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Christmas Postcards: a Tradition of Care

Right about now, campers from this past summer are receiving their Christmas postcards from Camp Wakonda (yes, actual mail!). Each camper receives a note directly from their counselor, sharing experiences and joys from the previous summer.

It's a tradition that goes back decades at camp, and it's a beautiful way of letting kids know that they are loved and cared for throughout the year.

What's your favorite Camp Wakonda tradition? What made you feel loved and cared for at Wakonda?

Long-Range Taskforce Update

The Wakonda Long-Range Planning Taskforce is nearly finished with its first task: creating a 5-year Goal Plan for camp. The process has been a joy! Their prayerful work will shape generations to come. Some things that we've discerned along the journey thus far:

- Wakonda's Core Values:
  Seeking Wonder, Peacemaking, Community of Care, Growing Faith, Grounded in Simplicity
- Five Faith-Based Practices of Wakonda:
  Praying Daily, Experiencing Scripture, Playing, Finding Quiet, Working Together
- With God's help, we envision the following future by 2025:
  1. Our staff and board are dedicated to spiritual growth in our campers and each other.
  2. All our program offerings connect wonder, faith, nature, and fun.
  3. We focus on simplicity to share faith in God with the broader world.
  4. As a result, we are developing a lived faith in children, youth, and adults.

Look for more updates in the coming months. Please pray for this process and the members of the Taskforce!

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Shalom!

Looking Toward 2022!

The 2022 schedule is out, and we have some great events planned. Many of these camps will have special guest leaders teaching things like astronomy, model rockets, survival skills, environmentally-friendly practices, campfire cooking, and more!

Just a few of these guest leaders are: Bert Smith, Larry Wiggins, Wendy Lichtenwalter, Audrey Wilson, and Adam & Bonnie Wiggins. More to be announced soon!

Brochures will be coming in January, and registration opens in February. For more info, go to www.wakondacamp.org/2022-camp-events.html.

Thank You!

So many of you chose to support Wakonda on Giving Tuesday—**together we raised nearly $11,000!**

Not to mention that several camp supporters are giving to Wakonda through our Amazon Wish List (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/EI3P3DR693VV?ref_=wl_share).

All of your giving makes possible the great work camp does in building campers' lives of faith. **THANK YOU!**

Still Time to Give

If you missed your chance to support Camp Wakonda on Giving Tuesday, you still have time to make your gift before the end of the year (and receive a tax break!).

You'll be giving children the experience of God's presence! One of our alumni recently described a variety of these experiences; here's just one: "walking up to the lodge in the morning- each morning is new and different- sometimes with random camper shouts and shenanigans and sometimes it is perfectly quiet which is a rare moment at camp."

Go to https://give.classy.org/SupportWakonda and make your gift today.

We're Hiring!!

Do you know someone who would make a great member of the Wakonda crew? We are hiring our 2022 staff right now!

We are looking for counselors, lifeguards, kitchen assistants, and maintenance assistants.

Have interested applicants go to www.wakondacamp.org/join-our-crew or contact Pastor Ben at bgeorge@cantoncpc.org.