

The Wilderness Way



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“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”

Romans 12:4-5

When you are a part of Camp; whether as a camper or a staff member, you are a small piece of a bigger picture. Not everyone has the same responsibility or talents and that’s the beauty of it! Everyone brings their unique gifts and talents and offers it in ways that will help benefit Camp for the ultimate goal: to help our girls make good life decisions and to follow God while doing it!

We want to shed some light on the gifts of our three cooks and how much they contribute to Camp. Meet Miss Charissa, Miss Jannah and Miss Isabel; the ladies responsible for those delicious, home-cooked meals!

They answered a few questions to give us a small glimpse into their lives at Camp.

On your off duty, does cooking appeal to you? Or would you rather not touch a stove until you go back on duty?

I live in the kitchen enough that I prefer a different environment on my off duty ☺ Campfire cooking is tolerable then...like s’mores! – Miss Charissa



You all cooked up an ethnic food experience for Trailblazers. What country did you pick and why did you choose it?

Thailand! We chose Thai because we have been trying to cook from different countries and had recently discovered a fun recipe from Thailand and decided to try it at Camp! – Miss Jannah

What is your favorite thing to cook?

Birthday desserts and cookies for staff meeting. – Miss Isabel

Mac-n-Cheese or Sunday morning granola! – Miss Jannah

I enjoy experimenting with different ethnic food if I have the time and the ingredients. For normal fare, I like making wraps, soups, and stews. Homemade bread is also a good comfort food to have in the oven. – Miss Charissa



‘Stone Soup’ anyone? This was a fun ‘meal’ these ladies came up with to help make things memorable and interesting!



Pictured from left to right are Miss Charissa, Miss Isabel, and Miss Jannah. Their spunk and smiles add so much to Camp and we are so grateful for them!

A Trip Down the Suwannee River

Brought to you by the Pathfinders of Wilderness Way

Going Places: Day 1

Rosa is taking us way down to Fargo, Georgia. I have been enjoying the white, puffy clouds and the towering pine trees. It really stands out to me how Georgia and Florida have much different terrain than Virginia and Pennsylvania. I can look over the trees and see for miles; whereas in the Northern States I see many hills and mountains. Just a bit longer in the bus and we will be on the River. Then we have about four miles to paddle and we'll be in campsite. It makes a day feel very successful when you just get to a lot of places; either it is by bus or canoe. My team job today is organizing tools and binders twine. Once we get into campsite that will be my duty. After that I might do some algebra from Miss Lisa or do some stretches, because we have been sitting for most of the day. I am looking forward to starting this trip strong and I know that we are all going to grow a lot. We are officially on a trip when Chief Susan gets out her peanut butter spoon and her Moravia hat! Our instruments are harmonicas. Suwannee River, here we come. -- Alia



Pathfinders conquered approximately 190 miles on this river trip!



A manatee was spotted soon after entering 'Manatee Springs'!



Manatee Springs

Today we paddled 9.2 miles all before lunch. We paddled into Manatee Springs and while doing so, we saw one lovely manatee swimming around. The manatee went right under our canoe. This was the first time and possibly last that I will get to see a manatee anywhere out of captivity. We unloaded canoes after we had lunch. We loaded the trailer and eventually headed over to the campsite for the nights. When we came into campsite, we got everything situated and got in our swim gear to go swim in Manatee Springs. We swam and played around in Manatee Springs for about a little bit over an hour, but everyone had to eventually get out so we could get back to campsite to make our Chicken and Dumplings for dinner and write our articles. I was sad that we had to leave, but the experience was worth a whole lot of paddling to get to. I hope I will get another opportunity to come down. -- Arianna

Taffy Pull

A good old-fashioned taffy pull...there's not much like it! Pulling the taffy adds tiny air pockets or bubbles to it which in turn, gives it that lighter and chewier texture. If you've had a piece of this homemade candy melt in your mouth, you know what we're talking about!

It's also quite an experience! Our campers and some staff enjoyed this exercise and produced some mouth-watering results.



We had a group of ladies here from Iowa and they graciously made the taffy for us and helped make it a fun event!

One of the batches of taffy didn't start out very well. Once it was finished, it began to get very stiff and hard. The girls had to really pull and even then it wasn't cooperating very well! However, not to be outdone by the candy, the ladies were able to do some tweaking and got some of the taffy to soften up. A few more batches emerged from the kitchen and, after hands were slathered with butter, both groups got to have a chance to pull the taffy!

Once the taffy was pulled and stretched a few times, it began to change color to a white/cream shade. At this point, the girls could add flavorings. Mint extract for mint, instant coffee for a coffee flavor, etc. After that, it was then brought over and cut into bite sized pieces onto confectioners' sugar. The taffy was then organized into the flavors and later, consumed 😊



3rd Annual Golf Tournament Proceeds to benefit Wilderness Way Girls' Camp

- Happening on May 5th, 2018
- Tournament will take place at Saluda Valley Country Club
- Contact Alan Freeman at 864-202-2943 for more details!
- Lots of prizes to be awarded – come out and join the fun for a good cause!





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We interrupt this bulletin for an important (and exciting) announcement!

We are very excited to embark on a new venture this Spring!

We are planning to open an ice cream trailer to serve our local community! We have been blessed to be able to purchase a trailer and a soft ice cream machine to bring our customers a high quality, soft served treat. After all, what goes with a hot summer day better than a cone of ice cream?

During the months of April – November we anticipate being open to serve our community here in Oconee County. Proceeds from the trailer will go to help aid in the financial needs of Camp.

Stay tuned! We hope to release an opening date and more details in the near future.

Follow us on Facebook to see news regarding **'The Oconee Ice Cream Depot'**!

Thank you for sharing in our excitement and anticipation!

