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OUR CAMP PHILOSOPHY

We provide a safe, fun, magical and educational experience for all guests and children through the demonstration of our four core values – Honesty, Caring, Respect and Responsibility – and practicing a "Kids and Guests first" philosophy.





OUR STAFF

Camp Widjiwagan selects role models who are dedicated to guiding your child's emotional and physical development while at Camp. Caring counselors will build confidence in children by encouraging them to try new activities and make new friends by modeling honesty, caring, respect and responsibility. All staff members undergo extensive training to strengthen leadership and life skills.



CAMP BUILDS STRONG KIDS

Camp provides children with a community of caring adults who nurture experiential education that results in self-respect and appreciation for others. Campers return home more caring and more equipped to stand up for what they know is right and more responsible. Camp is an experience that shapes ones character and life by providing a controlled, safe environment where children are able to make their own decisions. Camp grows children into happy, healthy, independent, confident and capable people.



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TRADITIONAL DAY CAMPS

WEEK-LONG SESSIONS (MON – FRI) MAY 25 – AUGUST 5 | AGES 4–16

Day Camp is full of silliness, fun, and creativity! With a sense of belonging, kids learn how to build relationships and reach new heights of achievement.

>> Program: Widji campers choose their own adventure! Instead of providing the same program for all children, they can customize their outdoor summer camp experience. Options include sailing, zip lining, skiing, climbing, banana boat rides, horseback riding, and more!

>> Facilities: Located on 3 miles of Percy Priest Lake shoreline, Camp Widjiwagan has acres of forest and green grass serving as the setting for magical adventures that campers choose.

>> Staff: All Day Camp counselors are extensively trained in team development, character building, and skills facilitation. With one-to-three weeks of staff training, Widji counselors are prepared to teach and care for campers all

summer.



>> Meals: Day Campers are provided lunch and snack every day so there's no need to pack meals throughout the week. Each session's menu is listed on campwidji.org prior to the week's beginning.

>> Transportation: For those who cannot drive to and from camp every day, we also offer bus transportation. Bus counselors ensure each child arrives at camp in the morning and gets back to the bus site safely in the afternoon. The 10 bus site locations are listed online at campwidji.org.

>> Health and Safety: To protect children from harsh weather, Day Campers have routine sunscreen, water, and shade breaks. Every child carries a water bottle throughout the day with opportunities to refill at any time. Every tribe also has daily swim time either in the lake or swimming pool to cool off



PATHFINDER NATION Ages 4–5 | \$300

Pathfinders provides an introductory experience for our new-to-camp kiddos. Pathfinder campers learn about friendship, responsibility and caring. Pathfinders follow a structured schedule filled with age-appropriate activities and travel as a unit with their counselors to and from all activities.

Once campers are old enough and have gained the confidence to take on new challenges, we encourage them to move up into the Braves Nation.





In Braves Nation, 5-7 year olds grow in responsibility, independence and healthy relationships. As camp begins, campers join tribes with other kids of the same age and gender.

Throughout the week, counselors lead their tribes to each awesome camp activity! The Braves Nation chant can be heard all over camp during lunch and assembly times!

FIRST CAMP Ages 5-7 | \$400

First Camp is designed for 5-7 year-olds venturing into their first away-fromhome experience to gain the best of both worlds: Day and Overnight Camp! Campers spend Monday and Tuesday participating in Day Camp programming.

On Wednesday, First Campers move into cozy cabins with their buddies and counselors of the same gender to transition to Overnight Camp! Campers participate in Overnight Camp programming on Wednesday and Thursday, spending each night in the cabins.

First campers finish their week at the Day Camp Parent Program Friday afternoon before heading home with plenty of memories and stories to share!



WARRIOR NATION Ages 7-9 | \$330

Warriors are guided by their caring and compassionate counselors to grow in the 4-Core Values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility.

Warriors join tribes with campers of the same age and gender. Each tribe has a dedicated counselor who guides their campers throughout the day and facilitates camp activities.

The Warriors daily schedule allows campers to participate in activities as a tribe, choose independently for the free choice period and spend time with their whole nation at swim time.



THUNDERBIRD NATION Ages 9–11 | \$330

Thunderbirds, better known around camp as T-Birds, are campers 9-11 years old who embrace the camp spirit step up to new challenges.

Each tribe, a small group of campers of the same age and gender, has a dedicated counselor who facilitates camp activities and guides them in the 4-Core Values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility.

The T-Birds daily schedule allows campers to participate in both singular and multi-tribe activities. Campers participate in a skill clinic each day, where they choose an activity to further explore and develop their skills. relationships, navigate challenges and build selfconfidence. Chiefs are budding leaders of camp, looked up to by all the younger nations, and they strive to embody the 4-Core Values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility. Chiefs help cultivate new camp traditions, bridge bonds between nations and always bring the thunder to assemblies!

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CHIEF NATION Ages 11–13 | \$330

The Chief Nation comprises campers ages 11-13 years old who want to strengthen and develop friendships, challenge themselves and grow their strengths. Counselors in the Chief Nation passionately help campers develop healthy relationships, navigate challenges and build selfconfidence.

CREW Ages 13-16 | \$330

CREW is a leadership development Day Camp for campers ages 13-16. Helping them grow as leaders and in selfconfidence, problem solving, critical thinking, role modeling and taking initiative.

