



LEAP OF FAITH... JUMP FOR JOY



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# Fall Adventures!

by Matthew Tees

**Fall** 2012 has already come and seemingly gone in an instant here at Camp DeWolfe!

Throughout the last 3 months hundreds of retreat guests from throughout Long Island and NYC have made the trek to Wading River and enjoyed time at camp to be with each other and connect with the Lord.

-Maintenance staff prepared camp for the winter months, while waging a fight against the falling leaves and growing grass. The "Service Saturday" program was again a great success and much fun, fellowship and work was completed by the dozens of volunteers who blessed the camp

-At the same time, Camp Program staff has been visiting parishes and connecting with youth and adults alike to share with them about the successes of summer 2012 and vision cast for the year to come.

The past months have been a whirlwind of welcoming guests, cleaning, raking and driving to the far corners of the diocese! Highlights of the fall include seeing the delighted faces of those who watched summer 2012 camp video (especially those who had a connection with the camp in the

past and were praying throughout the summer for it to be a success) and hearing how delighted retreat guests were with the high quality of food in the Davis Hall or luxury of the Tempur- Pedic beds in the cabins. For the camp staff, it made all of the hard work worth the effort! And it was only through the efforts of the entire Camp Staff, volunteers, priests and supporters that we can call this Fall Season a success!

As Camp DeWolfe prepares to enter 2013 with continued energy and excitement for the year to come, I also ask that you, the "friends" of Camp DeWolfe, consider now renewing your participation in the Friends program. It's through your direct support that the camp can continue its mission to serve the youth and adults of the Diocese of Long Island and retreats groups from across the country.

So, please prayerfully consider the camp as you and your family enter 2013. I invite each of you again to partner with Camp DeWolfe as we strive to share Christ's love with those whom we are called to serve.

*Please call Matt at the Camp Office to renew your 'Friendship' today on (631) 929-4325.*



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Get your calendar out!

Renew your participation in the "Friends" program(\$300) to continue receiving the Friends newsletter and invitation to a special "Friend's only" event in 2013! Thank you!

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## Prayer Requests

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)*

Please join us in prayer for Camp DeWolfe to continue to be a place where people can meet God in nature...

*Dear Lord, We thank you for the opportunity to love and serve others. We pray for the strength, energy and wisdom to continue to facilitate and create programs for both youth and adults that will bring everyone to you. Amen.*

*Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of your creation to be stewards over. Thank you for the beauty of the trees, land and water. Help us each to continue to care for your Earth, and each do our part in keeping the land and waters clean and sustainable for the future generations. Amen.*

*Dear Lord,  
Thank you for the many churches, schools, ministries and organizations who choose Camp DeWolfe as a place to seek you in nature and in community.  
Please keep each group safe and secure in your Holy Spirit during their time at Camp. Amen.*



### NOTE:

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

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What an amazing first year at Camp DeWolfe! Starting in January, 2012, I walked into the middle of an enormous construction project and watched as the Davis Hall, Meeting Hall, and St Luke's Chapel were both modified and added to. Old rotting stairs leading to the beach are now replaced. The camp invested in a

## What a Year!

Thoughts from John Bennett, Property Manager

new large commercial lawn mower so we can be stewards of our own lawn maintenance. I now have a capable/invaluable part-time assistant. Youth and adult alike have combined to make Service Saturdays a resounding success.

But none of this compares to seeing enthusiast campers thriving in the pool or kayaking on the sound or enjoying riding in the motor boat with our director. The most gratifying times for me were the morning camp fire circles talking about our relationships with Christ,

listening to and volunteering testimonials about God working through us. This, to me, is what a Christian Camp should be trying to achieve, a living everyday reliance on the Lord Jesus Christ.

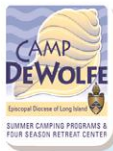
From reviews of parents and campers, we're attaining our vision: to "support spiritual formation in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island; by providing a natural setting for people to engage in community and empower them to live out an outward and visible expression of the love and grace of Christ."

## WINTER CAMP 2013



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

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders welcome!

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## FAST FACTS

100%

% of Campers from 2012 requested for a winter camp!

90%

% of parents want to recommend Camp DeWolfe to their friends and family!

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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



Join us as we enjoy God's creation on the Long Island Sound together!

## Upcoming Camp Events

## October 2012

20<sup>th</sup> - Service Saturday @ Camp  
-Begins at 9 AM. Join Us!

26<sup>th</sup> - Miller Place High School Retreat  
-Begins at 8AM.

27<sup>th</sup> - Service Saturday @ Camp  
-Begins at 9 AM. Join Us!

27<sup>th</sup> - Men of Integrity Day Retreat  
-Begins at 8 AM.

## November 2012

2<sup>nd</sup> - St Philips Episcopal Church Vestry  
-Overnight Retreat

3<sup>rd</sup> - Independent Group Home Living  
-Overnight Retreat for IGHL

9<sup>th</sup> - 146<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention  
-Come visit the Camp Dewolfe table!

