

Upcoming Events

Spring Work Day #1
Saturday, April 22
start at 9:00am

Spring Work Day #2
Saturday, May 20
start at 9:00am

Busqueda
June 15 thru 18

Middle Camp
June 18 thru July 1

Intermediate Camp
July 2 thru July 15

Senior Camp
July 16 thru 29

Junior Camp
July 30 thru August 5

Family Camp
August 5 thru 9

Preacher's Retreat
September 24 thru 26

Fall Work Day, TBD

Annual Meeting
October 21
(details TBD)

For current information,
visit us at www.wcyc.org

Two Generations of WCYC Campers

As WCYC approaches 80 years of youth camp history, multi-generation camper families are becoming quite a familiar site. Leigh and Ashleigh Campbell are one such mother-daughter combo.

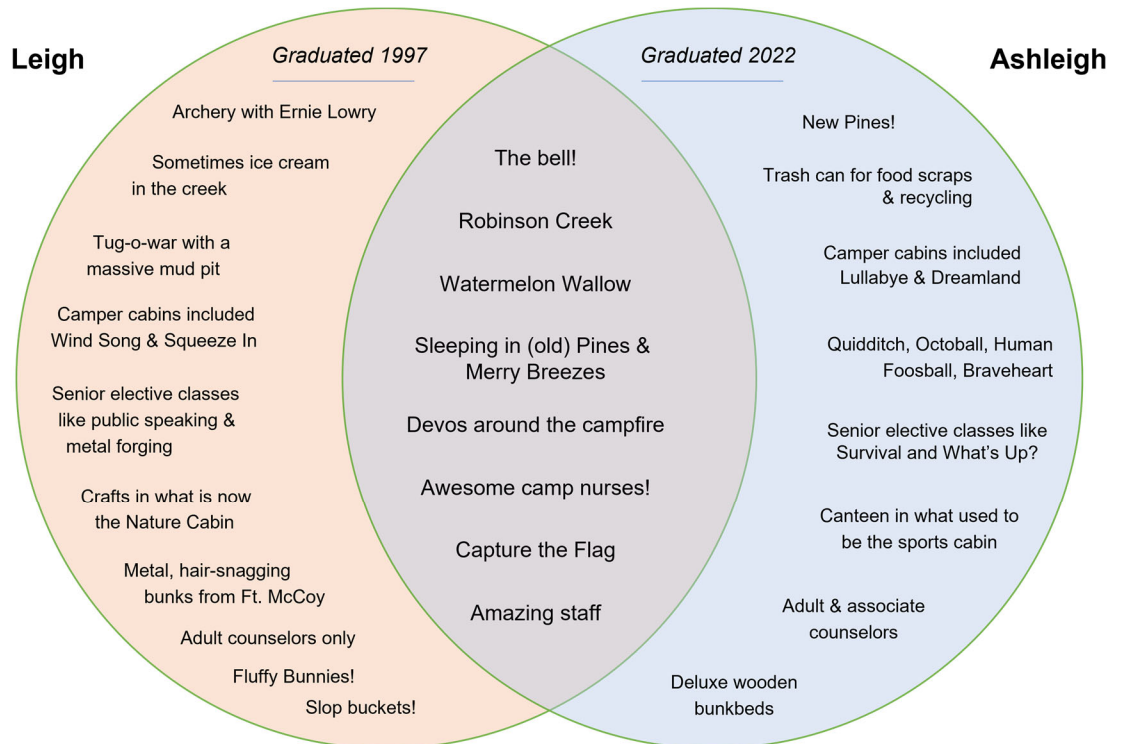
Leigh (graduating class 1997) was an avid camper back in the day. Her daughter, Ashleigh, (graduating class 2022) completed her last WCYC year at Senior Camp last summer.

The WCYC's Public Relations Committee (a subset of the Board of Directors) reached out to Leigh and Ashleigh to get an "Alumni perspective" for this newsletter: What's new? What has changed? What remains the same?

The result is captured in the Venn diagram presented below. On the left, we have memorable components of Leigh's camping experience back in the 90s; on the right, Ashleigh's experience in the new century.

The overlapping area in the middle are aspects of WCYC camp shared by both generations. Many of the very best parts of camp remain the same.

Perhaps this graphic will spark conversation both within your family and among your friends. We thank Leigh and Ashleigh for contributing to this exercise, and for their years of love and service to WCYC.



