

Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired



2014 Summer Camp Report



Camp Dogwood is a recreational facility, serving the blind and visually impaired people of North Carolina. We operate a program during the summer of ten one-week overnight sessions. We offer a recreational/vacation experience to the blind and visually impaired citizens of North Carolina. The campers utilize our waterfront on Lake Norman for boating, swimming, fishing, and tubing. Other activities provided include but are not limited to, art, crafts, off-campus trips (shopping, bowling, zoo visit, and art museum tour), games, and musical performances. Educational and informational seminars are provided as well.

The 2014 camp season began on May 26th with an intensive week long training session for the summer staff. Campers began arriving on June 1st for the first session. We scheduled 10 sessions for adults (18+ years). We are able to accommodate 86-88 adult campers per week. Campers arrive on Sunday between 1:00 – 5:00 pm and depart by 10:00 am on the following Saturday.

Our campers come from all over North Carolina. It costs the Lions approximately \$600.00-\$700.00 a week per camper. The Lions of North Carolina raise enough money to subsidize this cost so that we only ask the camper to pay a fee of only \$100.00. Along the same lines we ask a North Carolina sighted person accompanying the visually impaired camper a \$150.00 fee. We encourage sighted individuals to accompany the visually impaired as spouse, minor child, legal guardian caretaker, caregiver, and companion. These fees have been increased effective for the 2015 camp season. The new rates are \$125.00 for blind/VI campers and \$175.00 for sighted companions.

Campers must be able to provide their own personal care skills such as eating, bathing, dressing and toileting. Campers must be able to independently make all of their own medical care decisions. Additionally, with orientation from the staff when they arrive, they must be able to exit a building should a fire alarm sound in that building. If a camper needs help with any of these things, we request they bring a sighted caregiver with them. Some campers have legal guardians and must attend camp with that legal guardian. If the legal guardian is unable to attend they may assign temporary guardianship to another person to accompany the camper.

We had a total of 753 campers. This number includes blind, visually impaired and sighted. Campers of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities attended. The average age of campers this summer was 52 years. The following is a breakdown of our 2014 camper statistics. Note, repeat campers refers to campers attending a second session, and FT is the number of new or “First Time” campers.

2014 CAMPING SEASON													
SESSION	BEDS	CAN	NS	Total Campers	VISION				FT	Repeat Campers	AGE	Camp Staff	Volunteers
					TB	LB	VI	S					
1	88	4		40	2	24	9	5	5	0	54.0	17	5
2	88	6		77	9	46	10	12	9	0	54.5	16	9
3	88	12	2	86	20	37	16	13	6	0	57.5	18	6
4	88	16		88	11	46	16	15	6	0	57.5	18	8
5	88	6	2	84	18	44	9	13	8	0	45.5	18	8
6	88	2		68	10	35	10	13	8	3	46.5	18	7
7	88	5	3	76	19	29	14	14	6	5	58.0	18	6
8	88	13		61	6	35	7	13	6	4	49.5	18	5
9	88	16	1	87	14	44	19	10	7	9	48.5	18	7
10	88	22	2	86	13	41	13	19	7	0	48.5	18	6
TOTALS	880	102	10	753	122	381	123	127	68	21			67
Average age											52.0		
% OF TOTAL BEDS				86%									
% OF TOTAL CAMPERS					16%	51%	16%	17%	9%				
Youngest camper was 4													
Oldest camper was 100													



2014 DAILY CAMP SCHEDULE

7:00 AM Lodge Opens For Day

7:00 AM Counselors Wake Up Campers

7:45 AM Breakfast – Dining room

8:45 - 9:30 AM Flag Raising And Devotions – Flagpole near waterfront, Cates meeting room

8:45 AM Morning Off Campus Trip Departs – From Lodge

9:00 - 11:00 AM Snack Bar/Cafe open – Stickley bldg. Snacks, games & music

9:30 - 11:00 AM Activity Areas Open

Waterfront - tubing, fishing, swimming and boat rides.

