

Windhover Way



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Camp Sessions for 2008

We hope you'll plan now to make Camp Windhover a central part of your summer. Windhover provides an oasis from the craziness of our lives for kids to have fun, make friends, and begin to "stand on their own two legs" in a loving community. As Calvin told Hobbes, while lounging in a tree, "The days are just so full." Those are the kinds of days we have at Camp Windhover. Join us this summer.

This year camp includes five one-week sessions and a two-week session. We have scheduled multiple shorter sessions in order to give campers

maximum flexibility, but that doesn't mean camp has to be short. More and more campers combine sessions and stay over on the Saturday night between sessions, or return for an additional week or two of camp later in the summer.

Signing up early helps us

Schedule for 2008

- Session One - June 8 - 14
- Session Two - June 15 - 21
- Session Three - June 22 - 28
- Session Four - June 29 - July 12
- Session Five - July 13 - 19
- Session Six - July 20 - 26

plan and helps you save money. For applications submitted by February 15, camp fees are discounted. Apply now!



Fifth and sixth grade fall retreat campers and counselors take five.

Spring Retreat Dates

Retreats afford first time campers an opportunity to get acquainted with camp and have fun with their families in the beauty of spring. Former campers lead games and plan activities for summer.

Retreats begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday and end at 2:00 p.m. Saturday. The fee is \$45 per person (or \$30 per person for families). Bring linens! Retreat forms are at

www.campwindhover.com under FORMS.

5th-8th Grade: Apr. 11-12
CITs: Apr. 18-19
Family Camp/ 1st-4th Grade:
May 9-10



Seventh and eighth-graders pose with CITs and Alexx Shirley during their fall retreat. They have planned three fun events.

“Who Wants to Be a CIT?”

Being a CIT is a great way for high school kids to go to camp and develop leadership skills at the same time. Ninth, tenth and eleventh graders are eligible to apply. Check out application procedures at www.campwindhover.com. Space is limited, so send in those forms!

New Campers: Find out more about Camp Windhover at www.campwindhover.com.



In Memoriam: Austin, the Horse, 1979-2007

In the country one observes real life in nature. Animals and plants of all kinds live and die here, and the circle of life continues. Austin carried us when

we were young and he was a showy horse "with a motor" and a prancy running walk. He carried us when we were older and he was a mature horse with a

steady gait. This fall he carried his last rider. Austin has gone on to "horse heaven." We will miss him.

Kent's Corner

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas . . ." I know, we'll never have a white Christmas in Mississippi, but I can dream, can't I? This is a great time of year for curling up in front of a fire, dozing off, and dreaming.

Sometimes I dream the snow is falling in huge flakes that land on your nose and you lick them off. Have you ever dreamed of what it would be like to have camp in the snow? I have. Snow men and snow ice cream and snowball fights would all be de rigeur, of course. Blobbing and zip-lining

in the snow would be a little chilly for the faint-hearted, but just think of breaking the ice when you land or zipping onto the ice with skates. Ice fishing, anyone?

Snow is the stuff dreams are made of, and that's the way I like snow and cold weather - in my dreams. I'm a southerner and I like the sun. Winter is fine as long as it's a southern winter (if that's not an oxy-moron), where temperatures can reach 80 and rarely go below freezing.

Romeo, the incredible hulk, or as I say, the unbelievable bulk, can have all the cold weather he

wants. Give me warmth. The woods are great on cool drippy days, and if you get too wet, you can always find a warm corner in the garage - or come inside by the fire, if you're lucky - and take a long winter's nap and dream. "May your days be merry and bright, and may all your Christmases be white."



Romeo Replies

I just had a nice swim in the lake to cool off after all this infernally hot weather. That skinny little white dog won't swim. All he does is lie around and sleep all the time. I don't think he even dreams. He just lies there like a knot on a log and dozes away. Once in a while he stirs and shivers and licks his nose, then he goes back to sleep.

I'll admit I sleep a good bit in the winter (and spring and sum-

mer and fall), but at least I dream. I have a great dream life. I dream about living in the country, and following Mom around to feed the horses, and carrying sticks and losing them and looking for them, and swimming in the lake, and sleeping outside the office door. Come to think of it, my dream life is pretty much the same as my waking life, which is pretty exciting.

I have a confession to make. Last night I dreamed that I was the only dog at camp. "A

dream is a wish your heart makes . . ."



In 2008, campers will be able to receive letters by e-mail. Just go to our website < www.campwind-hover.com > and at the bottom of any page click on "E-mail Us." On the e-mail, indicate the camper's name in the "subject" space. We'll print it and hand it out with the afternoon mail.