



*A Special Place for Special People*

## **Anderson Woods Camp**

3966 Adyeville Rd., Bristow, IN 47515

### General Information

Visit our website [andersonwoods.org](http://andersonwoods.org)

Each year we receive many questions from those unfamiliar with Anderson Woods Camp. The following will answer most of the questions but if you have additional, more specific ones, please simply e-mail [andersonwoods@psci.net](mailto:andersonwoods@psci.net) or call Judy Colby at 270-957-0260 cell or 812-357-2325 Colby residence at camp.

Anderson Woods, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization entering its 34th year of summer camp. We began on an experimental basis with three campers, three nights. For the past 10 years we have hosted 120 campers per season.

With the advent of 2 additional dorms we had 187 campers in 2010 with a new capacity of 200, consisting of 20 children in each of their 4 sessions and 30 adults in each of the 4 adult sessions.

We are located in southern Indiana on 175 wooded acres about 4 miles south of I-64 half way between Louisville, Ky. & Evansville, IN.

**CAMPERS:** Ages 6 thru 18 – first 4 sessions; ages 19 thru any older age – last 4 sessions. Each session begins on Monday 8:00 AM CDT and runs until 3:00PM Thursday.

**STAFF:** Summer 2011 will have 15 total staff including a licensed nurse and nurse assistant. Our Camp Director is experienced in teaching both children and adults with Special Needs.

Five of our counselor staff members have a total of 31 years at camp, starting as assistants and working into full counselor positions. Others on our staff are Special Ed. teachers and college students in one of the helping fields. Our cook will be with us for a fifth year and is certified with the State of Indiana in Food Safety.

MVR reports are run on all staff members who will be transporting campers on campgrounds.

Reference and background checks are run on all Anderson Woods employees.

Returning and new counselors and assistants attend a four-and-a-half day training period immediately preceding camp. Classes include various types of disabilities taught by teachers and professors in the individual fields, first aid, dealing with difficult and challenging campers, camp safety, organic gardening, animal husbandry, campfire safety and much more.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** We basically accept all disabilities including those on the autism spectrum. However, due to our terrain, we cannot accept campers in wheelchairs but we do accept some campers who use walkers or canes depending on their degree of mobility.

**ACTIVITIES:** Music, organic gardening, creek wading, rock painting, tie dying shirts, picking berries & making jam, baking bread, visiting the animals, wildlife walks, camp fires, cooking out, picnics, hay rides and much more.

**APPLICATIONS:** Available on our web site [andersonwoods.org](http://andersonwoods.org) or by phoning Judy Colby 270-957-0260. On our home page, from the menu at the top, click Summer Camp, and scroll down to “Camper Applications” They cannot be filled out on line but must be printed and mailed so we have original signatures in the two places called for on the application. Completed applications must also include a copy of camper’s medical card along with camp fee and picture of camper.

Campers may come for more than one session as space allows so it is a good idea to get applications in early. We ask the parent or guardian to give us a first and second choice of session and we will do our best to accommodate your request. However, we do have to consider functional age, the combination of disabilities and challenges in each session and arrange the campers accordingly. For instance, we do not schedule more than two blind campers in any one session. We also limit campers needing one on one staffing to no more than two in a session.

We will acknowledge your application by postcard or e-mail as soon as received. Since we need to get a high percentage of all applications in before we begin to do the actual session scheduling, it may be mid-May before you receive your actual camp date(s).