Crafts – Various crafts available. –located in the Craft Room

Miniature Golf – 9 Hole indoor courses located at the Red Barn

Library/Computer Lab – Computer Instruction available

11:00 AM Morning Off Campus Trip Returns - To Lodge

11:00 - 11:30 AM Exercise Class – Cates meeting room

11:45 AM Lunch – Dining room

1:30 PM Afternoon Off Campus Trip Departs – From Lodge

1:30-5:00PM Waterfront –Boat rides, fishing, swimming & tubing

***Various times, Educational Seminars – Included but were not limited to: Guide Dogs, Poetry Writing, Jewelry making, Storytelling, Emergency Preparedness, DSB resources, Aids & Appliances, Kayaking, Rowing, Tandem Biking, Ham radio, WSPD Bomb Squad, etc. (not all seminars were available each week).

1:30-5:00- Library/Computer Lab – Computer Instruction available

2:00 – 5:00 Snack Bar/Café open – Snacks, games & music

2:00 PM Ice cream social/Sundae Bar – Lodge back porch (Watermelon on Wednesdays)

5:00 PM Afternoon Off Campus Trip Returns – To Lodge

5:45 PM Dinner – Dining room

7:00 - 9:00 PM Evening Activities – Evening activities take place in various locations.

- Beeping Easter Egg hunt (WSPD Bomb Squad), Music performances, art therapy seminar, Lions club performances, dance, boat cruises, Bingo, etc.)

7:00 - 10:00 PM Snack Bar/Cafe Open – Stickley bldg.

10:00 PM Lodge Closes for Day



Our Accommodations

When you hear the word camp you may think of kids and tents. We are the opposite of that. Our accommodations are resort and hotel style. Our guestrooms are fully fitted with two full size beds, linens, and private baths. All of our buildings have air conditioning and heat. Our grounds have paved roads and sidewalks for easy mobility.

The **Wanda E. Lineberger dorm** was opened in 2005. It has 14 guestrooms with private baths, and individual climate



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The **Bill and Donna Udovich dorm** was opened in 2008. The dorm has 16 guestrooms with private baths and individual climate control. The area equipped with a TV, DVD player, microwave, and kitchenette. The kitchen has a sink and refrigerator. The dorm has a screened-in porch with rocking chairs and ceiling fans.



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The **Clarence and Lola Belle White dorm** has 17 guestrooms on two levels. Each guestroom has a private bath and individual climate control. There is a lounge area equipped with a TV, DVD player, microwave, and kitchenette. The kitchen has a sink and refrigerator. The dorm has a screened-in porch with rocking chairs and ceiling fans.



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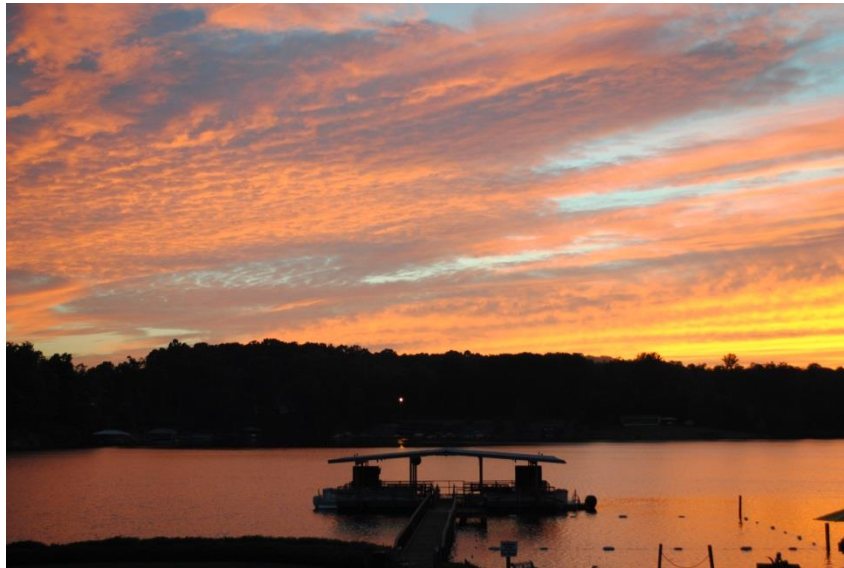
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Camp Dogwood has **4 Duplex units**. Each duplex has 2 bedrooms with 2 full size beds in each. There is also a kitchenette with small refrigerator, sink, microwave, living room area, bathroom; and each unit is air conditioned and heated. There is a small screened-in porch on each Duplex with rocking chairs and ceiling fans. As part of Spring

Volunteer maintenance days in April, the living and sleeping areas of the doors were upgraded and remodeled this year. Campers were delighted with the new furnishings and carpet.



