

The Wilderness Way



Wilderness Way Camp School Newsletter

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On Wednesday evenings at camp we gather campers and staff together for an informal worship service that we call *vespers*. Recently, with Trailblazers out hiking the Chattooga Trail, Chief Anita led vespers with the Pathfinders around a campfire. Our topic was *Insecurities* and the girls shared many thoughts on where many of their insecurities came from.

Outward appearance was of great concern in relation to acceptance. Girls related concerns of being pretty enough, trim enough for others to accept them. Some adopted girls reflected on the nagging worry of whether their parents would stick with them or not, even with an apparently solid commitment to them. It was encouraging to hear these girls share from their heart about internal struggles, knowing that they are able to reflect on these thoughts now where words were absent in months past. These girls have become skillful at identifying and describing where struggles come from and are seeing more clearly how to live above them.

We opened God's Word for His assurances pertaining to our acceptance by Him and His desire to care for us. Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us to trust in Him rather than lean on our own understanding. He will direct our paths as we acknowledge Him. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." Psalm 32:8 speaks of God's commitment to looking out for us and taking care of us. What a great promise to thank God for. He is rich in His blessing of care for us. We wish for you an abundantly thankful Thanksgiving season wrapped in the security of our Lord.

-- Bill Collins, Executive Director

➔ *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6* ➔

Hiking the Chattooga Trail

A glimpse into the recent Trailblazer trip!



The Trailblazers had quite a hiking experience! They started in western North Carolina and hiked down the Chattooga River Basin back into South Carolina. There were many laughs shared and memories made from this week long trip! It was a beautiful time of year to be on the trail and God had painted many beautiful scenes for them along the way!



Funny Trip Moment:

When the group discovered they put in some extra miles because they hiked the **WRONG WAY!**

"OBSTACLE!"

Hey everybody! ☺ So as y'all already know, Trailblazers are hiking! Today was a really good day; I have never been on a hiking trip before. I am really enjoying this trip so far. It isn't as cold as I was expecting, but maybe I am speaking wayyy too soon! I am currently sitting by a warm fire and the amazing sound of the Chattooga River! Woop Woop! We hiked at least 4.3 miles today and it felt so tiring. My hiking pack wasn't too heavy but my hips were hurting really bad during the hike. I still kept a good attitude though! So, whenever we would reach an obstacle (or in other words a technical/ hard part of the trail) we would yell, "Obstacle!" to let the people behind us know what was coming up ahead. Some of them included really big, fat logs that had fallen on the trail and some obstacles consisted of really steep parts out of nowhere! I enjoyed the obstacles because they gave the day some spunk! ☺

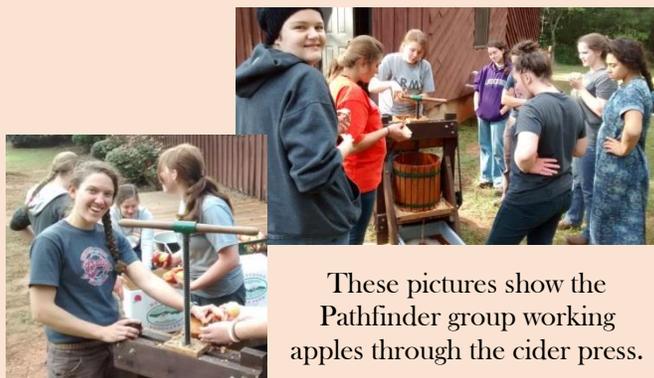
--Andrea V.

AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY...

...So, in our case, I guess we should be good to go for several years! Earlier in October, our Trailblazer group got to take a trip over to Chattooga Belle Farm and pick up boxes upon boxes of apples. Chattooga Belle very graciously gifted the apples to Camp and we have been using them for meals, snacks, and...cider!