CREW members participate in some of their favorite traditional camp activities, such as the zip line and banana boat rides. Our staff also guide campers as they dive into team building challenges and reflective learning.

Campers also have the opportunity to shadow camp counselors, learn facilitation skills and participate in service projects while keeping in focus the 4-Core Values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility.

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Day Camp programs are specifically designed for each age group! The chart below shows what activity areas each Nation gets to do!

	Pathfinders	Braves	First Camp	Warriors	Thunderbirds	Chiefs	CREW
	ages 4 - 5	ages 5 - 7	ages 5 - 7	ages 7 - 9	ages 9 - 11	ages 11 - 13	ages 13 - 16
Lake & Pool Swim Time	۲	۲	۲	۲	۲	۲	۲
Outdoor Skills	۲	۲	۲	۲	۲		٠
Sports & Field Games	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Giant Swing	•	۲	٠	•	•	٠	•
Goonies Plunge	•	۲	۲	۲		۲	۲
Wet Willie Water Slide		۲	۲	۲	۲		۲
Banana Boat		۲	۲	۲	۲	۲	
Target Sports		۲	۲	۲	۲	۲	۲
Big Game		۲	•	۲	۲	۲	•
Canoes & Kayaks		۲	۲	۲	۲	۲	۲
Climbing Activities			۲			۲	۲
Zip Line				۲	۲		
Camp Out							۲
Trail Rides				۲	۲		٠
Water Sports					۲	٠	۲
Spirit of America						•	۲



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FULLY-THEMED DAY CAMPS



PIRATE CAMP Ages 5-7 Session 9 | \$365

Camp is recruiting a crew pirates-in-training ages 5-7 to protect camp from the ominous and powerful Captain Hook!Once the crew has claimed their ship, they learn the skills of a successful Widji pirate and work towards gaining each vital piece of their pirate garb.Campers practice marksmanship, treasure map reading, sword making, climbing, flag hoisting and more. They will quickly learn that they must keep their ears and eyes peeled for clues or signs of other pirates who may be plotting to take over Camp Widji.



GIRL POWER CAMP Ages 8-10 & 11-13 Sessions 3 & 8 | \$385

Girl Power camp is for dynamic and inspired girls ages 8–13 who want to challenge themselves and each other to be their very best!Girl Power ladies participate in a super special hands-on engineering activity led by amazing women from the Nashville community who are passionate about inspiring and engaging young women in STEM. Campers also have the opportunity to spend a whole night at camp on Thursday for a Girl Power slumber party filled with friendship bracelet making, s'mores, "Why You Rock" letters, campfire stories and memories to last a lifetime.



WIDJISTEM Ages 7-9 Session 3 & 9 | \$365

In WidjiSTEM, campers investigate, discover and discern the powers of STEM behind their favorite super heroes and super villains. They conduct hands-on experiments, make mechanisms and create concoctions to examine the ins and outs of certain superpowers.WidjiSTEM campers will also participate in some favorite camp activities like zip lining, the Wet Willie waterslide, banana boating and archery.



ALIEN INVASION Ages 8-10 Session 2 & 7 | \$365

Alien Invasion campers practice field strategy, marksmanship and outdoor survival skills as they wield Nerf guns and foam blasters- all in effort to band together to protect camp from the alien scourge! Campers who are seeking an energetic, skillful and out of this world camp experience are invited to join the Alien Invasion crew. Campers learn teamwork, exercise problem-solving and unleash their creativity in various challenges, as well as take part in traditional camp activities.





Princess Camp invites campers to embrace their inner princess while also developing independence and building self-confidence through learning new skills, taking on princess challenges and developing their own princess persona. Princesses complete their week of camp in our very special princess coronation ceremony where family members are invited out to Widji to celebrate their princesses with all of Princess Camp!

DINO HUNTERS Ages 5-7 Session 5 & 10 | \$365

Dino Hunters camp aims to ignite the passion and fuel the enthusiasm of budding paleontologists. Campers dig for fossils, hunt for dino tracks and explore special survival traits of dinosaurs! Dino Hunters can feel what it was like to fly like a pterodactyl on the giant swing, move like a plesiosaur during a banana boat ride, be as tall as a brachiosaurus at the top of the Bell Tower and more!

NATURE EXPLORERS Ages 5-7 | Session 2 | \$365 Ages 7-9 | Session 7 | \$365

Nature Explorers deepen their appreciation for the outdoors, bond with other nature-loving kiddos and expand their nature knowledge. Campers create crafts with natural materials, build eco-structures in the woods and complete explorer challenges. Campers will also participate in traditional Widji activities, such as a banana boat ride, the zip line and

DAY SKILL CAMPS

BULLSEYE! ARCHERY, SLINGSHOTS, & MORE! Ages 9-13 Session 5 & 10 \$385

Hone your skills in target sports in this fun camp that will challenge campers in a variety of ways. Campers will head offsite one day for an exciting round of Archery Tag. Friday campers will compete in the Bullseye Blitz Biathlon where they will have a series of shooting challenges set up around camp with archery, slingshots, and Nerf where they will race for the best overall time.

SPLASH! AQUATIC ADVENTURES Ages 9-13 Sessions 4 & 9 \$385

Join in an exciting week filled extra water activities and a trip to Nashville Shores! Campers will enjoy the Wet Willie, go on a boat tour of Percy Priest Reservoir, Banana boat and have an epic water balloon battle. You won't want to miss this amazing offering.

