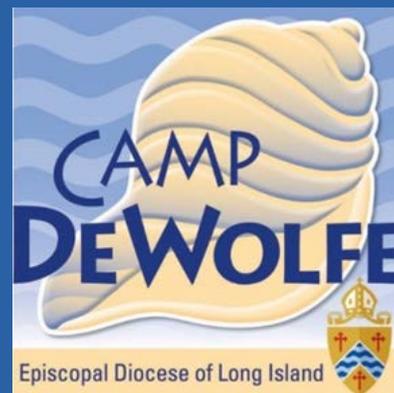


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"FALLING" INTO THE SEASON

by Matt Tees, Executive Director

Greetings from Wading River!

Autumn always brings with it change and transition here at camp. Most notably, the number of people on site increases significantly as groups from across the tri-state region come to retreat.

Did you know that more people visit Camp DeWolfe in the fall than at any other time of the year? The variety of different schools, churches, weddings, yoga, youth groups, boy scouts, women's ministries, and music-oriented retreats seems only to increase with each passing year.

The fall retreat season is truly one of hospitality. In the summer, our focus is on our campers and creating the best possible camp experiences that move them toward a closer relationship with God. In the fall, our focus changes to serving our guests and striving to make them feel at home in them this uniquely Christian and "holy" space.

What does that involve you might ask? To start, thousands of meals are served in the Davis Dining Hall, and a continual hospitality and housekeeping effort is undertaken by all staff to keep the facility in the best condition possible so our guests can focus on God and each other.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 tell us, **"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."** I think we all resonate with change in some way. When the sunny and vacation-filled days of summer give way to the cooler breezes and routines of the fall, we may suddenly feel a sense of loss - as if the summer has passed by too quickly! Likewise, we see dramatic change in the lives of those affected by hurricanes in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean.

Inevitably, the arrival of fall brings change; however, we know this season will soon be replaced, which provides hope as well as a call to cherish the passing moments and places in which we currently find ourselves.

Thank you for being an important part of this ministry that touches the lives of so many people, in this place, in this season.

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." - Ephesians 3:16-19

SERVICE SATURDAYS FALL 2017



October 7 October 21 October 14 October 28

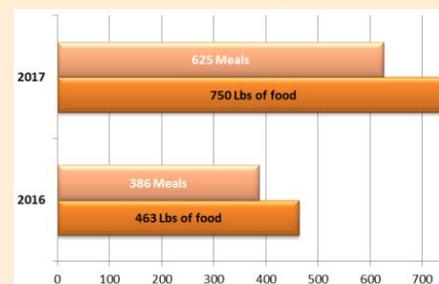
Everyone is welcome: friends, families, youth groups, parishes, school groups, and neighbors!

Projects include: painting, landscaping, gardening, beach cleanup, and more! Lunch provided!

RSVP: mtees@campdewolfe.org

2017 LIT FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE

Our Summer 2017 LIT Food Collection Drive for Island Harvest brought in 24% more food than 2016! That means 625 meals could be provided!



2018 LISTENING TO GOD RETREAT

"Dig Deeper" into your faith and [register now](#) for our Listening to God Retreat! Feb 2 - 3, 2018

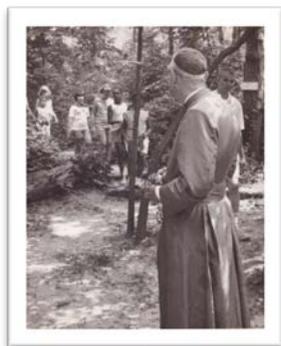
HISTORICAL REFLECTIONS:

MY MEMORIES AS A SUMMER CAMPER

by Gail Williams, camp alumni, 1962-1965

We asked our camp alumni to share their memories of camp and Gail Williams sent us her recollections. Gail was a camper at Camp DeWolfe from 1962 – 1965. We've included some photos from our archives taken during the same years that Gail attended.

"[I] first attended Camp DeWolfe when I was about 8 years old; I think I was there three times for two weeks each time. Bishop DeWolfe visited and, of course, that was a big deal.



Bishop's Day 1964

I remember that you could see the water from the chapel, so it seemed to be perched on the edge of a cliff. There were no seats/pews/benches, so we sat on the floor twice a day unless we went to the outdoor chapel that was on a hill above the water. I must say I didn't appreciate having to go to chapel twice a day.



Worship in St. Luke's Chapel circa 1962

I remember the bunk bed situations. I don't recall how many times I took the upper vs. lower bunk [...], but I feared both. I had never slept in one before, so the first year I chose the bottom bunk. I spent the two weeks wondering if the sagging mattress over me was going to give way and smother or crush me. The following year, I chose the upper bunk and spent the two weeks wondering if I'd fall out of the bed.



Bunks circa 1964 photo credit: Joyce O'Connor

My brother, who was three years younger, also went one year. He lasted one week. When my parents picked him up, I thought they'd take me home too. They picked me up the following weekend but I'm sure I spent the week wondering what fun they were having while I was at camp.



