



# CAMP WOODIE

## Parent Handbook





# Meet our Team



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## **SOUTH CAROLINA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION MISSION**

The South Carolina Waterfowl Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that exists to enhance and perpetuate South Carolina's wildlife heritage through education and habitat conservation.



## **CAMP WOODIE PURPOSE**

Camp Woodie began in 1995, with the purpose of passing on the legacy of our wildlife hunting and fishing heritage to the next generation of sportsmen and women ages 7-16. Using hands-on learning experiences, we are able to teach gun safety, outdoor education, leadership, team building, and more!

## **CAMP WOODIE PROGRAM GOALS**

- Continue to provide high quality outdoor experiences which appeal to a diverse level of abilities and interests
- Provide opportunities which foster character building skills to pass on to the next generation of hunting and fishing enthusiasts.
- Increase the quality, professional instruction, outdoor experience, outreach, and number of programs offered for campers to enjoy.

## **AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION ACCREDITED**

Camp Woodie has been accredited by the American Camp Association since 2018. The American Camp Association is the standards oversight for quality camping in the United States.



# Camp Basics

## Summer 2025 Dates:

**Week 1:** June 1st - June 6th

**Week 2:** June 8th - June 13th

**Week 3:** June 15th - June 20th

**Week 4:** June 22nd - June 27th

**Week 5:** June 29th - July 4th

**Week 6:** July 6th - July 11th

**Week 7:** July 13th - July 18th

**Week 8:** July 20th - July 25th

**Week 9:** July 27th - August 1st



**Cost of Camp:**  
\$1075/week



## Staff

All staff undergo a state and federal criminal background check, a state sexual predator background check and substance screening along with 24 hour monitoring while employed. All staff are CPR and First Aid certified along with a Registered Nurse each week of camp. All water activities will have a Certified Lifeguard present. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



## **CAMPER ARRIVAL**

Campers should arrive at Camp Woodie on Sunday between **3:00 pm and 5:00 pm**. Please note the gates will open no earlier than 3:00 pm. Check-in will take place in the Boyd Dining Hall. The stations in the Boyd Dining Hall will be:

- Check-in and adding money to camper(s) account for canteen
- Camper health screening check
- Mail drop-off
- Sign up for Hunters Education (campers 10 years or older) or Boaters Education (campers 12 years or older)
- Medication drop off with the Camp Nurse
- Camp store

## **CAMPER DEPARTURE**

**We will be live on facebook every Friday at 9:00 am to show the video of the week and the winners for Top Gun!**

Check-out is on Friday morning from **10:00 am-11:00 am** at the Big Tony Entrance Pavilion. **Anyone picking up your child MUST be on the authorized pick up list.** In the Boyd Dining Hall we will have the camp store open, the Camp Nurse to pick up any medications, and the lost and found outside.

## **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

At Camp Woodie, we incur significant non-recoverable costs in preparing for each camp session. Therefore, a non-refundable deposit of \$200 is required for each session. To cancel your registration, please submit a written request via email to [campwoodie@scwa.org](mailto:campwoodie@scwa.org). Phone cancellations are not accepted.

### **Before May 1st:**

- You will lose the \$200 non-refundable deposit for each canceled session.

### **After May 1st:**

- Medical Cancellations: You will receive a refund of 50% of the tuition for each canceled session, provided you submit a letter from your physician.
- Other Reasons: You will lose the full tuition of \$1,075 for each canceled session.

### **Processing Fees:**

- Please note that processing fees and monthly payment fees are non-refundable, regardless of the reason for cancellation.

**Please adhere to these guidelines to ensure proper handling of your cancellation and refund.**

## **CAMPER CABIN MATE REQUEST**

Campers are grouped by gender and age. We do our best to honor one cabin mate request, as long as the campers are close in age and both request each other. When there is a difference of age, the older camper will be moved down to the younger cabin. All cabin placements are made to give your child and all the other campers the best possible camping experience. Cabin mate requests are done by the parent/guardian as a part of the registration process and can be adjusted/added after the reservation is completed up to 2 weeks prior to the camper arriving at camp.

## **CANTEEN (SNACK) AND PROSHOP (GIFTSHOP)**

Canteen consists of snacks and drinks that the campers have the option of purchasing once a day Monday-Thursday. Campers will visit the Proshop once a week to purchase Camp Woodie apparel, duck calls, water bottles, etc. We recommend depositing \$40-\$50 for the week of camp.

Money can be added by logging onto your account, click = in top left, and then click "camp store". You can also add money on Sunday during check-in. Any unused canteen money will be credited back to your ultra camp account or donated to our scholarship fund depending on the preference chosen when adding money to their account.

## **CAMPER BEHAVIOR POLICY**

Our behavior policy is designed to help children develop self-control and assume responsibility for their actions. We are guided by our core values of faith, honesty, caring, responsibility, and respect.