Activity Areas

Waterfront

Waterfront pursuits are our most popular activities. The waterfront was open weekday mornings and afternoons. The waterfront activities include fishing, boat rides, tubing, and swimming. We had fourteen boat drivers trained by the NC Wildlife officers. One trained boat driver and another counselor or volunteer staffed our boats at all times. We had five lifeguards on staff this summer. Counselor lifeguard Kyle Landrigan did a first-class job as waterfront director. He implemented new safety strategies and procedures. His leadership in this area was greatly appreciated. Boating

and fishing are the camper's favorite waterfront activities. Pictured below is Miss Elsa (100 years old) tubing with Counselor Kyle. Big smiles!



Crafts

This summer campers enjoyed making a variety of crafts. The most popular were fleece pillows in a variety of designs, Xmas ornaments, suncatchers, necklaces and bracelets, and wooden kits. Crafts is a very popular activity. To accommodate the number of guests wishing to participate we have them sign up ahead of time. Each morning was divided into two forty-five minute sessions with 14 campers per session. Most campers signed up for more than 1 session. Counselor Hannah Cartner did an excellent job as director in this area, and brought new enthusiasm and creativity to the position.



Devotions

Devotions follow the morning flag raising. Devotions are held in the Cates meeting room in the lodge. Our devotions program was organized and led by counselor Chris Barrett. This is a non-denominational service and many campers enjoy participating. Campers may lead a prayer, a song, or testify if they desire. Attendance averaged 15-20 campers per gathering. Chris encouraged campers with musical talents to participate. His organizational skills and leadership of devotions was greatly appreciated by the campers.



“Ice Cream Social/Sundae Bar

Hot weekday afternoons are the perfect time for an ice cream break. At 2pm daily campers gather on the lodge back porch to socialize and make their own ice cream sundaes. Regular ice cream and sugar free ice cream are available on alternating days. Counselors and volunteers assisted with this activity. Campers enjoyed building their own sundaes with a variety of toppings and sauces. We averaged 20-30 campers in attendance daily. Watermelon is served on Wednesdays instead of ice cream.



