

2009 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

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Rhodes Grove...

is a Christian Camp & Conference Center founded in 1917, situated on 35 acres surrounded by the beautiful farmland of the Cumberland Valley. The Grove is a great place of retreat where the fun never stops, all summer long! Our activities are exciting, food is fantastic and the love of Jesus is shared as we help campers discover that God is real, and wants to have a purposeful relationship with everyone. Come find what you're looking for!

Summer 2009: Blueprint

God has a plan for YOU! In summer 2009, we will focus on God's design for our lives and how He will use us for His glory. Our theme verse, Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the plans I have for you," declared the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Just as God had a plan for the Israelites when they were in captivity, He has a plan for us now no matter the situation. We will use our gifts and abilities during fun camp activities and we will learn about God's plan for us by reading directly out of God's blueprint, the Bible. From our traditional sleep-away camps: Adventure, Journey and Quest to our specialty camps: Day, Swim and Horsemanship each exciting program is designed to help each camper see the plan God has for them!

Day Camp

Let your child's camping experience start with us! Day camp is designed to introduce your little camper to all the fun camp can be without the anxiety of being away from home for a week. Featured activities include crafts, swimming, worship, games, noon lunch and an optional overnight cabin experience. Campers arrive at 9:00 am and depart at 3:45 pm. Transportation can be provided (upon request) from Chambersburg and Waynesboro areas at no extra charge.

Swim Camp

Slap on the sunscreen! Swim camp is designed to teach basic swimming and water safety skills. Your camper will enjoy learning and playing in a safe environment under the watchful eye of specially trained staff. Campers arrive at 9:00 am and depart at 3:45 pm. Transportation can be provided (upon request) from Chambersburg and Waynesboro areas at no extra charge. They may choose to join the Day campers in the optional overnight cabin experience. This is one of our most popular programs!

Rhodes Grove Ranch Horsemanship Camps – Now 5 Great Weeks!

Come join our professional wrangler, Heather Conley and her crew for an unforgettable week at our Rhodes Grove Ranch.

Sign up quick – Space is limited!

- **Mustangs & Mavericks camps** are designed for the intermediate rider looking to add more skill to their abilities. Open for guy and gal campers there are two age appropriate weeks to choose from. Participants will enjoy all the activities of traditional camp such as games, worship, meals, and cabins while also experiencing the added benefit of caring for and riding an exclusive horse all week. Horses and tack are provided by the camp. A special highlight is the overnight, rustic, trail adventure (complete with pit toilets!) in the Michaux State Forest. Campers will be staying in the mountains under the stars, while enjoying fellowship with others in God's beautiful creation. This is an awesome overnight adventure! (We recommend at least 10-15 hours of previous horse experience to attend these camps). Grades 6-8 – July 5-10, Grades 7-9 – July 12-17
- **Wild Wind camps** are designed for advanced riders looking for the ultimate wilderness horsemanship experience. Limited to female campers only there are two age appropriate weeks to choose from. To attend these camps riders must have had previous Rhodes Grove Horse Camp (or equivalent overnight trip) experience and 25 hours of horse experience (participants will be asked to validate riding experience). Wild Wind 1 includes two overnights on the trail and Wild Wind 2 includes three overnights on the trail. We recommend that campers participate in Wild Wind 1 prior to Wild Wind 2. These rustic adventures will be extremely fun, but also extremely challenging. Riders will be taken to a new level in their equestrian skills by taking part in this wilderness camp! Grades 6-10 – June 28-July 3, Grades 8-12 – July 26-31
- **Equestrian Experience camp** is a new program designed to create a heightened horsemanship experience for the seasoned rider. Campers will participate in the traditional schedule for our Quest Camp including Facing North services, games and cabins but will also have the added benefit of specially crafted horse activities. Drill Team activities will focus on performing dramatic moving patterns to music such as the wagon wheel. Individual Skill activities will focus on equitation as campers improve their riding abilities and gain greater control of their horse. Rodeo Game activities will include key hole, pole bending, barrels, egg & spoon race, scripture find and more. There will also be a 3 hour trail ride in the Michaux State Forest for a special day-away. Open for guy & gal campers in grades 9-12, each rider should have at least 25 hours of experience, a high level of confidence and control and plan to spend approximately 4 hours a day in the barn and corral. This exciting new camp is sure to fill up fast!

Alpine Tower

Have you tried it? As an optional activity, Journey and Quest campers are invited to climb the 50 foot wooden tower. Stretch yourself as you learn teamwork, trust, cooperation and communication skills. Is it safe? Only certified equipment is used, trained staff lead the sessions and campers are harnessed in case of a fall. Is it fun? Of course! Over 30 different climbing route variations are possible. Why else would we have to limit the number to 24 campers per week?! Take the Alpine Tower challenge!

Campership Funds

We understand that not everyone can afford to come to camp. Each summer Rhodes Grove challenges hundreds of campers to grow closer to God and we don't want anyone to be left out of the experience. Thanks to the support and generosity of Rhodes Grove donors we maintain a Campership Fund to help families send their kids to camp. If you would like information on receiving Campership funds please contact us before the registration deadline. Forms are available at our website: www.rhodesgrove.com or call the office at (717) 375-4162.

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