Honor Cabin circa 1964 photo credit: Joyce O'Connor

[T]here [was no pool] when I was there, so I learned to swim in the [Long Island Sound]. We went down a hill or cliff to reach it. I always buried my crucifix in a spot I thought I'd remember, but ended up buying another [one] about four times over each of the times [at camp]. [...] I still have the last one I bought, which would have been around 1962.



Swimming in the Long Island Sound circa 1962

I remember the smell of lunch in the dining room on the days we'd have SPAM®. It smelled like dog food and, except for when

my mother served it, I've probably had it only a few times thereafter in my life and never in the past 30 years or so!



Dining Hall, circa 1962

My favorite memories were going to the concession stand for snacks and replacement crucifixes, crafts and learning to swim in the [Long Island Sound], which I believe made me a stronger swimmer.

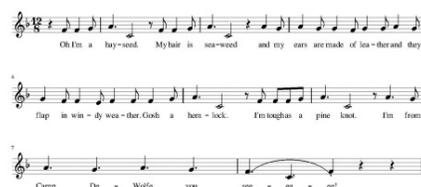
I've never forgotten the camp song and find myself singing it occasionally when I need something silly to help me through the day.

Camp DeWolfe Cheer Song: I'm a Hayseed

*Oh, I'm a hay-seed
My hair is sea-weed
And my ears are made of leather
And they flap in windy weather
Gosh, I'm a hem-lock!
I'm tough as a pine knot
I'm from Camp DeWolfe, you see-e-e
Hooray!*

OH, I'M A HAYSEED

Camp DeWolfe Song Circa 1962 - 1965
provided by Gail Williams and transcribed to musical score by Nathan Sacco



I'm glad I attended Camp DeWolfe as part of my upbringing. [...] Best wishes for 70 more years as you celebrate your anniversary."



Gail Williams, Camp Alumni

Gail grew up on Long Island attending Church of the Ascension in Rockville Centre. She currently lives in Nokesville, VA, is a business owner, published novelist, and active contributor to the Bull Run Observer.

CAMP CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- Oct 1 Parish Visit: St. James Church, Brookhaven
Registration Opens for Listening to God Retreat (Feb 2 – 3 @ Camp DeWolfe)
- Oct 2 - 5 United Way Long Island Young Adult
- Oct 5 - 8 Friends Prayer Retreat
- Oct 6 - 8 Shelter Rock Church Retreat
- Oct 7 **Service Saturday** 9 AM – 3 PM. Lunch provided. RSVP
- Oct 7 - 8 Couples for Christ Youth for Life Retreat
- Oct 8 Parish Visit: St. Luke's Church, East Hampton
- Oct 12 Parish Visit: Mercer School of Theology; Nassau
Pre-Convention Meeting
 Mindfulness for Educators Day Retreat
- Oct 13 - 15 Camp DeWolfe Alumni Retreat
 Long Island Center for Mindfulness: Mindful Living for Health and Wellbeing Fall Retreat
- Oct 14 **Service Saturday** 9 AM – 3 PM. Lunch provided. RSVP
- Oct 15 **Fall Camp Reunion Registration Closes**
- Oct 17 - 18 Hicksville High School Natural Helpers Retreat
- Oct 19 Parish Visit: St. Augustine's Church; Brooklyn Pre-Convention Meeting
- Oct 20 Miller Place High School Day Retreat
- Oct 20 - 22 Body Mind and Spirit Retreat
- Oct 21 **Service Saturday** 9 AM – 3 PM. Lunch provided. RSVP
- Oct 21 - 22 IGHL Retreat
- Oct 22 Parish Visit: St. Mark's Church, Islip
- Oct 26 Parish Visit: Zion Church, Douglaston; Queens
Pre-Convention Meeting
- Oct 28 **Service Saturday** 9 AM – 3 PM. Lunch provided. RSVP
- Oct 28 **Fall Camp Reunion 10 AM – 5PM** For all campers and friends ages 7-17
- Oct 29 Parish Visit: St. Augustine's Church, Brooklyn

NOVEMBER

- Nov 2 Parish Visit: St. Augustine's Church, Brooklyn
- Nov 3 - 5 Guided by Grace Wellness Retreat
 Center Point Church AMP'd Youth Retreat
- Nov 4 - 5 IGHL Retreat
- Nov 7 **ELECTION DAY**
- Nov 10 – 11 **151st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, Melville Marriott Long Island in Melville, NY**
- Nov 10 - 12 Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle - Spanish Women Ministry Retreat
- Nov 11 **VETERAN'S DAY**
- Nov 12 Parish Visit: Zion Church, Douglaston
- Nov 19 Parish Visit: Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City
- Nov 23 - 24 **THANKSGIVING** – Camp Closed
- Nov 26 Parish Visit: St. Anselm's Episcopal Church, Shoreham