Cookouts & Lions Club visits

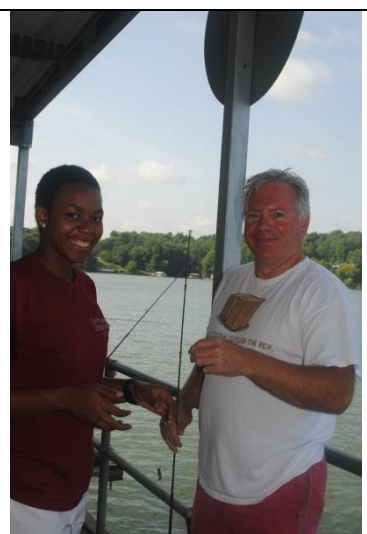
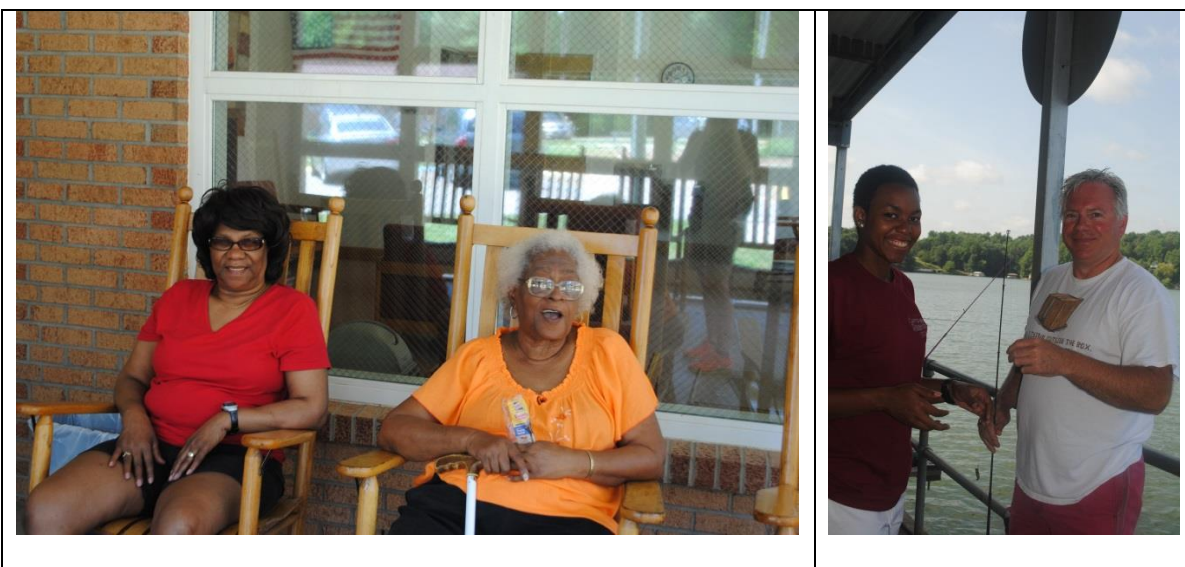
Every Wednesday we have a cookout at suppertime. Through the generosity of the Glisson family and a grant from LCI, we were able to build a new and improved picnic shelter on the site of the old playground next to the lodge. Most of the summer we were still “under construction.” The first seven cookouts were “cook-ins”. Campers in sessions 8-10 were delighted to use the new facility with its cool lake breezes and lovely view. We serve hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. Campers are asked to fill out an order sheet that afternoon, and at dinner time staff,

volunteers, and visiting Lions pick up the order and fill them. 7 out of 10 Cookouts were enhanced by visiting local Lions clubs. The Lions helped us serve, and after dinner provided entertainment. Big thanks to the Shelby, Lincolnton, Davis-Townsend, Denton, Salisbury, Huntersville and Linwood Lions Clubs! The Davidson College Leadership Odyssey group hosted a cookout as well. These college students were a treat, and their service was appreciated by all. These events included musical entertainers, trivia contests, skits, and Bingo.



Exercise

Morning exercise class is held in the Cates meeting room 11:00am to 11:30am Monday through Friday during camp. This program was led enthusiastically by counselor Maya Bonner. Maya worked closely with all the campers who attended to make sure they got the most out of the program, and that they could perform the exercises at the level that best suited each individual. Campers of all abilities could participate at their own level and make it as strenuous as they preferred. Maya's bubbly personality and infectious enthusiasm were appreciated by all. Class sized averaged 15-20 campers daily.



DSB (Dept. of Services for the Blind) & Aides and Appliances

Local social workers for the blind visited almost every Friday afternoon to acquaint campers with resources available, and demonstrate aides and appliances available for the blind and visually impaired. The social workers provided

catalogs to the campers so they could order the items if they wished and also helped the campers fill out order forms if needed.



Speakers, Seminars & Evening Activities

A variety of evening activities are available during camp weeks. Bingo is a favorite with the campers. Every Bingo session was well attended. Many campers finish these evenings as prize winners. The Lake Gaston Lions Club (sessions 9 & 10) bring cash prizes for our dedicated bingo players. This is VERY popular. One evening each week is selected for boat cruises. The evening cruises are just as popular as the daytime cruises. We were fortunate to have several musical entertainers come out and perform for us. Most were brought by the Lions clubs that visited. We had dances on Thursday nights. The counselors take a great deal of effort to make dances a special event. They set up tables and decorated the room as well as the tables. Each week we had a different theme. Our dance themes were Pajama Party, 50's Sock Hop, Halloween, Luau/Beach Party and Patriotic (red, white & blue). Halloween party was the camper favorite. We play a variety of music and take requests from the campers. The dance is greatly enjoyed by the campers, staff, and volunteers. Counselor Ryan Trask, our entertainment coordinator, did an excellent job facilitating these events. One special musical event was a visit from band "Caution! Blind Driver!". One of the band members is a camper and his father and sister round out the band. They played a delightful blend of crowd favorites. We hope to have them back next year.