WIDJI SOUND STUDIO Ages 9–13 Session 4 & 7 | \$365

Have an interest in Music? This camp is designed to explore and expand your interest as campers will work together to practice and perform songs together in a garage band setting. The focus is for young and aspiring musicians to get the opportunity to play in an ensemble setting and learn a few popular songs and encourage their development as a musician. This camp is made possible by the genorosity of the Boedeker Foundation.

ART EXPLOSION Ages 7-10 | Session 1 & 5 Ages 9-13 | Session 8 \$365

This week will be packed with tons of fantastic, outrageous and energetic art projects! Campers will draw, paint and create each day while also participating in their favorite traditional camp activities. Bring your creativity and get ready to make some fantastic art!

LEGO CAMP Ages 7-10 Sessions 2, 6, 8 &10 \$365

Campers in this program will build skyscrapers and cars; learn about levers; and have a blast doing it! Over the course of the week, campers will be challenged as they build sets that grow in complexity and skill. They will put their knowledge to the test as they create life-size Legos of their own and build creations for the All-Camp Game on Thursday. This program will not only build campers' brain power, fine motors skills and creativity; it will also help them explore a world of their imagination and bring it to life for a week.

CLIMB! Ages 9–13 Session 4 & 9 | \$385

Throughout this adventurous week. campers will develop their climbing skills using all of Widji's climbing features including the Big Buzz Tower, the Alpine Tower and Mt. Widji! Midweek, campers will take a trip to a local climbing facility for a half-day of climbing and will test their climbing skills in a variety of challenges during the week. Emphasis is placed on proper safety techniques and protocol.



YOGA CAMP Ages 6-9 & 7-11 Session 7 \$365

Yoga Camp will get your energy flowing as your child engages in powerful practice to shape their spirit, mind and body. The program will utilize certified Baptiste Power Yoga instructors each day to do an extraordinary yoga routine and guided meditations using the UNSTOPPABLE Yoga program to foster a calm mind and focus. Afternoons will be filled with traditional camp activities like swimming, archery and more!

BOATER'S EDUCATION Ages 12-16 Sessions 1, 3, 6 & 10 \$330

Widji's Boaters Education program will give campers a weeklong watercraft experience. Campers will spend the majority of their day working towards their Tennessee Boaters License. Our instructors use the Spirit of America curriculum recognized by the United States Coast Guard focused on boater safety and watercraft operation. Campers will also have opportunities to practice piloting each type of watercraft at Camp Widji—Sail, Paddle and Motor boating.

DAY RANCH CAMPS

)) BOOTS AND BITS Ages 7-10 | \$410

The Boots and Bits program is filled with fun, friends and our favorite, horses! Each rider will experience the joy and responsibility of taking care of their own horse through daily activities such as grooming, tacking, horseback riding lessons and trail rides. Ranchers will spend most of their week in the saddle and with the horses, but will also have time to enjoy traditional camp activities such as archery, canoeing, swimming, ropes courses, arts and crafts and much more. All riders are placed in riding groups based on an assessment of their current riding skills. All riding levels are welcome!

WRANGLERS Ages 10-16 | \$410

The Wranglers program gives older campers an opportunity to advance their riding skills and experience the joy and responsibility of taking care of their own assigned horse. This program teaches campers the skills needed to care for horses through riding and ground lessons. Every day, Wranglers groom and tack their horse before heading out on the trails or participating in an arena lesson with an experienced equestrian counselor. Wranglers spend most of their time at the barn with the horses but also have time to enjoy traditional camp activities. All riders are placed in riding groups based on an assessment of their current riding skills, but all riding levels are welcome. Wranglers have the unique opportunity to attend an overnight campout each Thursday night! Campers who are interested in trying an overnight ranch program are encouraged to register for this add-on.



>> RODEO RIDERS Ages 7-10 & 10-16 | \$410

Grab your boots, chaps and cowboy hats because it's going to be a fun ride! In this program campers will spend a week learning responsibility by caring for all the animals at the ranch and hitting the trails on horseback. Cowboys and cowgirls will participate in lasso training. ride the nonmechanical bull, work on survival skills and defeat the villains of the Wild West in different challenges throughout the week. Don't miss out on this adventure, partner.

>> PONY CAMP Ages 5-6 | \$395

Pony Camp gives younger day campers an introduction to ranch camp by working with some of our best friends: PONIES! In this program, campers learn the basic fundamentals and have a daily one-on-one (rider and instructor) riding time with one of the Widji ponies. Pony campers learn about grooming, tacking, and horse nutrition. In addition to being in a ranch program, campers also participate in traditional camp activities for a portion of the day.

>> DAY FARM CAMP Ages 7-12 | \$395

Farm Camp is full of fun and adventure for kids who love animals! Children in Farm Camp spend their week caring for all Widji animals, growing plants in the greenhouse and garden and also participate in a trail ride on one of our beautiful lakeside trails. This program fosters a respect for nature and instills a sense of responsibility while allowing campers to still experience the activities and magic of Widji including climbing. survival skills, arts and crafts, swimming, boating, archery, and more.



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OPTIONAL ADD-ONS FOR DAY CAMPERS



>> TRAIL RIDE Ages 7-16 | \$20 WARRIORS, THUNDERBIRDS, CHIEFS & CREW ONLY

Campers learn the basics of horsemanship including proper approach, mounting, riding, steering and braking. Campers go on a ride on one of Widji's lakeside trails. This is meant to be an introduction to horses that is fun and safe with no previous experience required.

