



**2026 AT CAMP:
A SUMMER IN REVIEW**



It would take around 6 billion s'mores to stretch from Camp Whitewood to the moon.. Maybe we'll make that many next year!

Hello Camp Whitewood Families! Summer 2026 has flown by, and with it goes this year's camp season. We are so grateful to have made so many awesome memories with you and your campers this year. This season marked new beginnings for Camp Whitewood, and it was one of the best we've had. We are excited for the rest of this year and for what the future holds!

Thank you, Camp Whitewood Family

From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to thank each and every one of you who helped make this summer special. Campers, counselors, families, nurses, visiting deans and directors, and CWW staff - none of this would be possible without you. And for that, we thank you.

2026 Camp by the Numbers

Resident Campers.....	556
Day Campers.....	141
Camp Staff.....	11
Nights Spent at Camp.....	38
Miles Hiked to Footprint Rock.....	1,065
Boats Launched.....	3,500
Hours in the Lake.....	7,000+
Camp Shirts Sold.....	210
Hours slept under the stars.....	32
S'mores made.....	887
Letters to Toby.....	697
Deans & Directors.....	23
Camp Nurses.....	7
Counselor Training Hours.....	3,120



MEET DAKOTA WARD, OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dakota joined us officially on June 1st, and we welcomed him with open arms and bright smiles, as for many of us – he is not a new face here at camp. Dakota began his journey with Whitewood back in 2006! He has grown from a camper, Geauga 4-H Counselor, and began his time on summer staff in 2015. Dakota has made an effort to return to camp every summer since then, (seriously, he's worked in every role from programming to maintenance), and now, he's in charge of the whole thing! We are welcoming in his depth of knowledge, alongside his passion & dedication to make Whitewood a better place.



THE WATER TRAMPOLINE IS BACK!

After years of wear and tear, we had to retire our water trampoline in 2022, and since then we have received countless requests from campers and parents to bring it back.

Those requests were heard, and thanks to the generosity of Farm Credit Mid-America, we are able to purchase a brand new water trampoline! In addition, we're excited to be adding on and updating many areas of camp for 2027, so be sure to come back and see us!

We'll see you next year on Reflections Lake!



WHAT'S COMING UP AT CAMP WHITEWOOD?



Spooktacular - October 16, 2026

Join us for the 9th annual Spooktacular at Camp Whitewood on October 16th! There will be trick or treating, a costume contest, a lantern hike, crafts, games, and more! Entry to this event is free and we welcome families of all ages! Keep an eye on our social media for details. Mark your calendar and we'll see you at Camp this October!



Design a Camp Whitewood T-Shirt Contest!

Ever want a camp shirt with a more personal touch? Enter our t-shirt design contest for a chance to have your design sold in our store! Send your design as a jpeg or png to campwhitewood1940@gmail.com by no later than January 15th to enter. The winning artist will receive a free t-shirt with their design!

I still to this day have close friends that I spent a lot of time with in my teen years at Camp Whitewood. I'll be 62 in October.

-Richard Jagers, Facebook

One of my favorite childhood memories.

-@jmettler2, Tik Tok

She cant wait to come back! My husband used to attend when he was a kid and is happy our daughter now gets the experience!

-Anonymous Parent, 2026 CWW Survey



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Camp Whitewood

SUMMER 2026 AT A GLANCE

Developing positive & productive life skills through group interaction in the natural environment.



**130
COUNSELORS
TRAINED BY
OSU EXTENSION**

Teens ages 14-19 are trained by 4-H Directors in our surrounding counties, utilizing Ohio 4-H Camping Curriculum through The Ohio State University Extension to ensure proper camper supervision & care. We ❤️ our counselors!

10,855 MEALS SERVED

140 home-cooked meals were enjoyed by our campers and staff this summer (imagine those dishes!) Thank you to our kitchen staff for keeping us fueled for fun!



**6 WILDERNESS
CAMPERS**

Campers explored boundaries across Whitewood. Experiencing tent living, backpacking, and fun meals & stories shared around a fire.

**750+
PARTICIPANTS**

750+ youth participants from Northeast Ohio & beyond joined us during our 10 weeks of summer session programs!



**WE ARE A PUBLIC
YOUTH SUMMER CAMP**

Although we are known as Northeast Ohio 4-H Camps Inc., only 35% of this year's attendees are members of 4-H!

887 S'MORES MADE

Across the 50 snack periods of the summer, 887 of these snacks were made around a campfire & shared with friends!



**2,130+
MILES
HIKED**

Each week, camp staff led hikes for campers among our most famous trails!

