



Adventure Day Camp 2025

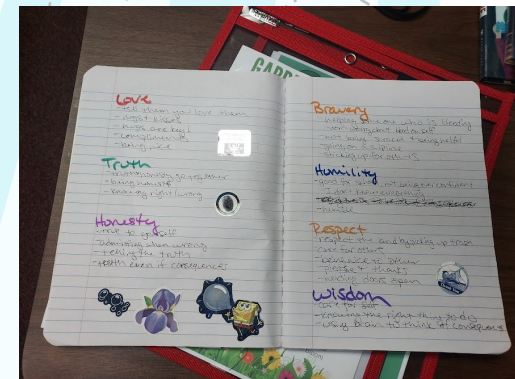
Building Community, Stewardship of Environment, Cultural Competence, Celebrating the Creator!

"It takes a Village"

42 campers+7 Teen leads+70 staff& vol. incl.
2 children's authors, 2 Invertebrate professors,
3 service/therapy dogs, goats, sheep, chickens, 28
acres of trees/vegetation, 2 gardens, 1 pool

Organizations: Widoktadwen, 12 Congregations +
'Nones', 2 Scout Troops, Roots Home School Collec-
tive, West Berks Mission Crew, Sinking Spring Li-
brary, 2 family farms, Levengoods Nursery;
EBMD*&WBMD*, NEPS*, Stoney Creek Rental, City
of Rdg, Native Youth Summer Camp* *Grants

Thank you all so very much for being the
support that makes this ministry thrive!



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Thank you for your part in making day Camp full of fun and growth: learning, health, relationships and living lives of faith. Attached are your 'picture is worth 1,000 words'... there were so many moments and stories that do not fit on a single-page summary. I suspect many have stories to tell of insights and transformations in addition to these.



Campers planted and tasted food straight from the woods and garden - some for the first time.

Through this camp experience people had face-to-face conversation and daily life among people who are Native American, Immigrants, Conservationists, Farmers, Artisans, Authors, Cooks, Civil Servants, Church leaders...

Teens experienced being leaders including teaching games, learning administration, sharing their talents like the knowledge of ants, athleticism and artistry

Campers played games – ancient and modern. A tween said "I've never thrown a frisbee before, I don't know [how to play] these [outdoor] games... I mostly stay inside."

A Camper and read a Bible for the first time.

A Licensed Lay Ministry Cohort member worked with fellow church members of Lenape and Cherokee heritage to shape an evening meal & worship series based on the same 7 Grandfather Teachings used as our Day Camp weekly themes

Campers gained comfort and skills in water & on land. An elementary-age child said "look I can float, and put my face in the water!" by the end of the summer.

A local musician led a circle of drumming, another musician & their spouse taught bracelet making many learned there are numerous hues of chicken eggs, abundant invertebrates in local streams, friendly worms and snakes...

Some hidden treasures:



- * one family was living in a shelter this summer - this camp gave a sense of normalcy during their upheaval,
- * another family were dealing with a different trauma (not to mention the situations of which I am not aware)
- * one teen-leader had to make a trip to the emergency room... the rest of their peers had made a text group. I only learned of the text when the injured person laughed-out-loud for no apparent reason while sitting with this Pastor, waiting for family to arrive and holding ice during the hours of care and waiting. "What made you laugh?", I asked. "My [group] are [texting] me funny videos." ... this support happened for the following 2 weeks of healing and beyond.
- * weeks after camp I learned that both a 4 yr-old camper and a 16 yr-old camp participant each invited friends made at camp to their late-summer birthday parties! Well after camp ended - the growth of the community is growing.

Thank you for your part in making this a summer to remember as our life together flourishes.



Peace, Pastor Rebecca Knox for 2025 Adventure Day Camp