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KEY PARTNERSHIPS WITH ATLANTA UNION MISSION AND ACHOR CENTER

Attending summer camp at Camp Bob brings children from all over Atlanta together. As the camp week ends children have all shared information. Many children learn about City Camp back home in Atlanta at this time. City Camp is a way to continue the teachings and experiences of Camp Bob. The same is true for Camp Grace and

Camp Evergreen. Meanwhile campers want to know how to reunite with their friends. The word spreads and soon new children are asking to participate in City Camp.

City Camp is now officially partnering with two of Atlanta's most effective transitional housing service agencies: Atlanta Union Mission and Achor, Inc. City Camp also partners with other leading service agencies for families facing homelessness.

As a result of these partnerships City Camp now provides services for children coming from Atlanta Union Mission and Achor. These children are tackling difficult challenges and are particularly appreciative of the experiences City Camp provides. We are very excited and proud to be associated with these agencies. We are thrilled to work with kids who are eager and enthusiastic. The need is great. These partnerships epitomize the authentic and powerful charitable impact.

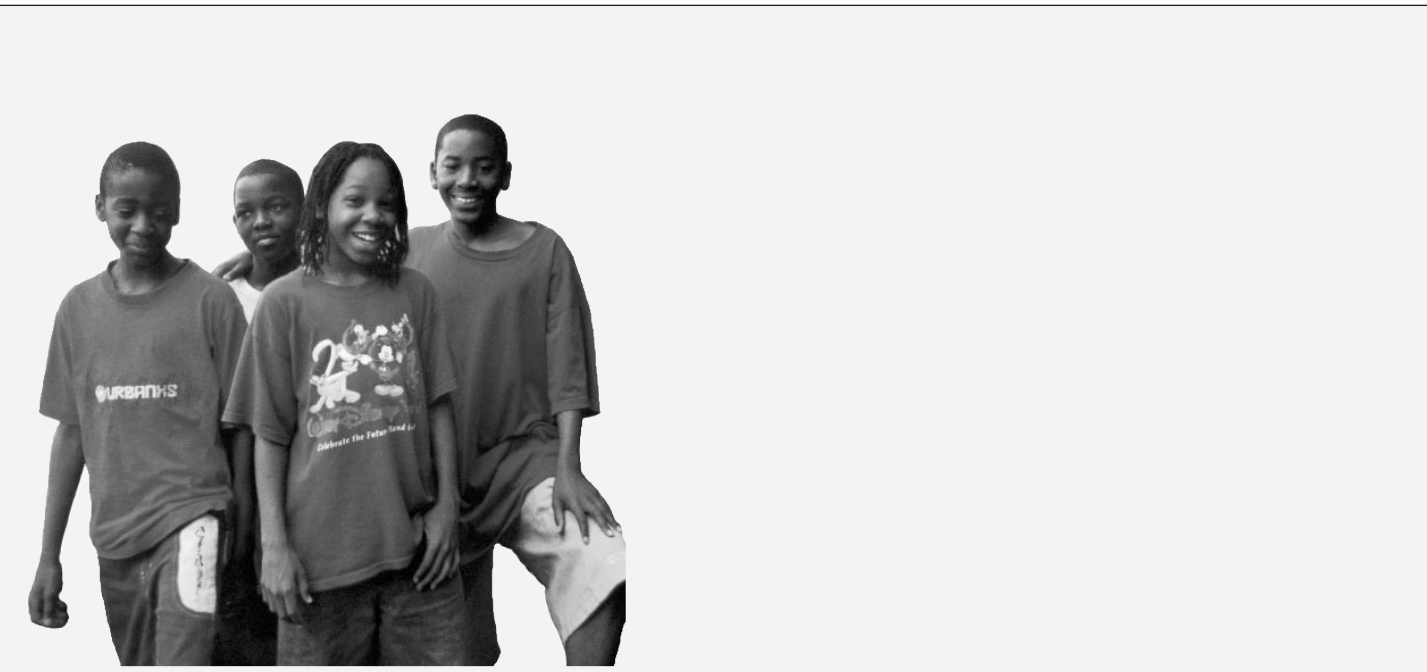
Wilderness Works Mission Statement:

Empowering and enriching disadvantaged and at-risk children living in urban Atlanta with year-round experiential education, recreation and outdoor adventure.



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Dear friends:

After an exciting summer of camp we find ourselves anticipating the great times we have during the school year. As Wilderness Works is ongoing we discover that the anchor of this whole work is City Camp.

City Camp came about as we discovered the popularity of overnights in our dormitory space. City Camp occupies the dormitories of the former Immanuel Bible College and historic Immanuel Baptist Church near Grant Park in Atlanta. Our boys have one dormitory building and our girls have another. The girls make a lot more noise than the boys!

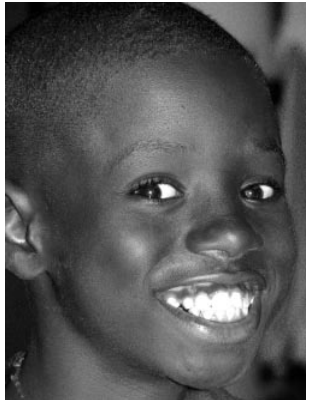
City Camp is a concept coming straight from summer camp philosophy. City Camp occurs on Friday nights during the school year. Children come from all over Atlanta to enjoy a wholesome dinner, games, arts and crafts and finally separate to go to their respective boys' and girls' quarters with our chaperones.

Saturday morning opens with a hearty breakfast and children are soon bicycle riding, touring Stone Mountain or maybe even visiting the Georgia Aquarium. Many times, Saturday includes a service project like visiting the elderly residents at nearby A.G. Rhodes Home or assembling boxes for the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

City Camp provides continuity so that a child can be involved in the program all year long. Wilderness Works wraps programming around the life of a child who might otherwise have little in the way of a positive alternative.