Behavior Guidelines while at Camp Woodie

- I will be honest and respectful (of my peers, my camp staff, and myself).
- I will follow directions and rules at camp.
- I will act appropriately towards any camper or staff member.
- I will respect the property and belongings of Camp Woodie, other campers, and staff members.
- I will use/practice appropriate conduct and language.
- I will stay within camp boundaries.
- I will do my best to HAVE FUN!!!

Campers not adhering to camp behavior expectations and rules will be handled on an individual basis. Camp Woodie will not tolerate bullying. Campers will partake in an anti-bullying discussion and understanding of all camp rules on their first evening at camp. We work hard for all campers to have a great week, talk to your camper about helping us achieve our goal. Let them know to ask for help and support while at camp. It is emphasized repeatedly to all in the camp community that if something or someone is keeping you from having a good time, tell your counselor. If your counselor doesn't do enough about it, tell a Director.

When a camper does not follow the behavior guidelines, we will take the following action steps as behavior problems progress:

- The counselor will discuss the camper's actions with the camper and redirect the camper to more appropriate behavior, helping the camper understand why the inappropriate behavior is not acceptable, rewarding positive behavior, role modeling on how to speak and interact with campers in a positive manner reminding the camper of the core values of Camp Woodie, and let a Director know of the actions.
- If inappropriate behavior continues, the camper will be reminded of behavior guidelines, and the camper and staff will be asked to develop action steps in writing to correct his/her behavior with consequences. He/she will be referred to a Director, and they will call the camper's parents to gain insight and inform the parents of the actions and behavior.
- If inappropriate behavior continues the camper will be taken to the Camp Director or Assistant Director, as a final action step the camper may be dismissed from camp.
- The Assistant Director or Camp Director may also be called upon to work with entire cabin groups who need additional support and behavior guidance.

Examples of major violations which could result in immediate dismissal:

- Stealing or damaging property (personal or camp property)
- Leaving a program without permission
- Endangering the health and safety of other campers and/or staff
- Use of illicit drugs, alcohol or tobacco or sexual conduct of any kind
- Possession of personal knives, any lighting device with a flame, fireworks, firearms, ammunition.
- Teasing, making fun or bullying of other campers or staff
- Fighting of any kind
- Consistently repeating violations of behavior guidelines and unacceptable behavior

***\*No refunds will be given due to behavior situations resulting in dismissal from camp and the parents will be responsible for pick-up of their child.\****

## **FOOD**

Please do not supply your child with food, chewing gum, or candy. Help ensure they are not bringing any food during their stay at camp. We provide ample, balanced meals and snacks. Food attracts pests, and may cause hard feelings among the other campers.

## **ALLERGIES**

If your child has a food allergy, be sure to leave snacks that are safe for your child to consume during canteen each day with the Camp Directors at check-in. If your child has specific food requirements, please contact the Camp Directors at least two weeks prior to your campers session, so we can create a plan of action. It is preferred that parents of children with specific food requirements leave food for the week with the Camp Directors upon arrival.

## **MEDICATIONS**

All medications will need to be dropped off with our Camp Nurse during check-in on Sunday. Medications must be in the original container, labeled with the child's name and strength, dosage, and the prescribing doctor's name on each container. Be SURE to send enough medication to last the entire week. For prescription medications we can only take the exact amount your child will need while at camp. Over the counter medication can also be dropped off for your camper to the Camp Nurse. Please send written directions for administering the medicine. Place medications and instructions in a plastic bag with the child's name printed in bold letters on the outside. All medication information should be updated on the camper's account online. Please be sure to pick up medications during check-out on Friday. Please note by federal law we are unable to ship medications. If you do not pick up your medications on Friday they will be disposed of.

## **MAIL**

Remember to provide your camper with stamped, self-addressed envelopes so that your child is able to write to you during their stay.

During check-in there will be a station to drop off mail for your camper. Be sure to prewrite them, labeled with campers name and what day to give out the mail. We will distribute mail everyday at lunch for your camper.

## **CAMP PHOTOS**

Daily photos will be captured and uploaded to Bunk1, providing a private gallery for you to enjoy. Parents will receive the access code after registering their camper for camp. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!



## **ELECTRONICS - 'Unplugged for a week, connected for a lifetime'**

Please leave cell phones and other electronics at home. At Camp Woodie we focus on creating new friends with real live people and activities. Any cell phones that arrive at camp accidentally will be confiscated and kept in our safe until check-out. We ask campers to leave all electronics at home; Camp Woodie is not responsible for any stolen or lost devices.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

If your camper is to have a birthday during their stay at camp, please notify your child's counselors during check-in. We will honor them with a special birthday treat, birthday wishes, and a song sung from the entire camp.