>> WIDJI WATER SPORTS Ages 9-16 | \$150 **THUNDERBIRDS, CHIEFS & CREW ONLY**

Widji Wake Sports takes campers on a lake adventure! They'll have opportunities to wakeboard, waterski, and for those over 11 years old, surf! Widji Water Sports starts with the basics on "Dry Dock" and progresses as the camper's skill increases! This add-on is staffed by our highly trained boat drivers who can help the first-time skier feel at ease while challenging campers who grew up in the water to reach new heights. Five separate lessons are included and campers can choose whether they focus on water skiing, wake boarding or wake surfing.

>> CAMPOUT Ages 7–16 | \$50 WARRIORS, THUNDERBIRDS, CHIEFS & CREW ONLY

What if you could go to Day Camp with your friends and then spend the night camping out at Camp Widjiwagan? Pack your duffel bag with overnight gear and then spend an evening in a night under the stars in tents! Your counselors will be the same, your Tribe will be the same, but the experience will be even more amazing than ever! This is a great way to test out the Overnight Camp experience for future camp-outs. This is a limited size add-on.

>> WRANGLER CAMPOUT Ages 10-16 | \$50 WRANGLERS ONLY

Wranglers have the unique opportunity to attend an overnight campout each Thursday night! Enjoy extra time at the barn and in the water then dance the night away at the overnight camp dance. Campers who are interested in trying an overnight ranch program are encouraged to register for this add-on.

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DAY CAMP BUS TRANSPORTATION

CAR RIDERS: FREE BUS RIDERS: \$55/WEEK

CAR RIDERS

- Drop off: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- Pick up: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

3088 Smith Springs Rd, Antioch

BUS RIDERS

- Drop off at buses begins at 7:30

 a.m. Please arrive at least10 minutes
 before bus departure
- Pick up by 6 p.m. \$1 late fee per minute applies after 6 p.m.

BUS SITES	ADDRESS	SERVICE AREA	DEPARTS	ARRIVES
Harding Academy	170 Windsor Drive, Nashville	Belle Meade	7:45 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Granny White Park	610 Granny White Pike, Brentwood	Northwest Brentwood	7:50 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Brentwood Family YMCA	8207 Concord Rd, Brentwood	Brentwood	7:50 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Owl Creek Park	9764 Concord Rd, Brentwood	East Brentwood/ Nolensville	7:45 a.m.	4:50 p.m.
North Rutherford Family YMCA	2001 Motlow College Blvd, Smyrna	Smyrna	8:10 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Liberty Park	2080 Turning Wheel Ln, Franklin	Cool Springs	7:45 a.m.	5:10 p.m.
First Church of the Nazarene	510 Woodland St, Nashville	East Nashville	7:45 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Donelson Family YMCA	3001 Lebanon Pike, Nashville	Donelson	8:10 a.m.	4:50 p.m.
Green Hills Family YMCA	4041 Hillsboro Circle, Nashville	Nashville/Green Hills	8:00 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
St. Stephen Catholic Community	14544 Lebanon Rd, Old Hickory	Mt. Juliet	7:45 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Charlie Daniels Park	1075 Charlie Daniles Parkway	Mt. Juliet	7:55 a.m.	5:00 p.m.

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TRADITIONAL OVERNIGHT CAMPS

WEEK-LONG SESSIONS (SUN-SAT) MAY 25 - AUGUST 1 | AGES 7-17

Overnight Camp is the heart and soul of the summer camp experience! Imagination comes alive at Overnight Camp!

>> While at Traditional Overnight Camp, kids get a feel for the variety of activities offered as they spend a week participating in cabin activities and exciting programs and focusing on developing various skills of their own choosing. All the while, campers forge friendships, strengthen confidence, sharpen character and create lasting memories on Widjiwagan's beautiful 320 acres.

>> Every day at Camp Widjiwagan is packed with challenge and excitement. General activities available at Camp Widji include canoeing, archery, ropes activities, drama, nature activities, arts and crafts, sports, sailing and many more, and every camper will have the opportunity to swim daily.

>> Progressive programs allow for new skill orientation each year a child returns to camp, with specialized activities for each age group and village. All of Camp Widjiwagan's Overnight campers come together for delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner, and during unique and exciting evening activities. No week at Camp Widjiwagan is complete without the traditional campfires, songs, night hikes and camp-outs! Spend the summer at Widji and watch your child grow!





VOYAGER VILLAGE Ages 7-9 | \$400

Voyager Village is a half-week program, which is a great way for first-time campers to experience overnight camp. Voyagers learn and grow with the 4-Core Values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility every day at camp. On Sunday, campers get to independently choose their own activities, where they will meet new friends from other villages. Each program has enthusiastic counselors to guide and teach your camper new skills. During our evening activities, Voyagers get to see what camp is all about with fun games and exciting activities.

FRONTIER VILLAGE Ages 7-9 | \$775

Frontiers learn and grow with the 4-Core Values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility every day at camp. Our dedicated counselors ensure a positive experience for your camper in every activity.

On Sunday, campers get to independently choose their own activities, where they will meet new friends of all ages. Each activity has compassionate counselors to guide and teach your campers new skills.

While staying in our cozy cabins, Frontiers forge new friendships through daily activities with their cabin mates. These campers engage in evening activities lead by our attentive counselors that will create memories of a lifetime.

