YMCA CAMP KIRKWOOD
2019 Camp Guide
WELCOME TO CAMP KIRKWOOD

Located just outside Wilmington NC, Camp Kirkwood sits on 195 acres of pristine woodlands along with a 10 acre lake for water sports, hiking trails for nature study, a swimming pool for cooling off, and even more activities to meet our campers needs.

Our camp philosophy is to provide a safe, fun, magical and educational experience for all guests and children through the demonstration of our core values- Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility- and practicing a “Kids and Guests first” philosophy.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Help give the gift of camp to children by donating to the Annual Campaign. This year’s campaign will benefit the children of active military personnel and NC educators. To donate, please email Luke Dooley at luke.dooley@ymcasenc.org for information.

OUR STAFF

Camp Kirkwood selects role models who are dedicated to guiding your child’s emotional and physical development while at camp. Well-trained counselors will build confidence in children by encouraging them to try new activities and make new friends.

All staff members are trained in First Aid/CPR and receive extensive training in leadership, listening and life skills. Most of our staff are former campers who are dedicated to providing kids with the same life-changing experience they received as campers.
TOUR CAMP KIRKWOOD

For more than 50 years, Camp Kirkwood has welcomed campers, providing a chance to escape the distraction of modern life and experience God’s breath-taking natural world through exploration and adventure.

Our mission is to help campers develop a sense of accomplishment through camp activities while also learning about self-reliance and sharpening the skills necessary for working with others. Campers will build self-confidence while creating lasting relationships with other campers.

CAMP FACILITIES
› Air-Conditioned Cabins
› Outdoor Pool
› Dining Hall
› Outdoor Chapel
› Fire Pit
› Air-nasium
› Infirmary
› Prayer Labyrinth

CAMP DIRECTORS
Luke Dooley, Associate Executive Director
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Suzy Gandy, Summer Camp Director
Susanna.Gandy@ymcasenc.org

Reggie Johnson, Food & Service Director
Reginald.Johnson@ymcasenc.org

CAMP ACTIVITIES
› High Ropes Course
› BB Gun Range
› Archery
› Canoeing
› Swing By Choice
› Low Ropes Course
› Hiking Trails
› Lake Rafts
› Zip Line
› Swimming
› Outdoor Education
› Fishing
› Arts & Crafts
› Sports & Games
› Paddle Boards
› Kayaking
› Sling shots
› Team Building
OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Overnight Camp is the ultimate summer camp experience! Our classic six-day overnight camp is full of traditions, activities and adventure. From high ropes to swimming in the pool, campers will forge friendships, build confidence, sharpen character and learn critical team skills.

Each day is divided into Morning Cabin activities and Afternoon Choice activities. Cabins choose morning activities to do together. These activities are intended to build team skills and develop relationships within the cabin group. Afternoon Choice activities are selected by each individual camper. Campers will create their own afternoon activity schedule and focus on skill development. They will also swim in our outdoor pool every day. Evening activities are all camp games intended to develop a strong sense of belonging here at camp.

Our cabins come equipped with full bathrooms, air conditioning, and a minimum of 3 well trained, energetic, cabin counselors who supervise the behavior and ensure the safety of campers. We maintain a 3:1 ratio of campers to counselors in the cabins.

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TRADITIONAL OVERNIGHT CAMPS

- 6 Days + 5 Nights  | Sundays-Fridays
- Ages: 7-15
- Cost: $525  | financial assistance is available
ADVENTURE CAMPS

Adventure Camp is for those who are looking for a more rustic overnight camp experience. Campers will sleep in tents in the Rustic Area. They do have access to the bathhouse. Campers will be provided meals in the dining hall. This is a chance for campers to learn the importance of self reliance while at the same time developing team building skills through high and low rope activities.

Campers will participate in all Camp Kirkwood activities during the day. In addition, Adventure Campers will have the opportunity to canoe down the Black River. Adventure Campers will be closely supervised by our Adventure Staff.

Adventure Campers will sleep in tents provided by Camp Kirkwood. They will learn shelter building, fire making, outdoor cooking skills, and basic survival skills. Be sure to bring a sleeping bag and comfortable shoes!

2019 ADVENTURE CAMPS

| Week 1 | June 23-28 |
| Week 2 | July 7-12  |
| Week 3 | July 21-26 |
LEADERSHIP CAMPS

The camp environment provides a unique opportunity for teens to build leadership skills, particularly in assisting counselors with younger campers. Camp Kirkwood’s leadership camps give teens the opportunity to build their skills, confidence and capacity for working with people of all ages.

