camper prayers from throughout summer 2012!

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**Melissa**, 10 - St. Andrew's, Mastic Beach  
 "I like swimming and hanging out in my cabin with my new friends and our counselors."  
**Troi**, 10 - Trinity-St. John's, Hewlett  
 "Cabin clean-up is challenging but we feel good when we are finished."  
 "We learned about food waste by weighing all of our leftover food. We know it is

# Camper Quotes

What the kids thought about Camp this year!

important to take only the food we are going to eat."  
**Tasmine**, 10 - Trinity-St. John's, Hewlett  
 "I really like kayaking and canoeing!"  
**Katriel**, 10, St Thomas, Bellrose  
 "Canoeing is fun but it is hard to turn the boat."  
**Jeanisha**, 10 - Cathedral of the Incarnation  
 "Climbing is great because I push myself to new limits!"  
**Lucas**, 11 - Grace Church, Whitestone  
 "I love archery and capture the flag."

**Ian**, 10 - Holy Trinity, Greenport  
 "This is my third summer at Camp DeWolfe and I love it here!"  
**Chelsea**, 10 - Church of the Ascension, Greenpoint  
 "Swimming in the pool is nice and cool."  
**Luke**, 10 - Merrick, NY - Cathedral of the Incarnation  
 "This is my second year at Camp DeWolfe. I like archery!"  
 "I like all of the food. I like archery...it is fun!"

SERVICE SATURDAY'S PROGRAM



Serve at Camp DeWolfe!

Join volunteers from throughout Long Island for a day of service at the camp. The day runs 9am - 3pm. A \$5 donation is encouraged for lunch. Bring friends and Family as we trim, paint, move, rake and have fun together! No experience necessary and please RSVP with the camp office. (631)929-4325



Join us for a Service Saturday!

FAST FACTS

100%

% of Campers from 2012 who want to return to camp Dewolfe in 2013!

85%

% of parents who used online camper registration who found it clear and efficient!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Camp Office at (631) 929-4325 or email us at [office@campdewolfe.org](mailto:office@campdewolfe.org)



Don't miss out on all the fun!

# Upcoming Camp Events

**September 2012**

**1st** - Registration opens for Summer Camp 2013!

-Refer a friend and save \$

**8th** - Service Saturday @ Camp

-Come out to enjoy a day of service with volunteers from around the Diocese! Begins at 9 AM.

**16th** - Visit to St Anne's Sayville

- See a presentation on this past summer and sign up for next year! Service @ 9am.

**22nd** - Service Saturday @ Camp

-Begins at 9 AM.

-Youth Delegates Pre Convention Workshop @ Camp-Begins at 9 AM.

**23rd** - Visit to St John's Huntington

-See a presentation on this past summer and sign up for next year! Service @ 10am

**26th** - Board of Managers Meeting

-Begins at 7 PM @ Camp DeWolfe

**29th** - Clergy Family Day @ Camp (10am)

-All Clergy and family are welcome out to camp for a fun day of games, food and water sports! RSVP to the camp office!

**October 2012**

**10th** - Day School's Day @ the Cathedral

-Camp Staff facilitate fun team building challenges for Day School Students.

**12th** - Property Manager's Birthday  
-Happy Birthday John!

**20th** - Service Saturday @ Camp  
-Begins at 9 AM.

**27th** - Service Saturday @ Camp  
-Begins at 9 AM.

**November 2012**

**9th** - 146th Diocesan Convention  
-Come visit the Camp Dewolfe table!

**10th** - 146th Diocesan Convention  
-Hear about plans for 2013!

**22nd** - Happy Thanksgiving!

**More events**

**Fall Retreats-**

Each week the camp welcomes the church groups and schools from across Long Island. Call the Camp Office to book your retreat today!



**Winter Camp 2013-** missing Summer Camp? Join us for one weekend this winter for a weekend full of your favorite camp activities in a colder month. More details to come!

# Retreats at Camp DeWolfe

**Being** near to NYC, life seems to move almost at ever increasing speeds. Work, family, friends, traffic, church, and even vacations seem to fill our days, schedules and calendars even before we have a chance to have our say on the matter. Coming most recently from the Mid-west and returning to the East Coast again, I had forgotten the speed at which the majority of people live, work, drive and talk as well!

In a contrast to this pace of life, Camp DeWolfe gets to experience "a different perspective of Island life". Each weekend the camp welcomes varying groups and organizations and usually by day two of their retreat camp staff begins to hear comments like,

**" Life is so quiet and peaceful out here"... "I feel like I've finally been able to slow down"...and a favorite "Are you hiring for any live-in positions so I don't have to leave and go back to work ? "**

I believe that these comments all lead to the same idea that we were all created to enjoy rest. Something deep inside us longs to be still and for some very good reasons.

**1) Slowing down allows us to hear from God.** 'Be still and know that I am God' -Ps. 46 :10 God was very clear in this verse and it drives home the point that if we aren't still, we forget that God is who He says he is. Retreating and physically resting allows us to finally get in tune with our Heavenly Father and discern His will for our lives.



**2) Rest allows us to share Christ's love with others.** If we claim to be a Christian our first commitment is to share Christ's love with everyone we come in contact with. (And yes that does include the person tailgating you!). If we are not rested and filled with God's love, we honestly do not have the ability to do this. So, resting and hearing from God directly changes every conversation we have throughout the day and the world around us.