EXPLORER VILLAGE Ages 9-11 | \$775

Explorer Village is home to 9-11 yearold campers. These campers embrace our 4-Core values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility.

On Sunday, campers get to independently choose their own activities for the week, with enthusiastic counselors to guide and assist your camper to develop new skills.

Daily cabin activities help Explorers to forge new friendships with their cabin mates. Exciting evening activities led by our attentive counselors create memories of a lifetime. Not to mention, the Explorer Village cheer is one your campers won't forget!

ADVENTURE VILLAGE Ages 11-13 | \$775

Adventure Village is perfect for our 11-13 year-old campers. These campers embrace new challenges, develop new skills, and forge lifelong friendships.

On Sunday, campers choose activities for the week to expand their skill levels. Our enthusiastic counselors encourage Adventure campers in our 4-Core Values honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility.

Our energetic counselors create activities for campers to bond with their cabin mates every day. Adventure Village constantly brings an exciting energy to our opening and closing ceremonies.



PIONEER VILLAGE Ages 13-15 | \$775

Pioneer Village is home to our 13-15 year-old campers. Pioneers strengthen friendships, build self-confidence, and take on new challenges.

On Sunday, campers choose activities for the week to expand their skill levels, with opportunities to help out younger campers. Our spirited counselors keep campers on their toes through teambuilding challenges, energetic chants, and traditional camp activities.

Pioneers strive daily to embody the 4-Core Values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility.



STAR WARS Ages 9-15 | Sessions 2 & 7 | \$805

Are you prepared to embark on the greatest adventure ever seen in a galaxy long ago and far away? There is war brewing between the Empire and the Rebels. Join forces with the greatest heroes of the universe and take down the darkest evil ever faced. You'll spend your week on a Rebel Base and undertaking challenging nightly missions against the Empire and searching for the Jedi who can help the cause. Gather your courage and prepare to become one with the Force! This week of Star Wars fun was created using the Star Wars Camp tool kit in conjunction with Lucasfilm, LTD. Camp Widjiwagan is joining a movement embraced by camps around the country integrating Star Wars themes into camp!





HARRY POTTER Ages 9-15 | Sessions 3 & 8 | \$805

For only two sessions this summer, leave your muggle past behind you and prepare to become a wizard or witch at the Widji Branch of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Only the most loyal, brave, cunning, and wise students can come together to defeat he who shall not be named. These campers will learn potions and spells, attend daily Quidditch practices, and master the art of soaring on the zip line with their broomsticks.

MINECRAFT Ages 9-15 | Sessions 9 | \$805

The Ender Dragon is near and we are calling all creepers and zombies to collect enough resources and defeat it. In Minecraft camp, campers will be immersed into the world of building, creating, and exploring. Minecraft campers will participate in various missions in teams. Campers will be on the lookout for resources and emerald ores which can be used to trade for food and supplies. Join Minecraft to learn basic survival skills such fire building, archery, climbing, and much more!



SAILING ADVENTURES Ages 9–15 | Session 5 | \$805

We are looking to train a new troop of campers to join Hal and his brother band crew on a Camp Widjiwagan expedition! This fully-themed week is based on the novel, The Brotherband Chronicles by John Flanagan. Your camper will train in archery tournaments, compete in sailing challenges, and participate in camp-wide quests. We need your help to challenge Zavac to return the Skandian and restore order to the once proud land! Are you ready to take on the adventure?



SURVIVOR Ages 12-16 | Sessions 2 & 7 | \$805

Do you have what it takes to work as a team? Are you ready to take on challenges that focus on the 4-Core Values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility? If the answer is yes, you could be the Ultimate Survivor walking away with a free week of Camp Widjiwagan.

This intense program provides challenges that test your brain and your brawn. Campers attempt to win team challenges for exciting rewards and compete in character value challenges.



PERCY JACKSON Ages 9-15 | Session 4 | \$805

Camp Half Blood is waiting for all demi-gods who seek to partake in daily quests, challenge mythical beasts and discover their hidden heroic talents. Have you ever felt like you didn't quite belong? Did you see things a little differently than the other kids? Does one of your parents seem suspiciously "godlike"? Do you have an innate ability to read Latin? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be the demi-god we're looking for!

Percy Jackson campers will explore Nashville's famous Parthenon, participate in chariot races, compete in the Olympic Games, and more!



FULLY-THEMED OVERNIGHT CAMPS



TORTUGA VILLAGE

>> Camp Widjiwagan added the Tortuga Village in summer 2017! The six yurts serve as the home for Widji's Fully-Themed Overnight Camps throughout the summer. Each yurt sleeps 12 people for a total of 72 beds in the entire village. All yurts are fully air conditioned and heated. Restrooms for campers in the yurts are located in the nearby Tortuga Lodge.

>> The Tortuga Lodge serves as the bathhouse and dining area for summer campers and is fully air conditioned and heated.

FULLY-THEMED OVERNIGHT CAMPS STAY IN THE TORTUGA VILLAGE!

>> COME SEE THE YURTS

COME SEE THE YURTS AT ONE OF OUR OPEN HOUSES IN THE SPRING!







LIL' ROCKERS Ages 9-11 | Sessions 4 & 8 | \$790

Campers at a beginner level with music will be rockin' by the end of this exciting one-week musical journey. Instruction from counselors and our music instructor will grow their abilities through the discipline of daily practice. After a week of training and rehearsal in guitar, keyboard, bass, drums or vocals, kids will demonstrate their musical talents for friends and family in a grand finale concert on Saturday morning!