9<sup>th</sup> - Parish of the Holy Cross Retreat  
-Youth Group weekend retreat

10<sup>th</sup> - 146<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention  
-Hear about plans for 2013!

10<sup>th</sup> - Long Island Thomas Mar Church  
-Day trip for youth group

22<sup>nd</sup> - Happy Thanksgiving!

## December 2012

8<sup>th</sup> - Independent Group Home Living  
-Overnight Monthly Retreat

8<sup>th</sup> - Family Reunion

-Weekend retreat for a local family!

25<sup>th</sup> - Merry Christmas! Christ is born!

## January 2013

11<sup>th</sup> - St Abraam's Church Retreat  
-College ministry retreat

25<sup>th</sup> - Winter Camp 2013  
-Sign up at [www.campdewolfe.org](http://www.campdewolfe.org)

## More events

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

## TEC 2013-

The 'Teens Encounter Christ' program welcomes all high school students for a weekend retreat:  
February 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Camp

DeWolfe. Email Jackie for more information at [sterling7030@gmail.com](mailto:sterling7030@gmail.com) or call on (631) 436-7569





# Adventure Challenge at Camp DeWolfe

*"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it."*

(1 Corinthians 12:12-26)

One of Camp DeWolfe's Core Values is '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 to transfer development into permanent communities afterwards.*

One of the programs Camp DeWolfe offers to facilitate community development is the Adventure Challenge program. This program is available for youth groups, adult groups, vestries, committees, staff, organizations and businesses... any community who hope to build trust, develop positive relationships, and grow together in community.

Camp DeWolfe staff are trained through Project Adventure in Massachusetts, Interquest in Alabama and Visionary Adventure in New York.

Camp DeWolfe has a Low Ropes course and a High Ropes course, certified by Visionary Adventure in New York. Programs are offered as half day or full day workshops, with a sequence of : icebreakers, team building initiatives, trust initiatives, low ropes and high ropes elements. Groups of up to 30 are welcome ! We pray Camp DeWolfe can continue to be a place where teams and groups can grow together as many parts in the body of Christ.

In Christ,

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Camp office for more information or to book your Adventure Challenge Workshop today!

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# Food for Thought

Dear Friends,

I like to share with you how wonderful our first year together was serving children here at Camp DeWolfe. Getting to know each child was a blessing. How excited they were coming into the Davis Dining Hall with big smiles wondering what we were having for that "meal". It was wonderful to see the children sit down for each meal and pass around the food while engaging in conversation about events that they did and enjoyed that particular day. We also had a BBQ once a week, which was held outside in the courtyard in front of the Davis dining hall. They enjoyed the freedom and eating in the outdoors in a casual setting.

We learned together that we shouldn't waste food, food was plentiful, but not in the garbage! It was a pleasure to see each child eager and excited to be the leader for their table. They supplied the table with food and beverages and also were in charge of clean up.

I'm looking forward to next summer to see familiar faces in addition to lots of new ones. I really enjoyed serving the children family style meals. It gave them each an opportunity to share and listen, how wonderful is that!

Sincerely,

Tina DeGolyer,

Camp DeWolfe's Food Service Manager



## AROUND THE CAMP



## Parish Partners

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! (St Mary's Hampton Bays youth group pictured above)



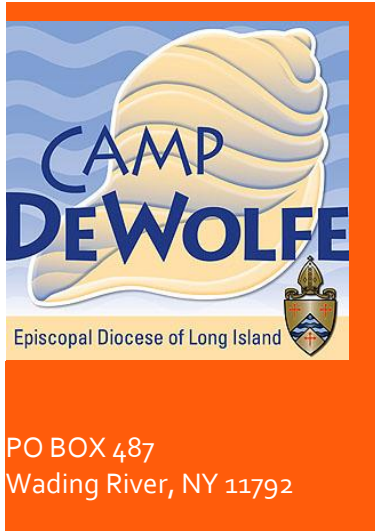
## Now hiring Summer Staff 2013

The camp is now accepting applications for college-age counselor positions. Apply at [www.campdewolfe.org](http://www.campdewolfe.org)

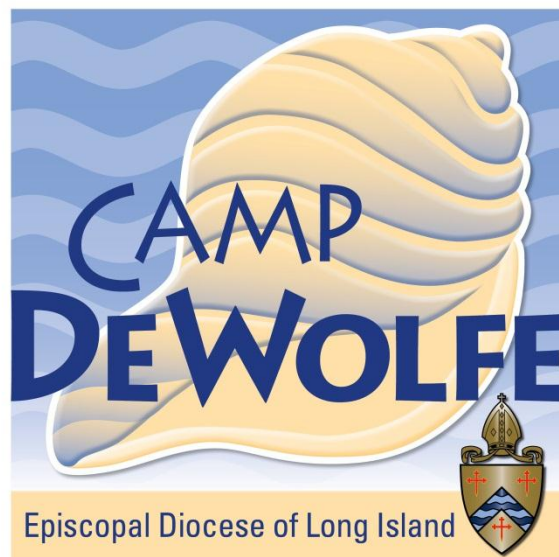


## Leave a Legacy

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)



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