

# Westminster Woods Camp

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## WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR, BRIAN WHEELER

Hello friends,

One of the reasons I love fall so much is because it's when we kick off our "Friends of Westminster Woods" fundraising efforts. Each year, I have an opportunity to share stories and testimonials from people of all ages about life-changing Holy Spirit experiences here at The Woods. When you make a gift to The Woods, unless you designate the donation for a specific purpose, your gift can benefit The Woods where it is most needed. Ways your gift may be used; **OPERATIONAL COSTS:** Your gift significantly contributes to balancing our budget, which is crucial in keeping the cost down for all groups using Westminster Woods as their camp and retreat space. Your support is vital for our ongoing operations. **FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS:** Your gift helps us maintain and improve the facilities on the campus. Some of the improvements that happened in 2024 are replacing the floor and painting the interior and exterior of the Chapel in the Woods, painting the exterior of cabin 6, and purchasing new tables and chairs for the dining hall. **CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS:** I am excited to report that with donor gifts, we were able to give out over \$50,000 in scholarships to The Woods summer camp program in 2024. We believe that finances should never hinder a child from being able to go to camp.

I would like to personally ask you to prayerfully consider joining Diane and me in making a financial gift to this amazing ministry. Your support means a lot to us and to the camp. For more information, please see the attached "Friends of Westminster Woods" brochure.

Ah, fall! That magical time when God's paintbrush goes wild, splashing the world with vibrant colors and the sweet scent of campfires dances through the crisp air! Our staff has finally caught their breath after the summer whirlwind, and we're busy tackling our To-Do lists, gearing up to serve all the wonderful folks God sends our way in the coming months! This autumn, The Woods has been blessed to welcome some fantastic groups. We kicked off our fall retreat season in September with a lively Catholic Homeschool crew, followed by three awesome groups from a Christian School, and even a Men's Retreat thrown into the mix, who inspired us with their commitment to their faith! We're buzzing with excitement for the groups still on the horizon and feel truly honored that they choose to worship, connect, and unwind at Westminster Woods!



### A Camper's Perspective...

I have been going to camps at Westminster Woods since I was in 3rd grade, I've attended close to 30 retreats and each one has drawn me closer to God in some way. Westminster Woods is where I accepted Jesus into my heart, where I feel most connected to God, and where I can feel loved and seen in such a Christ-loving community. Westminster Woods is where faith grows and I have seen my own grow as well as my campers faith grow. From praising God in Chapel to playing silly little night games, God is moving in this camp. You can feel his presence everywhere and I am so grateful for this place and its mission.

-Haley Green



### A Donor's Perspective...

I support Westminster Woods financially because it is my favorite place in the world and has changed my life. I want more kids to experience this incredible place and have their life changed by the Love of Christ.

-Tim Munson

### Another Cabin Remodel to Begin!

With God's provision and the generous donations from the Friends of Westminster Woods during our 60th Celebration, we will kick off the second renovation of one of our Legacy Cabins! The improvements to Cabin 3 are set to begin before the end of this year! We are excited to begin and will keep you updated as the progress continues!



2025 Camp Dates!!

### Family Fun ~ May 31st

- 3rd & 4th Grade - June 3rd - June 6th
- 5th & 6th Grade - June 9th - June 13th
- 7th & 8th Grade - June 16th - June 20th
- High School - June 23rd - June 29th