TEEN EXTREME Ages 14-16 | Sessions 2 & 7 | \$790

We're calling all teens to join us for an extreme week of Widjiwagan fun! This program is designed for teens with a desire to go beyond the traditional camp activities and experience a true adventure.

Teen Extreme campers participate in teambuilding activities, enjoy watersports, banana boat rides, trail rides, and much more!

Ages 7-15 | Sessions 2 & 7 | \$790

BROADWAY THEATER CAMP

Nervous about making your performing debut? Don't be! You don't need to be a local theater star or show choir diva to join us for Broadway Theater Camp. Spend the week learning and performing some of the biggest show-stopping songs and scenes on Broadway today. You'll receive individualized instruction from the Nashville Repertory Theater's directors, choreographers and directors, culminating in a cabaret-style revue for friends and family at the end of the week.



WIDJI JAM CAMP Ages 11-16 | Sessions 3, 5 & 9 | \$790

Campers experienced with music will connect and collaborate with others with a similar passion. Participants in Widji Jam Camp work together to build their band throughout the week. Jam Campers will nourish their love for music and develop discipline by playing and practicing together daily. Special musical quests will visit and help coach and inspire the kids. After training as a band in guitar, keyboard, bass, drums and vocals, kids will perform their musical talents in a live setting Saturday morning for their parents.



BOATERS EDUCATION Ages 12-15 | Session 2, 4, 7 & 9 | \$775

This week-long overnight camp will focus on water-based activities and watercraft at camp. This program has two parts. Part one is primarily focused on Boater Safety. Our instructors use curriculum from the Boat Tennessee course, recognized by the United States Coast Guard, and campers have the opportunity to fulfill the requirements for earning a Tennessee Boater's License. Part two is an introduction to piloting each type of watercraft at Camp Widji—Sail, Paddle and Motor boating.



WIDJI OUT TRIPS Ages 13-16 | Session 3, 6 & 9 | \$875

Widji Trips road trip off site for the week to experience the thrill of whitewater rafting, rock climbing, hiking, and caving.

These campers build their self-confidence, bond with other teens, learn outdoor living skills, and overcome adventurous challenges. We will be venturing out to North Carolina, Chattanooga, TN, and even Kentucky in summer 2020!

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OVERNIGHT CAMP SPECIALTY PROGRAMS



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COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) Age 16-17 Sessions 2-3, 5-6, & 8-9 | \$1350

Counselors in Training is a two-week program for our oldest campers that are interested in becoming a future Camp Widjiwagan counselor. CITs strive to be role models for younger campers by assisting with quidance in cabins, activities, and meal times. CITs are placed in cabins to shadow counselors, learn cabin procedures, and assist in creating an awesome, inclusive cabin culture. Alongside, these campers will learn facilitation skills and create games for campers.

This progressive program provides opportunities for constant feedback while following our 4-Core Values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility. CITs must fill out an application, which includes at least two references.

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LEADER-IN-TRAINING (LIT) Ages 14–15 Sessions 4, 7, & 10 \$675

The Leaders in Training program is for campers who want to strengthen their skills in their selfconfidence, problem solving, critical thinking, and leadership skills. Campers participate in teambuilding and service projects that bring LITs closer as a team. LITs have the opportunity to shadow our attentive counselors and grow their facilitation skills

in traditional camp activities. This program is a stepping-stone for older campers who want to transition into future camp leaders or grow within the 4-Core Value of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility. RANCH COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) Age 16-17 Sessions 2-3, 5-6, & 8-9 | \$1350

This two week program is progressive in nature and provides opportunities for constant feedback and individualized training for those interested in becoming a future Camp Widjiwagan counselor. Ranch CITs will assist with the leadership and guidance of campers

during ranch activity hours, as well as guided through everyday ranch counselor responsibilities, whilst receiving constant feedback. Additionally,

Ranch CITs will assist with riding lessons, ground lessons and trail rides at the barn as well as other

traditional programs around Camp Widjiwagan. They will have the option of time off to go home on the weekend between Saturday's check-out and Sunday's checkin. CITs must fill out an application, which includes at least two references. RANCH LEADER-IN-TRAINING (LIT) Age 14-15 Sessions 4, 7, & 10 \$675

The Ranch LIT program fosters and develops group dynamics, problem solving, and the camping skills we look for in future staff members and leaders. Campers participate in ranch camp activities and programs while focusing on their leadership skills and program development. This training is a stepping stone for older campers who are interested in transitioning into the Ranch CIT program and then becoming future camp leaders. Additionally, Ranch LITs will assist with riding lessons, around lessons and trail rides at the barn as well as other traditional programs around Camp Widjiwagan. This program is a great way to develop equestrian leadership skills while still enjoying the magic of being a camper.





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OVERNIGHT RANCH CAMPS

>> JUNIOR RANCH CAMP Ages 7-11 \$810

Junior Ranch Campers ride each day on their own horses, participate in ground lessons, and explore Camp on trail rides. In addition to being in a ranch program, campers also participate in traditional camp activities for a portion of the day. All riders are placed in riding groups based on an assessment of their current riding skills, but all riding levels are welcome!