City Camp needs chaperones for day and overnight support. City Camp is always looking for activity and games coordinators, arts and crafts leaders, math and language arts tutors, story tellers, counselors and other youth workers. There are numerous other volunteering needs. We also seek inspired board members!

We'd love to have you come and volunteer! Check out our website at www.wildernessworks.org and send us an e-mail to learn more about how.



William at City Camp

Thanks so much,



Bill Mickler
Director



HOME COOKED MEALS FOR KIDS AT CITY CAMP

by Tony Jones

Between Friday night and Saturday morning kids enjoying overnights at City Camp are eating nourishing and delicious meals. On Friday nights City Camp is blessed with the wonderful volunteer services of food service professional Jason Channell and his lovely wife Sommer.



Quin having fun as usual!

Sommer and Jason hail from Charlotte, North Carolina where they knew each other as children and later reunited to marry. Jason is a Regional Marketing Representative with Morrison Management Specialists while Sommer is a Treasury Sales Analyst with Wells Fargo.

The Channells bring energy and love to their work in preparing wholesome hot meals for Friday nights at City Camp. Many of the children attending are poorly nourished on fast food and snack-type foods all week long. Sommer and Jason focus on wholesome foods that appeal to kids. Quite a challenge. We always see clean plates!

Sommer and Jason are focused on assisting those in need and restoring the lives of individuals who have been hurt or wounded, or have experienced great misfortune and pain. We are so grateful to have this caring couple in our midst!

CAMP EVERGREEN MOVED TO RUSTIC CAMP WINFIELD NORTHSIDE, MT. BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES TEAM UP

by Al Qawi Majidah

Our long time partnership with the caring members of Northside United Methodist Church resulted in the 2009 group of excited, needy children enjoying a terrific week at Camp Evergreen. This year children thrilled to the Blob (a giant inflatable raft resembling a pillow floating in the lake that allows children to be safely propelled into the water). A fantastic zipline that allows a child to zip along a line from a platform out to a landing in the lake is also quite popular.

In May, Camp Evergreen actually moved about five miles up the road from its former location at Lake Burton and now is up on Moccasin Creek at old Camp Winfield with private lakes and sprawling grounds with rustic cabins lining rushing Moccasin Creek.

Camp Evergreen is really the heart of Wilderness Works, as participating children aim all year long to accumulate enough points in the City Camp point system to attend camp. Each spring kids at City Camp enjoy a special annual visit when Camp Evergreen director Toby Grady brings a group of Appalachian State University students to visit Wilderness Works for an entire week.



Wilderness Works Kids at Botanical Gardens

Northside United Methodist Church is a long-time partner with Wilderness Works and helps support City Camp. Meanwhile, Randy Mickler is the pastor of 9,000 member Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church and is, incidentally, related to our director! The two churches are now jointly sponsoring Camp Evergreen at Winfield for a remarkable rustic retreat in the middle of the cool Northeast Georgia mountains.

It is so valuable for all children, and particularly children who all year long are surrounded by dirty streets, concrete and chain link fences, to experience nature in an unspoiled setting. Camp Evergreen provides incentive for kids to stay involved in Wilderness Works all year long while they look forward to summer.

BICYCLING PROGRAM REALLY ROLLS

by Shadon Hayes

Bicycling is a big part of weekends at City Camp. The staff and volunteers make us bike in single file and remember who the person is that is to always be in front of us so we don't accidentally pass. We kind of look like a long snake winding down the road. All those helmets and bikes make everyone look at us.

All the riders (adults, too!) have to wear helmets. Some helmets have flashing lights. We need more of these. These flashing lights help cars to see us traveling down the road. We also wear bright green safety vests. Everyone has a water bottle.

We usually ride over to Grant Park. Some of the stronger riders will go on a loop ride over to and around the baseball stadium. We have over thirty bicycles in the bike room and when these are all on the road we look like a parade!

Some of the older boys went on a ride with Demetrice Dodson, Deandre Norris and Mr. Bill out to Decatur using all back roads. Not everyone can do such a long ride. A few kids have done the PATH ride out to Stone Mountain.

This year we are hoping to enter the Brownwood Bike Rally again put on by the East Atlanta Kids Club. The last time we raced in the rally we won a bunch of trophies.



Jasmine and Lauren at Camp Bob

WILDERNESS WORKS WELCOMES DR. ERNA BRYANT AND NIKI RODRIGUEZ AS BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Erna Bryant brings Wilderness Works a lengthy past experience with grassroots charitable enterprise. Bryant gained her doctoral degree in Education from Harvard University all the while participating in organizations such as the Freedom House in Boston during the Civil Rights era. Erna is a past president of Church Women United in Atlanta and is an active member of the First Congregational Church. Erna enjoys the captivation in Wilderness Works children as they listen while she shares her experiences growing up in Boston and in Barbados where most of her family originates. Erna brings passion and experience to Wilderness Works.

Niki Rodriguez is a seasoned technical expert with home entertainment computer systems. Founder of notable Total Home Networks, Niki is known as an innovator in residential network infrastructure design industry. As a Network Engineer with Cisco Systems, Niki travels extensively.

Niki is passionate about community service and came to Wilderness Works initially as a mentor. After further involvement and excited discovery of City Camp and the impact it has, Niki agreed to join the Wilderness Works board of directors. Niki brings passion for redirecting the lives of needy children. Niki acts as a catalyst for new directions as Wilderness Works moves forward in service. Niki has also helped City Camp go wireless! Mr. Rodriguez is a valuable asset to Wilderness Works!

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