**John 15:5** "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

**3) Apart from Christ we can do nothing.** The simple truth that can change how we live each day. So, back to camp, situated on Long Island near one of the biggest cities in the world. God perfectly placed this camp so that people could come and be away from the distractions that keep us from Christ's renewing love. Thousands of retreat guests this year have retreated to Camp DeWolfe to do exactly this. Some groups worship in the St Luke's Chapel, others take a long beach walk, and a few just come to be in silence while residing in the Benson House.

In this hospitality ministry, we make every effort to support true rest. My encouragement is that you plan a weekend retreat for your parish, youth group, work or school. Camp staff can provide the lodging, facilities, food and challenge course. God just needs you to show up ! My prayer is that we all take the time to truly rest and hear from God today. If He leads you here along the way, camp staff will always be ready to greet you with a smile !

In Christ,

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Camp office for more retreat information or see the website and book your retreat today!

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# Your Camp Needs YOU!

Camp Dewolfe is always trying to improve retreat guests and summer camper experiences on the property and it takes a lot of work and tools to keep the facility to a high standard. Currently, over 90% of the maintenance tools that we use have been donated over the last year from individuals across the Long Island and NYC. Thank you! Please can you consider donating or buying any of the below items for use at the camp? Please contact the camp office if you have other items not listed that you feel might be of use to the camp! Thank you!



## Furniture

- 12 bunk beds with 24 twin mattresses
- 10 stand-alone lamps
- 4 wooden dressers
- New area rugs (5" by 7' and 8' by 12')
- 2 fridges (with freezer)

## Maintenance equipment

- 2 drills (cordless)
- 4 gas powered hedge clippers
- 1 chain saw 13-20 inch
- 1 circular saw
- 1 gas hedge trimmer
- 1 gas brush cutter
- 1 Tree Trimmer
- 5 hammers
- Carpentry tools

## Housekeeping

- 20 paint brushes and rollers
- 10 paint trays
- Drop cloths
- 5 industrial mops
- 5 brooms
- 3 industrial strength Oreck vacuum cleaners
- White linens (flat sheet, bottom sheet, pillow case) for twin size and queen size
- 50 new pillows

## Transportation

- 15 passenger van x 2

## Equipment

- 20 Skim diving masks and snorkels
- New Outdoor sports equipment

## Program

- 4 Filing Cabinets
- 5 Computers and monitors
- 10 office chairs
- Scissors, Glue, Tape
- Paints and crafts supplies

## AROUND THE CAMP



## Leave a Legacy

Want to make an immediate impact at Camp DeWolfe? Participate in our Leave a Legacy Campaign to support capital improvements and receive a commemorative brick to be placed in honor or memory of you, your family, school, business, or parish! All bricks are placed in the patio area of the Meeting Hall where guests from all over Long Island see your contribution to the camp! Contact the office at (631) 929-4325 or email us at [office@campdewolfe.org](mailto:office@campdewolfe.org)



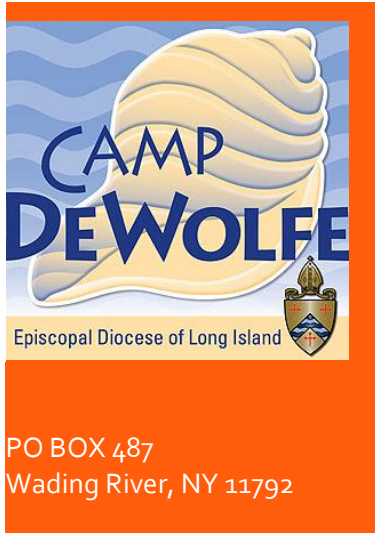
## Parish Banners

Calling out to all parishes! We want you to be represented in the Davis Hall. Please make a 3' x 5' banner to be hung in the dining hall. Spaces are still available. Call the office for more details. Thank you to all those who have already participated! The banners are a wonderful addition to the Davis Hall!

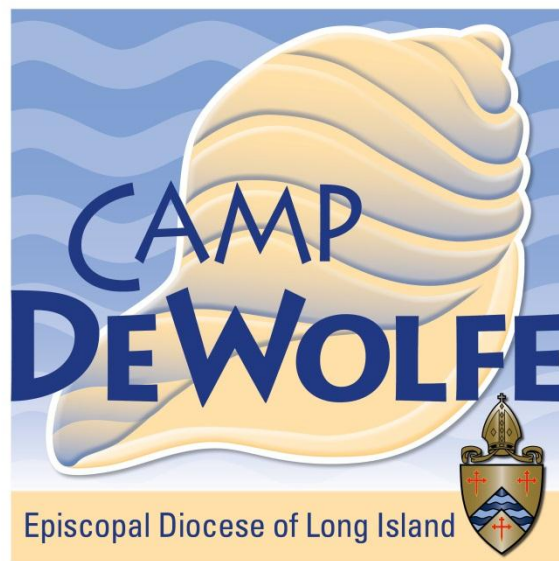


## Now hiring Summer Staff 2013

The camp is now accepting applications for college-age counselor positions. See the website for more info!



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