WIDJI RANCH Ages 11-13 \$810

Overnight Ranch Camps are unlike any other. Especially in Widji Ranch, campers get to watch the sunrise from horseback while out on the trails! Widji Ranchers are assigned to their own horses for the entire week and experience the joy and responsibility of taking care of their horses through daily activities such as grooming, tacking, horseback riding lessons, and trail rides. Ranchers spend most of their week in the saddle and with the horses, but also have time to enjoy traditional camp activities such as archery, canoeing, swimming, ropes courses, arts and crafts, and much more. All riders are placed in riding groups based on an assessment of their current riding skills, but all riding levels are welcome.

>> TEEN RANCH CAMP Ages 13-16 \$810

Whether it's working on cantering in one of the riding arenas or jumping off of the pamper pole, Teen Ranch Camp is a program for older ranchers to take it to the next level! Teen ranchers spend the majority of their day at the barn but also experience high adventure activities suited for their age. All riders are placed in riding groups based on an assessment of their current riding skills, but all riding levels are welcome!

>> OVERNIGHT FARM CAMP Ages 7-11 Sessions 3 & 8 \$795

At overnight Farm Camp, kids spend even more time with the horses while participating in daily riding lessons and trail rides. Farm Camp is a unique and exciting program that allows campers to learn and grow through exploration of both farm animals and the garden. The overnight aspect amplifies campers' connection to nature and further instills a sense of responsibility which allows campers to deepen the connection with the animals they care for daily. Children also experience traditional camp activities such as zip lining, arts and crafts, swimming and, much more! All riders are placed in riding groups based on an assessment of their current riding skills, but all riding levels are welcome.



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>> MIDDLE EARTH ADVENTURES Ages 9–15 | Session 4 & 9 | \$840

Be part of an incredible journey! Middle Earth Adventures, based on the world created by J.R.R. Tolkien made popular through The Hobbit and The Lord of The Rings, immerses campers into life on Arda, learning the skills prized by many of its inhabitants, including wilderness survival, archery, stealth and grace, ecology, horseback riding, and so much more. The journey will be long and grueling—but it's up to you to help us defeat the enemies of Middle Earth!

>> RANGER'S APPRENTICE Ages 9–15 | Sessions 5 | \$840

Campers are immersed in the world of Ranger's Apprentice! In this fully-themed week, campers are instructed in horseback riding, archery, tracking, survival skills, stealth, and ranger missions. This camp will test each kid's strength, loyalty, and commitment. They defend the kingdom from Morgarath's Wargals, Skandian Raiders, and the fearsome Temujai warriors. Come as an Apprentice. Earn your Silver Oak Leaf. Become a Ranger.

) GIRL POWER Ages 9-12 | Sessions 7 | \$810

This fully-themed camp calls for young, driven females who seek to embrace their inner wonder woman. Lead by positive female role models, campers will have the opportunity to participate in training to improve their skills in horseback riding, archery and climbing. Warriors-in-training will identify hidden talents within themselves and encourage others to identify their unique strengths. Girls will band together through expeditions of empowerment, self-discovery and adventure.

>> TRAIL WRANGLERS Ages 11-15 | Sessions 6 | \$810

Our newest Widji Ranch program, Trail Wranglers is for Ranch Campers, ages 11–15, seeking even more adventure! Trail Wranglers will spend their week exploring different trails around camp on horseback, while also learning horsemanship skills, such as grooming and tacking. Along with improving confidence and riding skills, campers in this program will camp out; learn outdoor living skills and nature education; and hike and bird watch at local State Parks.

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OPTIONAL ADD-ONS FOR OVERNIGHT CAMPERS



>> TRAIL RIDE Ages 7-15 | \$20

Campers who love riding or are just curious about horses are invited to participate in a onehour trail ride along the beautiful shoreline of Percy Priest Lake. With skilled equestrian staff to lead them, trail riders will have a safety focused introduction to horses and riding prior to their ride. Campers will learn the basics of horsemanship including proper approach, mounting, riding, steering and braking.

>> WIDJI WATER SPORTS Ages 9-15 | \$150

Widji Water Sports is designed for campers who love being on the water and want to spend significant time with friends working on their water skiing, wakeboarding, and wake surfing skills. Widji Water Sports is staffed by our highly trained boat drivers who can help the first-time skier feel at ease while challenging campers who grew up on the water to reach new heights. Water sports is available for Explorer, Adventure, and Pioneer Campers.



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>> DID YOU KNOW **YOU COULD FLY?**

Camp Widji provides FREE AIRPORT SHUTTLES for all Overnight Campers! Located only 15 minutes from the Nashville Airport, Camp Widji is only a short drive away! Call the camp office at 615-360-2267 to make arrangements for camp staff to escort your child to and from the airport.



2020 **YEAR ROUND WIDJI EVENTS**

>> MAY Fri-Sun 22-24

11-13

Fri-Sat

25-27

Family Camp Families are invited to stay at camp thi weekend in Widii cabins. vurts. or in their very own tents! Traditional camp activity áreas will be open, and all meal will be served in the Turner Dining Lodae.

>> AUGUST

Fri-Sun Family Camp 31-2

Families are invited to stay at camp this weekend in Widji cabins, yurts, or in their very own tents! Traditional camp activity areas will be open, and all meal will be served in the Turner Dining Lodge.

>> SEPTEMBER Fri-Sun

Mother Daughter Ranch Weekend

Mothers and daughters bond while riding horses along our beautiful lakeside trails and arenas. Explore camp an enjoy s'mores as you venture outdoors for this girls' weekend!