Additional notes:

The Winston-Salem Police Department Bomb Squad returned three times this summer. This is their 3rd year providing a beeping Easter Egg Hunt for us. Following the hunt they speak and present about their fascinating and dangerous work. Most Friday morning's Jim Dickerson or Karyn Yaussy from Catawba County Emergency Management visited the campus to lead an "Emergency Preparedness" seminar. These sessions were very well attended and they bring Braille and large print materials for our campers. Puppy raisers from Guide Dogs of America visited several times with their puppies to acquaint campers with information about obtaining a guide dog. Every Friday evening, the last night of each session, is Awards Night. All the campers and staff gather in the Cates meeting room. Counselors decide earlier in the week who should receive awards. Camp awards are fun and often silly awards like Dancing Queen, Miss Sunshine, Helping Hand, Mr. Joker, etc. The awards are handcrafted by the counselors. The counselors make a great effort to incorporate as many tactile and 3d elements as possible into the awards. A king and queen of camp are also selected and "crowned" by the counselors. Awards night is also the time when we ask the campers how they enjoyed their week, and ask for feedback. Overall the response was very positive, with good input given for next year as well. Many campers express their gratitude to the Lions for their generosity at this time. On Fridays campers are given a survey to complete to provide more feedback for us. This survey helps us with future planning, and to address any issues that may have come up.





Nature Trail and Nature Center

Our Nature Trail is located along the water and woods edge behind the new picnic pavilion, the duplexes, the White dorm and the new recreation center. The Girl Scouts from the town of Rutherford College came out in May to perform service for their Silver Award. They painted a mural on the shed, planted flowers, AND they added a guideline to our nature trail. This guideline is much appreciated by our campers. It makes the nature trail much more accessible. We are VERY grateful to the Girl Scouts for their service.

The Nature Center has taxidermy animals for campers to touch and feel. The collection includes deer, raccoons, squirrels, bobcat, pheasant, fish, and ducks. It is located on the upper end of the nature trail next to the recreation center





VIP Sensory Garden

The garden in the center of campus is a lovely arboreal setting with a variety of plants and trees. It is a nice place to relax on the granite benches and enjoy the scents of flowers and herbs.



Touchable Art Gallery

Most art gallery staff say “Please don’t touch”. Here at Camp Dogwood we say “Please touch the art!” Our Touchable Art Gallery is open all week during camp sessions. The artwork comes from visually impaired and sighted artists. We encourage all guests to please touch the art. If they need assistance we are happy to comply. We were happy to add several works done by our campers during the weekly painting classes to our collection this summer.



Library and Computer Center

Our library located in the lodge is equipped with books on cassette, large print books, Braille books and magazines, Perkin's Brailers, and 2 CCTV's. The Hudson Computer lab in the Nelson Library continues to be a popular indoor activity for campers. The 4 large screen computer workstations are equipped with Izoom and System Access (adaptive software for the visually impaired and blind). All of our staff were trained in the use of these programs during staff training week. This enables us to offer computer instruction ranging from very basic (how to turn it on and find your way around the keyboard) to specialized (I Zoom and System Access). The wireless workstations are equipped with headphones and webcams. Our resident "techie" Counselor Chris Barrett helped many campers every week with computer instruction. The library/computer center is open every day during camp. Campers were excited and pleased with the new accessible technology and instruction offered.



