

Anderson Woods Camp
General Information
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Each year we receive many questions from those not familiar with Anderson Woods Camp. The following will answer most of those questions but if you have additional, more specific ones, please simply e-mail Judy Colby @ jcolby@psci.net or call Judy at 270 957-0260

Anderson Woods, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization entering its 32nd 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. For the last 4 years we have had to turn down a large number of campers due to lack of space.

For summer 2009 we constructed 2 additional dorms, expanded the showers and built a new restroom facility that will enable us to double our capacity.

We are located in southern Indianan on 175 wooded acres about 1 mile south of I64 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 2009 will have 15 total staff including a licensed nurse and nurse assistant. Our camp director is a Notre Dame graduate currently in med. school at IU, Indianapolis. This will be his 9th year at Anderson Woods and his 4th year as Director. Five of our counselor staff has a total of 31 years at camp, starting as assistants and working into full counselor positions. Other of our staff are Special Ed. teachers and college students in one of the helping fields. Our cook will be with us for a third year and is Certified with the State of Indiana in food safety.

MVR reports are run on any staff that 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. We do accept some campers who use walkers or canes.

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. or by phoning Judy Colby 270 957-0260 On our home page, from the menu on the left side, click Summer Camp, and scroll down to “Camper Applications” They can 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.

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 three in a session.

We will acknowledge, by postcard, you application 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).