

# WESTMINSTER WOODS

SUMMER 2017

## SUMMER CAMP

**OVERCOME.** This summer we studied John 16:33 during Chapel. In this passage Jesus was telling his disciples that dark and hard times were coming but not to worry because He has already overcome the world. Micah Black was our Discipleship Coordinator this summer and he used this passage to share the beautiful truth that because Jesus overcame the world we have victory in this life! Through the power, truth, and strength of Jesus Christ we too can have victory over this world! Campers left at the end of every week with the knowledge that they are loved and that they can have hope and peace in God. Praise Jesus for another wonderful summer full of His truth, love, and joy!



We had 38 graduated High School campers attend camp this summer! We wish you blessings as you start this new journey!

## STAFF

We had 37 young adults serve on our Summer Staff this year! The Woods is blessed year after year with the most incredible staff members who dedicate their summers to spreading the truth and love of Jesus Christ. Praise God!

## SCHOLARSHIPS

--- THANK YOU to everyone who donated funds to help send someone to camp! With your help we were able to provide numerous full and partial scholarships to our campers. We are grateful to have had every camper that came through these gates. Thank you for helping make that possible!

--- Part of a local private donation was used to welcome 14 first time Fredonia campers! We loved creating local connections and relationships with these young campers and hope that they continue to attend throughout the years!

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

We have had so many Leadership Development Program participants in the last few summers that we had to add a new segment to the program. We added a service program for high school student participation. During 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade camp and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp there were 35 Leadership participants who went through leadership training while essentially acting as “junior counselors” in the cabins. During the same weeks there were 27 service participants who went through training focused more on a servant leadership aspect. They spent their week serving camp in a “behind the scenes” way. We are so thankful for their willingness to help in numerous ways - mulching the garden, filling up water balloons, installing benches, keeping the water jugs filled, and countless other ways. We could not have completed those weeks of camp without the Leadership and Service participants and are forever grateful for their dedication to serving at camp! THANK YOU LDP and SDP participants!



*“Service Development Program was a week of service and learning to have a servant heart. I loved being able to help improve the place I love most!” - Claire Pomeroy*

*“What I enjoyed about my Leadership Development week was growing closer and closer to the kids as the week went on. Seeing each kid progressively get more and more involved with the camp events moved me in a special way!” – Tanner Lackey*

*“My experience as a Leadership Development participant was great. I saw how God works in others’ lives and how I am used as God’s hands to help others!” - Hunter Wiehl*



## JULY EVENTS

### EASTMINSTER CAMPS

Middle School - "Life in Color" – Following Jesus is not a boring and dull life full of following rules and never having fun. Jesus brings the color into our lives! There is freedom and deep joy that comes in following Jesus.

High School - "Threads" – The Gospel story is threaded throughout the entire Bible. From Samson, to David and into the New Testament. Like a tapestry, God is threaded into every moment and fiber of our lives.

### KANSAS BIBLE CAMP

For the 8<sup>th</sup> straight summer Kansas Bible camp spent their week with us! These campers come from all over Kansas and Missouri. We love hosting this group and providing their camp meals, lifeguards, and daily recreational activities!

### KANSAS KIDS CAMP

We welcomed Grace Point to Westminster Woods for the first time ever! We truly enjoyed hosting this new group of 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. Their days were filled with energetic chapels, delicious food cooked by our kitchen staff, porch parties and activities provided by our recreation staff!

### PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN KANSAS MEETING

The Woods hosted the Presbytery of Southern Kansas' quarterly meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>. We were able to serve morning coffee and lunch along with providing a morning worship service. Several 2017 summer staff members were able to return to provide a Q&A session on how their faith has been impacted at "The Woods." At this meeting the Presbytery approved the first reading of Westminster Woods becoming its own not-for-profit. The second hearing and vote will be November 14<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church in Wichita. We encourage those who are able to attend the meeting to come to celebrate and support the second reading and final vote.

## WESTMINSTER WOODS HOMECOMING

Mark your calendars for October 7<sup>th</sup>! We will be hosting a "Woods Homecoming!" Come and spend your day at Westminster Woods celebrating and supporting the ministry that happens here. The day will be full of reunions, fellowship, a worship service, and other exciting events! Keep an eye on social media and our website for more updates.

## FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER WOODS

We ask that you pray about coming alongside this ministry by becoming a "Friend of Westminster Woods." The Woods could not continue to further His kingdom without your support! We are so blessed with the care that we receive every day from you through prayer, volunteer work, and financial donations. Please pray and ask God if it's time for you to join in the mission and become a "Friend of Westminster Woods!"

## NEW THINGS AT CAMP!

- Lagoon Wetlands Expansion
- Dining Hall Porch Expansion
- Human Foosball
- Two New Gazebos
- Steps at the Chapel on the Hill
- Boat Docks at Lake Maranatha

## 2018 CAMP DATES!

### WINTER RETREATS

- Young Adult – January 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>
- High School – January 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>
- Middle School – February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>

### SUMMER CAMP

- Family Fun Day – May 26<sup>th</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – June 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – June 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>
- High School Camp – June 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>





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