



WHY CAMP?

Surveys* suggest that around 85% of all Americans who accept Christ do so between the ages of 4 and 14. This data also indicates that of this group, there are three primary influences on their faith journeys: parents, Christian friends, and camps/retreat centers. Westminster Woods aims to provide young people with the resources they need in order to learn about Jesus and make the decision to follow Him, particularly in that critical stage of adolescence.

*from Barna Research Group and Youth Ministry Institute Midwest



2020 CAMP DATES

WINTER

Young Adult / Jan 3-5

High School / Jan 17-19

Middle School / Feb 7-9

Women's / Apr 3-4



SUMMER

Family Fun Day / May 30

3rd & 4th / June 2-5

5th & 6th / June 8-12

7th & 8th / June 15-19

High School / June 22-28

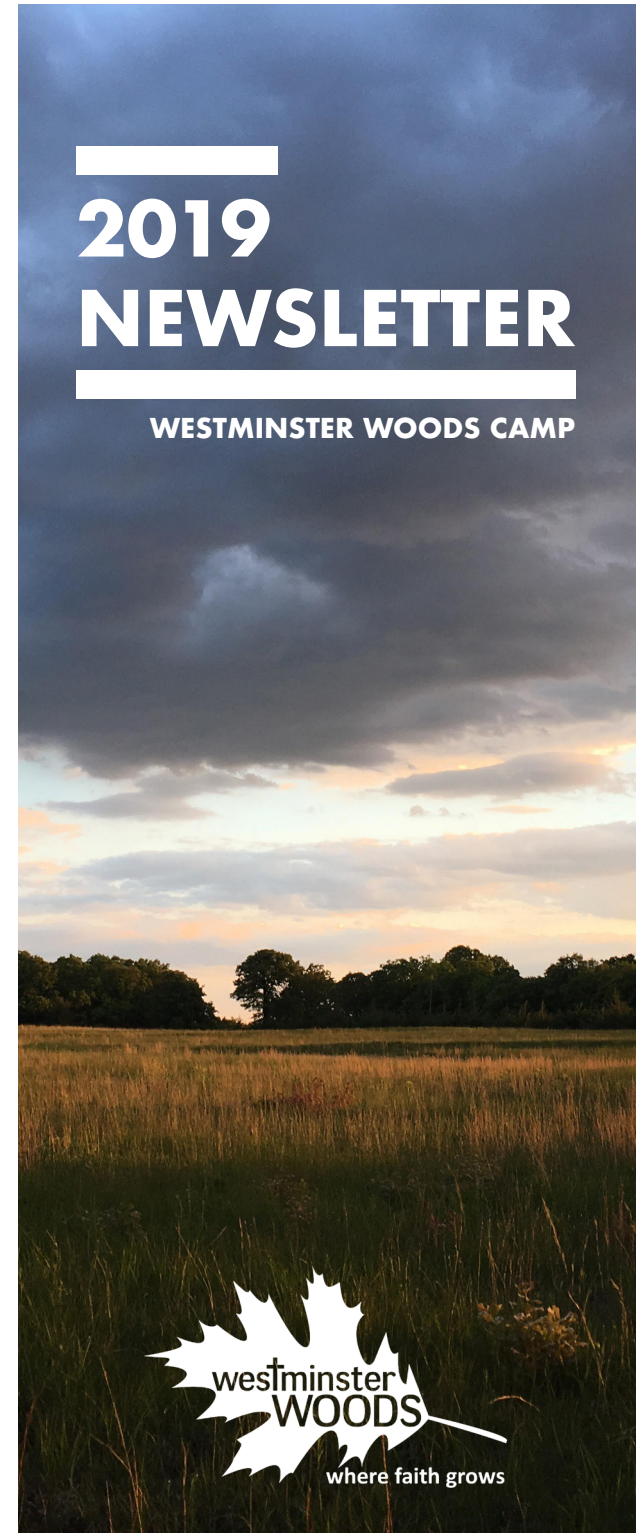
THANK YOU

Thank you again for your continued support of Westminster Woods! We again had countless kitchen volunteers, van drivers, dish washers, errand runners, and so much more join in and participate in the work God is doing here at the Woods. Whether it's for a few hours or an entire week, your generosity and willingness to serve is SO appreciated and never fails to blow us away.

Camp truly would not be the same without you!

2019 NEWSLETTER

WESTMINSTER WOODS CAMP



CHOICES

Wow! We've just wrapped up another summer season here at Westminster Woods, and it was one for the books! Our theme this summer was "Choices" and the theme verse was John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." Our speaker, Nathan, taught us so much about the life and love of Jesus and how we're supposed to respond to Him. From Jonah to Zacchaeus to Peter, we saw some of the different ways that we are called to live set apart from the ways of the world. God invites us into something far greater and more beautiful than anything the world can offer, but also gives us the incredible ability to make decisions over our own lives. Nathan loved to leave chapel each day with this reminder: "Life is full of choices, and today I'm choosing Jesus."



STAFF

We were so fortunate to have 38 amazing young adults from all over the country serve on Summer Staff this year. They played gaga ball, danced in Chapel, braided countless heads of hair, led devotions, sang porch songs, and SO much more. We are beyond grateful for their willingness to spend their time here at The Woods loving campers and teaching them more about Jesus!



LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Once again, we had a fantastic group of high school students volunteer to spend a couple of weeks at camp in our Leadership and Service Development Programs. The LDP's offered support to the counselors in cabins and built relationships with campers, and also participated in small group sessions going through 1 Peter. SDP's were around to offer support wherever was needed throughout camp—from doing dishes to setting up games to maintenance and landscaping projects. They also had sessions focused what it means to lead well through service. As we try to remind them every week, camp absolutely would not be possible without them!



SUMMER SEASON AND USER GROUPS

After our camp programs wrap up at the end of June, we have several groups that come out and get to experience camp at Westminster Woods in July and August. This year, the first week began with over 160 students from Eastminster Church's middle school ministry. Their theme this summer was "Radiate," centered around Ephesians 2:8-10 and focused on Christ's victory over darkness and our call through Christ to be lights in a dark world. Eastminster's high school arrived for the second week, and brought 190 students and staff—a record high! They explored Psalm 40 and the theme of "Mud & Mire"—of God pulling us out of our mess when we were powerless to do it ourselves. For over a decade now, Kansas Bible Camp has come for a weeklong camp at the end of July, and we were thrilled to see a record number of campers for their group as well! Both KBC and Kansas Wesleyan Camp are

made up of students and leaders from a community of churches from around Kansas. We were also so excited to welcome the youth group from City Life Church for the very first time! Finally, our summer season came to a wonderful close with the Holy Cross Lutheran youth group. From wild night games to chapel to community cabin time, it was so much fun to see the ways the Lord was working during each camp in the lives of so many young people!



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Early spring has quickly become a favorite time for us, as we have the wonderful opportunity to host women from all over Kansas at our annual Women's Retreat. This year saw close to 50 women from all over Kansas join us for a weekend of worship, food, and fellowship. Julie Jaderston led this year's group in exploring John 10:10 ("I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.") and what it means to truly thrive as women of faith according to God's heart and His design for each of us.

SCHOLARSHIPS

It has been proven that camping ministry can have a huge impact on a young person's faith journey (see "Why Camp?" below). We do not want that experience to be hindered due to financial circumstances. We are excited to announce that, in 2019, our Friends of Westminster Woods program was able to give over \$27,000 in scholarships. This is genuinely nothing short of a miracle, and it's not possible without your help. If you would like to participate in this exciting way of reaching out and touching the lives of the next generation of Jesus-followers, then please join us in becoming a Friend of Westminster Woods.