CAMP KIRKWOOD
YMCA of Southeastern North Carolina
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 by modeling our core values.

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

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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

WELCOME TO CAMP KIRKWOOD

Located just outside Wilmington NC, Camp Kirkwood offers 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.
TOUR CAMP KIRKWOOD

For more than 50 years, Camp Kirkwood has welcomed campers, providing them a chance to escape the distractions 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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Reggie Johnson, Food & Service Director

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. Each cabin chooses their morning activities to do together. These activities are intended to build team skills and develop relationships within the cabin. Afternoon Choice activities are selected by each individual camper. Campers will create their own afternoon activity schedule and focus on skill development. Campers will also swim in our outdoor pool everyday. 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 behavior and ensure the safety of campers. We maintain a 3:1 ratio of campers to counselors in the cabins.

2018 OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Overnight Camp Week 1  |  June 10-15
Overnight Camp Week 2  |  June 17-22
Overnight Camp Week 3  |  June 24-29
Overnight Camp Week 4  |  July 8-13
Overnight Camp Week 5  |  July 15-20
Overnight Camp Week 6  |  July 22-27
Overnight Camp Week 7  |  July 29-Aug 3
Overnight Camp Week 8  |  Aug 5-10

TRADITIONAL OVERNIGHT CAMPS

- 6 Days + 5 Nights  |  Sundays-Fridays
- Ages 7-15
- Cost $475  |  financial assistance is available
DAY CAMPS

Day Camp is full of silliness, fun and creativity! A typical day includes a wide range 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 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.

Express Y  
11 S. Kerr Ave. Wilmington

Topsail Pres. Church  
16249 US Hwy 17 Hampstead

Paul’s Place  
11725 US 117 Rocky Point

2018 DAY CAMPS

Week 1  June 18–22  Week 6  July 30–Aug 3
Week 2  June 25–29  Week 7  Aug 6–10
Week 3  July 9–13  Week 8  Aug 13–17
Week 4  July 16–20  **Camp is closed week of 7/4
Week 5  July 23–27
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: July 8–20th
- Ages: 15 years old
- Cost: $700

JUNIOR COUNSELOR PROGRAM

The Junior Counselor program allows any 16 year old teen an opportunity to volunteer their time this summer to serve as a Junior Counselor. JCs will assist counselors with all aspects of their job. They will help counselors 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 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+
- Cost None | This is a volunteer program
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 for each camper who signs up for camp at Kirkwood.

CAMP STORE

Upon arrival, campers are given a Camp Kirkwood T-shirt and a nametag. If you would 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, backpacks, and a wide variety of stuffed animals. We also carry car magnets so you can show off your Camp Kirkwood pride throughout the year.

NURSES FREE WEEK OF CAMP!!!

Camp Kirkwood is always looking for nurses to help us during the week. Nurses can volunteer to be 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 every week they work. Contact Luke Dooley directly for more information.

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 at camp or email luke.dooley@ymcasenc.org for more information.