The Lions Den Café (formerly The Snack Bar)

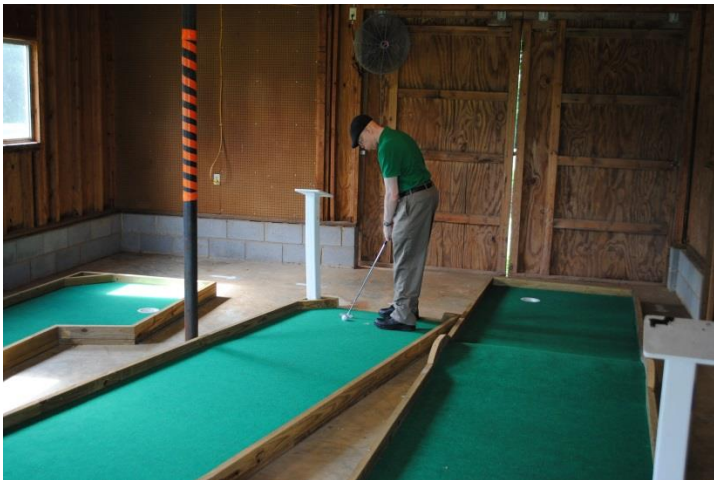
The café has snacks, drinks and Camp Dogwood merchandise for sale. Campers enjoyed the outdoor seating for socializing. They also enjoyed the music and games for times when it was too hot for outdoor pursuits. We added new

merchandise and took requests for items that the campers would like to have available next year. Counselor Jennifer Bachman did an excellent job as café director. Her organizational skills were put to good use.



Miniature Golf (“Putt-Putt” Golf)

On campus recreation includes a fun 9 hole miniature golf course installed by the Lions in our barn, and affectionately called “Stables Putt-Putt”. It is a shaded and accessible venue for the campers. Many campers try miniature golf for the first time and really enjoy it. Counselors and volunteers are often kept busy transporting campers on the golf cart to and from this activity.



Painting Class/Art Seminar

We continued our weekly painting class this summer. NC artist Bob Nulf was pleased to return to our campus. Each Wednesday we had a morning class and an afternoon class for 2 hours each. We focused on painting with texture as well as color to make the activity more tactile for the campers. We added different materials to the paint and canvases to make them more 3-D. Initially some campers are hesitant to try painting, but once they try it they have a great time. We filled the classroom almost every session.



Off Campus Trips

***Campers are allowed to choose 2 of the following off-campus trips each week.

Buffalo Beals Animal Park

Our NEW offering this summer was an off campus trip to Buffalo Beals Animal Park. This is a private family owned zoo in nearby Maiden, NC. The Beal family was pleased to work with us and included a special petting zoo session for our groups. This trip was immensely popular with our campers. We filled each trip every week and had waiting lists most weeks. The campers loved the opportunity to feed and interact with the animals. This trip is a little more strenuous than others. It is all outdoors and includes walking around on the many acres of the park.

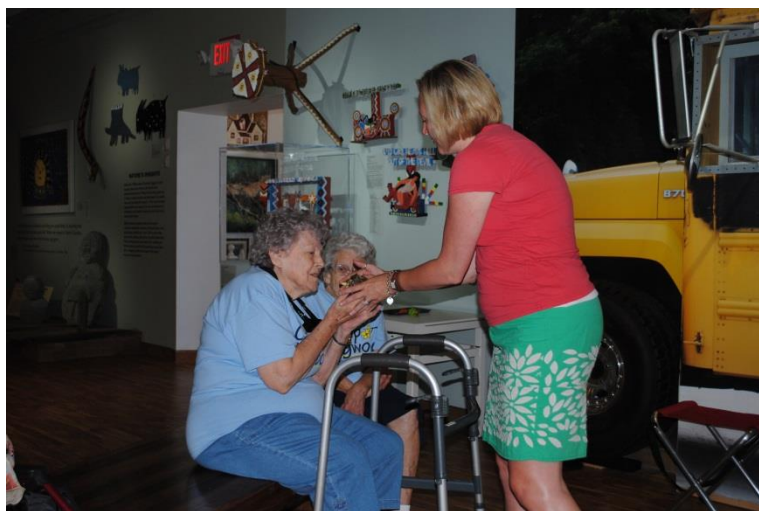
This trip replaced the horseback riding that was offered previously. We were able to serve more than twice as many campers with less monetary outlay by making this change. This change was prompted by policy changes at the riding facility that would have excluded most campers due to weight restrictions.