DECEMBER

- Dec 2 - 3 IGHL Retreat
- Dec 3 Parish Visit: Redeemer Episcopal Church, Mattituck
- Dec 7 **Camp DeWolfe Board of Managers Meeting**
- Dec 23 - 31 Camp Closed for Christmas
- Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS** – Camp Closed

JANUARY 2018

- Jan 1 - 2 **NEW YEARS 2018** – Camp Closed
- Jan 3 **RETREAT SEASON 2018 BEGINS!**
- Jan 19 - 21 **Winter Camp 2018**
- Jan 24 **Registration Closes for Listening to God Retreat Feb 2 – 3 @ Camp DeWolfe**
- Jan 31 **Camp DeWolfe Board of Managers Meeting**

FEBRUARY 2018

- Feb -2 - 3 **Listening to God Retreat @ Camp DeWolfe**

DONATE TO CAMP DEWOLFE

The Camp is always in need of more than our budget will allow. Donated items are to be new or used items (in excellent condition) or by designated funds. To make a donation, please mail a check to 'Camp DeWolfe' or donate online at www.campdewolfe.org.

If you want to help in another way, consider donating online to the Episcopal Ministries Scholarship Fund! **All donations are tax-deductible!** Please contact the Camp Office at 631-929-4325 to arrange for pick-up and delivery of donated items.

Summer Camp Equipment

- Costumes Box and Outfits for Drama
- Archery foam targets and covers
- Mountain Bikes (\$150)
- Mt. Bike Helmets (\$50)
- Life Jackets (\$45)
- Pool Table
- Foosball Table (\$350)
- Air Hockey Table (\$300)
- New Outdoor Program Equipment (Parachutes, Hula Hoops, Water Balloons)

Transportation

- Dump truck
- Utility vehicle/golf cart
- Motor Boat

WINTER CAMP

2018

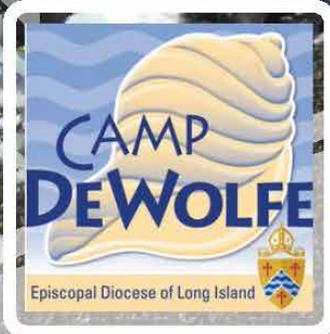
19th-21st January

4th-12th Graders

\$175 Per Camper

Register online at
www.campdewolfe.org
by December 15th, 2017

Drop-Off: Friday at 6pm
Pick-Up: Sunday at 1pm



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GOD IN ALL THINGS

by Nate Saccol, Program Director

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. –

Paul's Letter to the Philippians, 2:3-4

The music thumps, quite literally, and I hear it almost as a sub-sonic vibration. There is singing and dancing. Some are kneeling, some lift their hands, some are simply watching.



All of them are expressing thanks for the life God gave them!

The fire crackles and pops. Darkness fell hours ago, but the fire burns bright, the conversation dies away, and someone pulls out a guitar. For the next hour, there is soft singing punctuated by times of relative silence as people watch the fire.

The door opens and I'm immediately hit by a wave of smells and sound. Judging by the wonderful scent, one of the items we're eating for breakfast this morning is Chef's made-from-scratch cinnamon rolls. The noise is a mixture of joking and laughter, quiet and earnest theological discussions, and the mumbles of people who are starting on their first cup of coffee. People are coming closer to each other, and finding themselves closer to God because of it.

It is quiet but for the waves hitting the shore below. The gentleman sitting on the bench at Provenzano Point watches the water reflecting the sun and clouds like a giant sheet of glass. He is the guest speaker for one of the groups this weekend and he is taking a few moments before breakfast to center himself before a group of teenagers look to him for wisdom and guidance for living faithfully and mindfully.



Summer Camp is powerful and it is easy to think that all of the ministry that takes place at Camp DeWolfe happens between June and August. That simply isn't true, however. As a part of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island we continue to show Christ-like love to hundreds of people through the fall, winter, and spring. We do so through "Christian Hospitality," which is a fancy phrase for simply following Paul's advice to the church in Philippi and counting others as more important than ourselves.

The amazing part is that God is still moving. In every group that comes here; secular or religious, administrative board or youth event, large or small; God is bringing love, life, peace, and wholeness. We are blessed to be a part of it.

Praise be to God!



DAVIS DINING DELIGHTS: CAMPERS' FAVORITE CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI BREAD

by Alex Hill, Camp Executive Chef

A healthy way to use late season zucchini to make a yummy treat!

Yield: 2 loaves (12 slices each).

Total Time: Prep: 15 min. Bake: 50 min.+



Ingredients

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 Tablespoon. vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup baking cocoa
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 cups shredded zucchini

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Grease and flour two loaf pans and set aside.
3. In a large bowl, beat the sugar, oil, eggs and vanilla until well blended.
4. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, cocoa, salt, baking soda, cinnamon, and baking powder.
5. Gradually beat dry ingredients into the egg mixture until blended.
6. Stir in shredded zucchini.
7. Pour batter into two greased and floured loaf pans.
8. Bake in 350°F oven for 50-60 minutes or until done (a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean).
9. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans. Allow to cool completely before serving.



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