Vision Quest

A Message from the Public Relations Committee

Hello from Larry Mudd, Kevin Morrill, and Cheryl Whitesitt, your WCYC Board Public Relations Committee.

According to the Directors' Handbook, this committee "must communicate with enthusiasm" and "build the necessary relationships to accomplish" our camp mission.

That is the essence of the over 600 words that describe our assigned tasks.

In this issue, we'd like to do what we do best, "communicate with enthusiasm!"

We're excited to bring you information and stories about WCYC, as well as to share something new. The Newsletter has always been posted on the website BUT now the website edition will be an electronic version that you can quickly click on links to make the stories even richer. Be sure that, if you're only getting the mailed paper version, you go to the website, wyc.org/newsletters. (Don't you wish you had that electronic version already?) Be sure that you not only read Maria's poem on the back page, but also click on the link so you can hear her read it!

That's a start. Now we need your input. What would YOU like to see in future issues of this newsletter?

How about a collage of WCYC alumni? Think about a photo or photos with the date you graduated from High School. Photos can be of you at any age.

Think about a sort of "then and now." A photo from when you were a Junior Camper and then again when you were a Senior Camper.

This issue has a Mother/Daughter Alumni story (see cover story). Would you like to see more of these?

Would you like more photos with captions and less longer stories? More history? More memories? Camper/Alumni Testimonials?

How about going beyond the Newsletter and posting your stories and photos on Social Media?

You can find our contact information on back page.

We can't wait to hear your ideas!

In the meantime, be sure you take those photos when you're at camp. Email us your stories and photos. Please, just be sure to label those photos.

Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you.



Two Spring Work Days

"whatever you do, in word or deed"

Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp is built on 450 acres of beautiful Wisconsin forest. That means, every year, we have to re-fight to regain some level of control over the ever-encroaching forces of nature.

This Spring, you have two opportunities to be part of the solution, to join us in this necessary and rewarding annual effort.

On Saturdays April 22 & May 20, beginning at 9:00am, we have tasks planned out for workers of all ages. Cabins need to be cleaned. Paths need to be cleared. Wood needs to be hauled away.

Depending on the number of workers who show up, we can paint, cut down trees, haul in gravel, fill in erosion holes and troughs, clear brush around cabins.

The work truly is plentiful.

If you are able to join us for either or both of these dates, please, contact us at operations@wyc.org. While your at it, bring a friend, or a vanload of friends!

We look forward to seeing you there.



A Note to Our Monthly Bank Draft Donors

As of January 1, our bank changed how your monthly withdrawals are shown in your transaction history and your bank statements. Instead of specifically identifying "WCYC", all it now says is "Durand". (That is city in which our main bank branch is located.)

WCYC Finance Committee reached out to the bank to inquire about the change. we were told it has something to due with their audits and cannot be changed back.

We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused. We will updated you about any further changes.

While we have your attention... We would like to thank all of you for your financial support of WCYC!! And a special "thank you" for our monthly donors. We literally could not keep this camp running without you. Words cannot express our appreciation and gratitude.

If you would like to join the online-monthly-auto-deduction donation team, contact finance@wyc.org, or visit our download and complete the form at: www.wyc.org/automatic-bank-withdrawal.

God is good!

Volunteers (always) Needed!

Every year, WCYC requires countless hours from volunteers of all sorts, for all sorts of tasks. (And, not all of them require a one-week commitment and staying in a rustic cabin.)

If you love WCYC, if you or someone you love has been blessed by WCYC, or if you just want to be part of a great ministry, please, consider joining our army of volunteers.

For details on opportunities to serve:

Visit wyc.org/volunteer

A Preview of This Summer's Upcoming Sessions

The following session previews are provided in chronological order. Dates for sessions are listed on the coverage of this newsletter. Additional details, contact information, and links to registration are provided on our website at www.wcyc.org/camps

Busqueda

After three years off, Hispanic Camp "Busqueda" is back! We are excited and are looking forward to getting together soon and enjoying this wonderful place in Black River Falls, WI. The theme of our camp for this year is "Camping with God" and our special guest to preach at camp is our brother, Edwar Morales from Pennsylvania. We are expecting close to 100 in attendance and are super excited for fun and fellowship!

For more information contact either: Fernando Diaz, 224-419-8936, minister_fer@hotmail.com or Luis Cardenas, 847-845-0276, luiscardenas2720@gmail.com

Junior Camp

The theme for Junior Camp this year is "Fruity for the Lord". We'll brainstorm, discuss, and demonstrate all sorts of fun and meaningful ways to incorporate the nine Fruits of the Spirit into our daily lives.