Camp staff, along with the girls, spent a few hours one afternoon and evening using an old cider press to make apple cider the old fashioned way. There were many gallons of cider that was pressed and the result is delicious! We anticipate using large portion of it for our Turkey in the Hole celebration on November 17th to give our guests a warmed, spiced cider as they fellowship outside. (*See more about our Turkey in the Hole on the back page!*)

The girls also got to learn a bit about how cider was made before the times of modern machinery. The apples had to be fed into a grinder where they were ground into an apple pulp. The large 'T' shaped handle at the top was turned to force a pressing plate down onto the ground up apples. The large pressing plate was then used to press the juice from the apple pulp. The juice collected into a bin at the bottom and oxidized into a deep, amber color. After this step, the cider can be chilled and served, and you have a delicious, hard earned treat that's a perfect fit for a fall day!



These pictures show the Pathfinder group working apples through the cider press.



We want to say a special '**Thank You**' to Chattooga Belle Farm for blessing us with these apples and making the cider press experience possible!

'THE HOLLOW'

Little bits of news and information from our neck of the woods!

Volunteer Opportunities

Camp is looking to bring on a few more people to help staff here at Wilderness Way. Please see the positions below; if any of them interest you, please contact us or visit our new website! We would be happy to talk to you and see how your gifts can help and impact others here at Camp.

- **Camp Cook(s)** – Do you enjoy being in the kitchen? Camp is looking to bring in at least one more cook to help serve our staff and girls. This position would include being involved with some Camp duties outside the kitchen as well. We are looking to have the position filled as soon as possible.
- **Group Chief(s)** – Camp is looking to fill upcoming positions for group Chiefs. If God is calling you to serve in this way, please call our office and ask to speak with Chief John Bowman. We are looking to have this position filled as soon as possible.
- **Receptionist/Secretarial Assistant** – Our secretary is the voice and face of Camp by welcoming visitors, new campers, and new staff. The role includes answering phones, typing weekly articles the campers write, decorating for special events and occasions, as well as a host of other office and administrative items.
- **Tutor** – Our campers do work on schooling during their stay at Camp. We would like to have a tutor to assist the girls as they work towards keeping their grades up as well as school credits.



NEW Website!

We are excited to announce that we have launched our new website! There are lots of new photos and content to explore that will hopefully give you a peek into Camp life. Our new web address is wildernesswaycamp.org and we would be delighted for you to come 'visit'!



Amazon Smile

Many people opt for the convenience of online shopping these days and Amazon is usually your 'one stop shop' for many items that may be on your Christmas list.

This year, we encourage you to sign up at smile.amazon.com and designate Wilderness Way Camp School as the charity for Amazon to donate to! When shopping this way, Amazon will donate a 1/2 percent of all your purchases towards Camp.

This is still shopping through Amazon where you would need to use your personal account. However, for Amazon to be able to donate to Camp, you will need to log in at smile.amazon.com first.

Thank you for considering this possibility and...happy shopping ☺





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It's that time of year again!

***We want to invite you, our community, to our annual
'Turkey in the Hole' Thanksgiving celebration!***

Operating in a spirit of thankfulness is our goal for every day at Camp. We would like to invite our community to join us in a celebration of God's provision with our annual 'Turkey in the Hole' on **Saturday, November 17th**. Please RSVP to our office at **(864-972-0611)** to join us here on Camp property for campsite tours and fellowship. Following tours will be skits and songs before digging up the turkeys.

Campsite Tours: Beginning at 10:45 AM and going until 11:15 AM

Songs and Skits: Beginning at 11:45 AM

Digging up the turkeys will start around 12:30 PM with feasting to follow!

General Information: Camp will provide the turkey, gravy, dressing, bread, butter, and drinks. Guests, please bring two sides **OR** a side and a dessert (veggies are welcome)! We appreciate if all children stay with their parents. Pets also will need to stay home; thank you for understanding! We will be outside, so please dress accordingly.

There is **NO CHARGE** to attend, but donations are gladly received! We hope to see you here.