

Summer 2022

# *the Woods*

Get prepared, October is fundraising month for Westminster Woods!



*A Christ –Centered Camp dedicated to the Glory of God.*

*Camp memories are the best memories!*





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more info on  
social media

Ways to give:

-Venmo: @wmwcamp  
-Paypal or Credit Card:  
westminsterwoodscamp.com/giving opportunities  
-Mail a check: 18487 Barber Rd. Fall River,  
KS 67047

Facebook: Westminster Woods

Instagram: @westminsterwoods

## New in 2022

### Growing, Improving, and Replacing, a thank you to our donors

Because of you, our donors, there have been several much-needed projects completed. Thank you!

**Growing:** The Westminster Woods Board of Directors agreed it was time to expand the dining hall. Construction started shortly after the first of the year and our additional dining room was completed before summer camp began. This addition more than doubled our dining space. We now have seating for over 200 and can also use this space on rainy days!

**Improving:** The board of directors also made the decision to invest into the infrastructure of the camp. The water system to the south side of camp was original to the development of Westminster Woods in the early 60's. It was a seasonal system and was currently unusable. A new water meter was installed with a waterline that serves both the RV park and the game field year-around.

**Replacing:** I am sure you have heard the phrase "nothing lasts forever". This is certainly true for a camp mattresses. One camper told me that he felt like some of our mattresses were around during the Civil war, most likely an exaggeration. The WMW fundraising team took on the goal to raise enough funds to replace 40 mattresses and purchase 14 new Polywood rocking chairs this year. I am happy to announce that we exceeded that goal.



## SUMMER CAMP IS THE BACKBONE OF WESTMINSTER WOODS.

### June

*The Woods* camp is available for campers from anywhere. It is a program we work on all year long. We begin to make plans in September for the following summer by praying, starting staff recruitment, and creating promotional material. We share this information, so you understand how serious we take this summer camp experience. We are dedicated to helping campers and our entire staff, seasonal and full time, grow in their relationship with Christ. Some campers even discover Jesus for the very first time while at camp. In Matthew 28:18-20, we are given the commandment to go and make disciples of all nations. A summer camp experience can be life-changing. In June, there were 421 campers. All of these campers, along with our 38 staff members had the opportunity to dedicate time to worshiping and learning more about our God. This dedicated time has proven again and again to be so fruitful. In 2022, 59 young people made the decision to follow Jesus and make Him the Lord of their life. We all grew in our relationships with God and each other. To God be the Glory!



### July and August

Westminster Woods outreach does not stop after *The Woods* program ends; we are blessed to be able to walk alongside Eastminster Presbyterian Church for its middle school and high school camps, Kansas Bible Camp, a ministry of a North American Baptist churches, and the Wesleyan Kids Camp. Those weeks were followed by a men's retreat from Southrock Christian Church and a retreat with campers from Trinity Academy. It is a joy for our staff, in the second half of summer, to serve those organizations and offer multiple areas of support as they share the gospel with their campers.



## Partnership in Ministry

We have the joy of sharing with you about a strong ministry in the small town of Chase, KS. It is story of how 13 people can live out their faith by sharing the gospel with others.

Debbie Easterling shared their story with us. "Every year our church (Community Presbyterian Church in Chase) provides financial support for kids to attend Westminster Woods Church Camp. These are kids from our community or children and grandchildren of church members. They are from many different churches and many do not attend any church at all. This is one of the main missions of our church and we believe the most important one. We pay for half of the camp cost and have a fundraiser to pay for the other half. Previously we had several different fundraisers such as: bingo, concession stands, soup suppers, bake sales, etc. Now we have one major fundraiser that has been successful in covering the cost. We raffle a 50# meat bundle. The kids sell tickets to friends and family for about three weeks and we draw the winning ticket at church around Easter. This has been a blessing for us. We started by sending one camper, then three, and this year forty-two. Many have attended every year from 3rd grade to high school senior. We send these kids because we believe Westminster Woods is the perfect place for them to learn about God and form a personal and lasting relationship with Jesus. They come home and share wonderful stories about how much fun it was. They love the lake, gaga ball, basketball, games and other fun activities at camp. Although they have a lot of fun, most of them talk about the friends they made, the awesome counselors and chapel. Many of them say chapel is their favorite thing at camp. The music and bible lessons bring them closer to God and they learn so much from the caring adult role models who are compassionately committed to helping children know and grow in Christ Jesus. We feel blessed that we have Westminster Woods Camp for our youth. Brian, Diane and the staff are awesome to work with and help us in every way possible. I pray we will be able to continue this mission for years to come."

## Scholarships

Thank you to everyone who has given to Westminster Woods and made it possible for a camper to attend camp that otherwise could not. It has always been our belief that finances should never stop a child from attending Westminster Woods. With your help we were able to provide more than \$47,000 in scholarships to help keep the cost of camp affordable for all families.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are loved at Westminster Woods! We have many volunteers who serve in different capacities. We have an all volunteer board. Our board of directors have, with wisdom from God, helped to build and sustain this camp to bring glory to God. We have volunteers in the kitchen who come in for a day and help the kitchen staff to provide excellent meals for the campers. We have volunteers to offer wisdom with advice in their areas of expertise. We have volunteers who come out and spend a day helping with projects or just maintaining camp. We have former staff in the summer who simply know what it is like to be on summer staff, so they come for a day to help wherever they can. You as a volunteer are a gift from God to Westminster Woods. We appreciate you!



## Westminster Woods Winter Retreats 2023

*Young Adult / January 6-8*  
*High School / January 20-22*



## Summer Camp Dates 2023

Family Fun Day / May 27  
3rd & 4th Grade / May 30-June 2  
5th & 6th Grade / June 5-9  
7th & 8th Grade / June 12-16  
High School / June 19-25