Hickory Museum of Art, Folk Art Collection

Last year we went to the Hickory Museum of Art for a special “Hands On” tour of the folk art collection 3 times. This summer we were pleased to make this a weekly trip. This delightful excursion included a collage activity, storytelling and the opportunity for the campers to experience the art works by touching them. This is a new experience for the museum as well, and they were delighted to have this opportunity for outreach to the blind/VI population.



Shopping At Wal-Mart and the Mooresville Super Target Shopping Center

Many campers enjoy shopping. We assign counselors and volunteers to accompany and assist our guests with shopping. For many campers this is an activity they do not readily have access to at home. The Mooresville shopping Center has a variety of stores including TJMaxx, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Michael’s (art & craft supply), Ross Dress for Less, etc. We make two trips to each destination each week. This opportunity is greatly valued by the campers who participate. The Walmart trip is usually at capacity.

Bowling

Bowling is the most popular off campus trip. We had a waiting list every session for each of the 3 weekly trips. We take campers to Pin Station in Newton. Each camper can play two games in the time available. Counselors and volunteers accompany and assist the campers on this venture. Some campers use bowling rails and ramps to accomplish bowling. The staff and volunteers provided as much physical assistance as needed and also helped with scoring.



Counselors, Assistant Director, and Staff Training

We hired 16 counselors this summer. 10 Female, and 6 male. Two were international staff (both from Scotland) and the remaining 14 were Americans. The Americans hailed from North Carolina (mostly), Florida, New York, Virginia, and Tennessee. They range in age from 18 to 22 years. Our staff included 1 visually impaired counselor. A third of the 2014 counselors were returning staff. Their experience last year was so meaningful to them that they wished to return. Our summer camp assistant director was returning counselor Kierra Houser. Kierra served ably and well in this position. Hiring an assistant director helps us to serve the campers better and provide additional assistance/supervision as needed on our campus. The season starts with a one week training session for staff. Training includes but is not limited to the following: First Aid, CPR, and Defibrillator certification, Boat driving and boating safety taught by NC Wildlife officers, fire safety and extinguisher use, blind mobility, and blind sensitivity, as well as adaptive computer software instruction. During this week counselors are instructed in van driving, assisting handicapped guests, camp policies & procedures, and off-campus destinations. Counselors staff the various activities, serve as sighted guides, and assist with meal service. Some serve as supervisors of specific areas such as arts & crafts, waterfront, café, entertainment, dance and devotions. The staff camper ratio is 1 to 6 most weeks depending on attendance. During camp weeks, counselor duties begin at 7:00 AM and end between 8:30 to 10:00PM depending on assignments. Due to the mature age of some campers and the various disabilities represented by others, we give a great deal of personal assistance to any camper, whether blind, visually impaired or sighted, who needs it.

This summer 3 of our counselors served as interns. Hannah Cartner, Maya Bonner, and Ryan Trask used their experience here and served in extra duty capacities for credit toward their schooling. We would like for more college student applicants to take advantage of this opportunity and use this experience as an internship. They all gained valuable experience, and their extra efforts were greatly appreciated. Counselor Hannah Cartner continued to lead a weekly art therapy seminar with self-esteem and collaborative themes (3rd year). This was a popular offering and the seats filled up quickly. Counselor Maya Bonner developed and led our exercise class for her studies in exercise science. Counselor Ryan Trask served as entertainment director for his studies in Psychology.



Nurse

Nurse Vicki Deter returned for one more summer. It is good to have a nurse with her knowledge and camp experience on board. She assisted many campers and occasionally staff over the 10 weeks of camp. She cared for campers with indigestion, constipation, diarrhea, headaches, toothaches, foot care, lacerations, coughs, allergies, sore throats, insect bites, joint pains and sunburn. She assisted campers in obtaining medications that were left at home or ran short on. She also assisted campers with blood pressure checks, blood sugar testing, splinter removal, arranging oxygen delivery, and answered questions regarding health and medical concerns. For those needing assistance she dispensed medications at prearranged times, and was available at all times in between as well. The Camp Nurse is on call 24 hours a day during the summer sessions. Many of the campers have diabetes. Vicki assisted with insulin shots

and performed many blood sugar checks. Her assistance is greatly appreciated by campers and staff alike. This was Vicki's last summer as nurse. We gave her a going away party on the Friday night of Session 9.