LEADERS IN TRAINING OVERNIGHT CAMP

The Y’s Leaders In Training program is a two week, overnight camp designed to help teens develop their leadership skills. This camp operates hand-in-hand with our Traditional Overnight Camps, providing young leaders the opportunity to mentor younger kids, participate in daily activities, and help counselors execute programming.

- **Dates:** June 16–28th/ July 14–26
- **Ages:** 15 years old
- **Cost:** $800

JUNIOR COUNSELOR PROGRAM

The Junior Counselor program allows any 16 year old teen an opportunity to volunteer their time this summer to act as a Junior Counselor. JCs will assist counselors with all aspects of their job. They will help the counselor clean cabins, facilitate activities and have fun with the campers. JCs will never be alone with campers and will have a counselor with them at all times. This is a strictly volunteer program. JCs may volunteer for either Resident or Day Camp programs. When working with the Residential Camp, JCs are required to live on site during the week. This is an excellent way for your teen to gain volunteer hours and also to get a glimpse of what working at Camp Kirkwood is really like.

- **Teens must apply and interview for this position.**
- **Ages:** 16+ years
- **Cost:** none, this is a volunteer program
MINI CAMPS

This summer Camp Kirkwood will host its first Mini Overnight Camp. Mini Camp is designed for campers who are not quite ready for a full week of camp but want to try out the overnight experience. Campers will take part in a two night/three day program and enjoy all the great activities at Kirkwood. Mini camp is an excellent way to introduce your camper to the wonderful world of overnight camp.

- Dates: June 30-July 2nd
- Ages: 5-9 year old
- Cost: $250

DAY CAMPS

Day Camp is full of silliness, fun and creativity! A typical day includes a variety of activities, from archery and canoeing to A&C, and conquering scenic hiking trails. We provide a safe and fun environment for campers to learn new sports and games, camp songs, develop good sportsmanship, build new friendships and learn how to have fun!

CAMP MEALS & SNACKS

Day Campers are provided a quick breakfast, hot lunch and snack every day so there’s no need to pack meals throughout the week.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

We provide bus transportation for parents who cannot drive to and from camp every day. Our counselors ensure each child arrives at camp in the morning and gets back to the bus site safely in the afternoon.

Midtown YMCA
709 George Anderson Dr.

Topsail Pres. Church
16249 US Hwy 17 Hampstead

Paul’s Place
11725 US 117 Rocky Point
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*Half price week

**DAY CAMPS**

- **7:30am - 5:00pm | Mondays-Fridays**
- **Ages: 5-12**
- **Cost: $175 | $100 Week 4**
- Financial assistance is available

### 2019 TEEN CAMPS

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HOME SHOW DISCOUNTS
Contact Luke Dooley directly to schedule a home show at your house. Just pick a date and time and invite three or more families who may be interested in attending Overnight Camp. Our staff will attend your home show, talk about camp and answer questions. Just for hosting, your camper will receive $25 off the cost of Overnight Camp. You will also receive an additional $15 off for each home show’s camper that signs up for camp.

NURSES FREE WEEK OF CAMP!!!
Camp Kirkwood is always looking for nurses to help us during the week. Nurses can volunteer to act as the camp nurse for any week during the summer. Nurses will be provided on site living accommodations separate from campers during their week. Nurses who volunteer will also receive a free week of Overnight Camp to gift to any camper for each week they work. Contact Luke Dooley directly if interested.

CAMP STORE
Upon arrival, campers are provided with a Camp Kirkwood T-shirt and a nametag. If you would also like to purchase other Kirkwood items for your camper, contact the camp director before your week of camp. All items will be waiting for your camper in their cabin when they arrive. We carry sunglasses, back packs and a wide variety of stuffed animals. We also carry car magnets if you would like to show off your Camp Kirkwood pride throughout the year.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
The goal of the YMCA is to ensure every child has an opportunity to enjoy the magic of camp. If you require financial assistance, please do not hesitate to apply for a camp scholarship. Just go to www.ymcasenc.org to print the financial applications for your camper. If you have any questions regarding financial assistance, please feel free to contact Luke Dooley directly at camp or email luke.dooley@ymcasenc.org for more information.