Widii Ranch Trail Trek

Come spend a magical weekend riding our horses in a local state park. Enjoy daily trail rides and hikes, outdoor education and camping alongside our horses in the great outdoors!

>> OCTOBER Fri-Sa

Fri-Sat	Kids' Night Out
2-3	Leave your parents at home, kids! This night of disco Kangaroo Jumping dance parties, wolf pack night games, and night zip lining is just for YOU!
Fri-Sun	Equestrian Fall Camp
9-11	Master egg hunting, design elaborate Easter eggs, and compete in downhill rabbit races!
Sat	Widji Pumpkin Fest
17	The BIGGEST fall festival is coming to Widji! Ride ponies, enjoy live bands, zip

line, get your face painted, eat at delicious food trucks, and slingshot pumpkins at targets!

>> JANUARY

Monday Polar Bear Plunge: 12 – 2 pm

1	Each New Year's Day, hundreds of
	people come to camp to jump in Percy
	Priest Lake and symbolically start the
	year off clean.

Thurs-Fri Day and EQ Winter Camp 2-3

Day Camp and Ranch Camp unite to bring you a Widji Wonderland! Build ice fortresses, zoom down the zip line and warm up with hot cocoa and s'mores in this wintery adventure at camp.

Fri-Sat

Night on the Farm Night on the Farm is an action-packed. 17-18 one night, sleepover camp! Come meet all the farm critters while participating in activities such as a barnyard dance party, farm arts and crafts, and make your very own campfire farm food breakfast! Kids' Night Out

Fri-Sat 31-1

Leave your parents at home, kids! This night of disco Kangaroo Jumping dance parties, wolf pack night games, and night zip lining is just for YOU!

>> FEBRUARY

Fri-Sun **Overnight and EQ Valentine's Camp** Join in the Camp Big Game, indulge in 14-16 Widji's chocolate fountain, and sit with new friends during movie night! Open House: 1 - 4 pm Sunday 23 Learn s'more about camp! Meet camp directors and staff, ask questions, and take a tour of Camp Widjiwagan's

beautiful facilities.

>> MARCH Fri-Sat

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Fri-Sun 13-15

Sunday

Fri-Sun

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Teen Adventure Caving

Calling all teen adventure seekers! Come spend a day off site exploring inside the depths of a historic cave! Afterwards head back to camp for loads of awesome activities. All transportation and meals are provided.

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Fri-Sun

17-19

Sunday

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iis als	Fri-Sun 26 - 28	Overnight and EQ Fall Camp: Carve ghoulish pumpkins, show off your creativity in elaborate costume contests, explore camp on hay rides, and compete in downhill pumpkin races!
	>> NOV	EMBER
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- nd	Fri-Sun 13-15	Developing Widji Leaders This weekend is for our teens who want to further develop their leadership skills. Teambuilding, workshops, camp service projects, friendship making and s'mores creations are only a few
	Fri-Sun 23-25	of the exciting adventures during this leadership weekend! Day and EQ Fall Camp: Campsgiving Create your own Thanksgiving costume, drink hot chocolate, make candles, build forts, eat s'mores, climb the Alpine Tower, and race down the zip line!



Overnight and EQ Winter Camp: Build giant gingerbread houses, decorate cookies, create ornaments, and compete in downhill reindeer races!

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE OPEN HOUSE

Meet Widjiwagan program directors, see where your children will sleep and eat, and preview your child's summer at Widji with a guided tour.

2020 OPEN HOUSE DATES



FEBRUARY 23 MARCH 15 APRIL 5 APRIL 26

2020 DAY CAMP SESSION DATES

Session 1	May 25 - May 29
Session 2	June 1 – June 5
Session 3	June 8 – June 12
Session 4	June 15 - June 19
Session 5	June 22 – June 25
Session 6	June 29 – July 3
Session 7	July 6 – July 10
Session 8	July 13 – July 17
Session 9	July 20 – July 24
Session 10	July 27 – July 31
Last Blast	Aug 3 – Aug 5

2020 OVERNIGHT CAMP SESSION DATES

Session 1	May 25 - May 30
Session 2	May 31 – June 6
Session 3	June 7 – June 13
Session 4	June 14 – June 20
Session 5	June 21 – June 27
Session 6	June 28 – July 4
Session 7	July 5–July 11
Session 8	July 12 – July 18
Session 9	July 19 – July 25
Session 10	July 26 – Aug 1

DO YOU LOVE ALL THINGS WIDJI? THEN STAY IN TOUCH!

Sign up for Camp Widjiwagan's email newsletters and follow us on our social media pages. Be the first to hear about new events, discounts, and special camp stories. Give us your feedback, comment on funny videos, and keep the magic of Widji alive all year long!















FREE AIRPORT SHUTTLES AVAILABLE TO ALL CAMPERS ONLY 15 MINUTES FROM CAMP



Call the camp office at 615-360-CAMP to set up airport shuttling services.

READY FOR SUMMER 2020? THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO REGISTER!

- 1. Register Online at www.campwidji.org/register
- 2. Fill out a registration form and send it to: YMCA CAMP WIDJIWAGAN 3088 Smith Springs Road Antioch, TN 37013
- 3. Give us a call at 615-360-CAMP or fax the registration form to 615-360-2119

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS **AVAILABLE!**

To apply for a camp scholarship, please download a scholarship application at www.campwidji.org or call our camp office at 615-360-CAMP.