Volunteers

We had 67 volunteers this summer. They had so much fun that many of them signed up for multiple weeks. Lions and other volunteers may apply to work and serve the blind for a week (or more) at camp. They serve as auxiliary staff and perform many of the same functions as counselors. They work the different activity areas, assist on off campus trips, monitor the lodge, and serve as table hosts & servers at mealtimes. They are greatly appreciated by the campers and staff. Of the 67 volunteers 61 were Lions, 1 was a Leo, 5 were non-lions, and 9 of the total were new summer camp volunteers.

***Please see the Camp Dogwood website for volunteer qualifications.

We need 6 volunteers per session. There is no fee to volunteer. Camp Dogwood provides a guestroom with private bath and all your meals for the week. This is a rewarding experience for those who participate. Please contact the camp if you are interested.



Number of Volunteers Per Session 2014

Session	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Vol.	5	9	6	8	8	7	6	5	7	6	67

Number of Volunteers by Districts 2014

District	A	B	D	E	F	G	H	J	Non-Lion	Total
Vol.	2	3	5	15	4	25	2	5	6	67



Camp Abilities Youth Week/Raising Cane

This was the 2nd year of our partnership with the Raising Cane organization (501C3) to bring “Camp Abilities” to North Carolina. Camp Abilities is an established youth sports camp for blind/VI youth that originated in Brockport, New York. Through our partnership with Raising Cane we had a youth program this summer for 13 visually impaired youth ranging in age from 11-17 years. The Raising Cane group did the activity programming, as well as bringing the equipment and volunteers needed. They attended Session 6 concurrently with the adult program. They had their own activities separate from the adult campers. They attended meals with the rest of the campers in the dining room and partook of waterfront activities during the regularly scheduled hours. This partnership and program is a resounding success for both Raising Cane and the NC Lions. We plan to have this program again in summer 2015, and continue to expand it. For more information about Raising Cane and Camp Abilities please see their website at <http://www.raisingcane.org/>





“Special” Weeks

This summer we added 3 specialty weeks to our program. Campers could choose whether to partake in the extra activities/instruction. These sessions were warmly received and enthusiastically attended. Many campers asked that we repeat these weeks.

Session 3 was “Writing and Poetry” week. We invited poet/writer Katie Kehoe to instruct a weeklong class. Katie is a former counselor, and she was delighted to return and continue literary instruction with our campers. Katie had a dozen students. They all enjoyed crafting stories and poetry under Katie’s direction.



Session 4 was “Jewelry Making” week. Jewelry artist Mary Hale led several classes on campus over the week. Mary is also an Independent Living Rehabilitation Counselor with Department of Services for the Blind (DSB). Many campers enjoyed crafting bracelets and necklaces under her instruction.



Session 8 was Active Adults and Veterans week. We were fortunate to collaborate with the VIST (Visual Impairment Services Team) Coordinator from the regional VA, Dana Draa. Dana worked with us to bring additional sporting activities to the program that week. Campers had the opportunity to try tandem biking, kayaking, and Olympic style rowing on campus. The Tailwind Tandem Club brought tandem bikes and instructors. Team River Runner (a nonprofit that serves wounded veterans) brought kayaks and instructors. North Charlotte Rowing/Belmont Rowing Center brought shells (rowing boats) and instructors. We had several new campers that are veterans attend that week in order to participate. We also had a number of veterans attend during the day only (Daytrippers) to partake in these special offerings. Many of them had not been to our campus before and pledged to attend a session next year. We added a mini golf tournament to the week’s activities and had a good turnout. Dana supplied talking watches as prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. We took a trip to the NC Auto Racing Hall of Fame in Mooresville this week as an additional treat. The staff and volunteers at the museum were delightful and very helpful. Much fun was had by all. We were pleased to be able to serve and honor our veterans this week.



Comments/Questions

We look forward to adding the new recreation center to our list of activities for next year. The building remodeling is finished at this time, and we are currently making plans to acquire the furnishings requested by campers. The auto racing museum trip was such a success we plan to add it to our off campus trips next summer.

Thank you for your interest in Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

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