How can we show kindness at school or work? How can we demonstrate self-control on the ballfield or in the gym? And what about generosity and faithfulness? Can we show those fruits while hanging out with our friends?

Jesus was always saying we should love everyone, including our enemies. How in the world do we do that?

Come to Junior Camp and find out!

Middle Camp

Jordan River, I'm bound to cross (Woah!)

If that didn't set off an ear worm that will keep you humming while you read the rest of this newsletter, perhaps you need to join us at Middle Camp.

Our theme this year is "Crossing the Jordan". One of the most symbolic bodies of water in human history, the Jordan Riv-

er represents a physical and a spiritual turning point. Middle school is a time when many start to figure out who they are and where they fit in the world. Knowing that God guides us and helps us through even our struggles in today's world.

The Jordan River also reminds us of what God has done for us. The Israelites used stones to mark their crossing so they could tell their children what God did for them for generations to come. WCYC is one of those stones with Middle Camp being a time that can create memories for a life time.

With so many stories to be told, we look forward to having you join us this summer.

Intermediate Camp

DELIVER US! At Intermediate Camp this summer, campers will see how the Exodus story is also the Jesus story and how we are to make it our story. The Exodus is the foundational story of deliverance that undergirds the entire history of God's people, culminating in Jesus, whose very name connects us to the Exodus story as our "rescuer, savior, deliverer", and to our need for God's grace and mercy. Intermediate Campers will come face-to-face with the love of Jesus this summer in a powerful, interactive, biblically-based mountaintop experience. To God be the Glory!

Senior Camp

Senior Camp is on track for the summer! With details to come, we will be going through the Parables of Jesus, ferreting out and discovering the ways he used storytelling to relate and teach the people.

Senior Camp classes include lots of electives: creative writing, fishing, survival, improv games, yard games, running class, painting class, crafts, recreation, etc. (The final list will vary based on the amazing tal-

ents that our staff bring with them each year.) Of course, there will also be several spiritual formation classes.

As a reminder... a few great reasons for being a camper at Senior Camp: the people, spiritual formation, fun, senior camp food, hang out in God's Country, and we got crab soccer!

And a few great reasons to be a counselor at Senior Camp: to become a mentor to others, to serve God the WCYC way, it keeps you young, it's totally fun, you meet cool people, and you make a difference.

A testimony by a Senior Camper: "I love the way you can see God through the people there."

Family Camp

Family Camp is a four-day camp session open to all people, all families, and all ages! No one is too young or too old for Family Camp!

All the activities, Bible classes, food and events are geared towards the whole family, so everyone can participate. The schedule is designed to encourage intentional time with your family as well as lots of time to build new relationships with other family campers. It also includes flexibility to take care of any specific needs you or your loved ones might have.

The directors of Family Camp are Anthony and Jenny Neal, and Tom and Karen Hill. We are so excited to welcome you to the WCYC 2023 Summer Session of Family Camp. We will study the "love passage" in 1st Corinthians and talk about God's design for loving your family!

Our desire as directors is to create a unique session where you can experience all the joys of camp, including bible class, nature activities, devos by the campfire and more with your families and other Christians alike!



Has your name changed? Are we misspelling your name? Are we sending three copies of the newsletter to the same address? Has your camper grown up and moved into their own apartment? Does your friend want to start receiving our newsletter?

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A Junior Camp Poem, by Junior Camper, Maria Kinzer [\(click here to hear Maria read her poem\)](#) 

There was Dreamland, and Lullabye too.
 There was Merry Breezes and Pines,
 which is sort of new.
 We did the creek, which was really fun.
 Some people went on inner tubes,
 and we were sad when we were done.


Everyone loved canteen,
 with drinks and snacks galore.
 When we were done,
 we all wanted more!

There was carpetball and ping-pong games,
 There was some other stuff too,
 but I don't know the names.
 We made prayer jars in crafts,
 and played Octo-ball.
 We even had some devotionals
 near the Great Hall.

Our theme this week was
 God's Work, Our Hands;
 God's Dream, Our Plans.

At the talent show,
 we all had a part.
 Some kids played piano,
 some kids did art.

This was Junior Camp of 2022.
 I really enjoyed it. I hope you did, too.

(This newsletter is available online, at wycyc.org/
 newsletters. It will be in color, and have active
 links. To hear Maria read her awesome poem,
 find this newsletter and click the "Play" link.) 

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