## **CONTACTING CAMPERS**

We ask parents to only call the camp in the event of an emergency situation. If your child is homesick, needs medical care or has any complications Camp will contact you directly as soon as the situation allows.

## **CAMPER SAFETY**

Safety is our number one priority at Camp Woodie in all activities, but particularly during shooting activities. It is imperative that your camper understands the need to adhere to all rules to help ensure the safety of their fellow campers, camp staff, and themselves. Our counselors strive to make camp life fun while practicing safety first! It's crucial for campers to communicate with their counselor if any issues arise that negatively impact their camp experience. Our primary goal is to prevent and address any problems promptly. By speaking up and sharing concerns with their counselor, campers help us ensure that everyone has a positive and enjoyable time at camp.

## **IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY**

In the event of an injury, staff will take necessary steps to keep the campers calm. Staff will seek emergency medical care as warranted. The following actions may include but are not limited to:

- A trained staff member or the camp nurse will provide immediate first aid.
- Camp nurse will assess the camper.
- Camp Directors will contact a parent/guardian.
- If a parent/guardian cannot be reached, we will attempt to contact others listed on your account.
- In the case of serious injury, emergency medical assistance will be contacted (911 will be called).
- Two Camp Woodie staff members will accompany the camper to the nearest hospital.

## **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Information provided by parent/guardian will only be available to the Camp Directors, Camp Nurse, and the camper's counselor in order to provide a quality experience for your camper. We will accommodate your camper's needs in every way possible.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

We do our best to have your campers packed with all their belongings on Friday before check-out.

Please be sure to check lost and found located outside the Boyd Dining Hall. Labeling all of your campers items will assist both camp staff & parents in identifying your camper's possessions.

Due to the large number of campers and possessions, it is challenging to locate lost items and send them home, so please be sure you leave with everything your camper came with. All items left behind are kept for a short period of time and then donated. If we are able to locate any items left behind at camp, we can mail them at the owner's expense.

## **REQUIRED FORMS**

During registration the parent/guardian will sign the following forms:

- Camper Behavior Policy
- Medical Consent Form
- Model Release (Photo Release)
- Liability Release Form
- Cancellation Policy

## **HEALTH HISTORY FORM**

Each camper will need to have a completed health history form filled out for each summer. This form lets the Camp Directors and Nurse know important information about your camper. This will also have all of our over the counter medications we keep on hand for parents/guardians to approve if their camper can have them if deemed necessary. We **do not** need it signed by a physician or have a copy of your camper(s) vaccination record.



# Directions to Camp

**Camp is located in a very rural area with limited cell phone reception\***

Physical Address to Camp Woodie:

**8444 Old River Road Pinewood, SC 29125**

Mailing Address to Camp Woodie:

**9833 Old River Road Pinewood, SC 29125**

I-77, I-26 & I-20 traveling South or East  
I-26 traveling through Columbia turn North onto I-77  
I-20 traveling through Columbia turn South onto I-77  
From I-77 in Columbia turn at exit #9 onto Hwy 378/76 east (Garner's Ferry Road) toward Sumter. Follow 378/76 about 25 miles to Highway 261 and turn right. Follow 261 for approximately 12 miles and turn right onto Camp Mac Boykin Rd. Follow Camp Mac Boykin Road for approximately 9 miles and cross the railroad tracks in Rimini, keep to the right on Old River Road for about 2 miles then turn left at the large SCWA Wildlife Education Center sign at Camp Woodie front gate, "Marshall Collins Gateway."

I-95 traveling South – Exit I-95 at milepost 115 (Highway 301) and go West (right). Follow 301 to the second traffic light in the town of Summerton. Continue straight through Summerton for 4.5 miles and turn left onto St. Phillips Church Road. Travel 2.5 miles on St. Phillips Church Road to Old River Road and turn right. Travel 3.1 miles on Old River Road and turn right at the large SCWA Wildlife Education Center sign at Camp Woodie front gate, "Marshall Collins Gateway."

I-95 traveling North – Exit I-95 at milepost 108. Turn left on Buff Road and travel 0.8 miles to Church Street (Hwy 15/301). Turn right on Church street and travel 0.7 miles to the traffic light. Turn left on Larry King Road (Gov. Richardson Road) and travel 4.5 miles. Then turn left onto St. Phillips Church Road. Travel 2.5 miles on St Phillips Church Road to Old River Road and turn right. Travel 3.1 miles on Old River Road and turn right at the large SCWA Wildlife Education Center sign at Camp Woodie front gate, "Marshall Collins Gateway."



# Packing List

- Pillow & Bedding for twin bed (Sleeping bags are recommended)

- Swim Suit
- 1 Pair of Sturdy Pants
- 7 T-Shirts
- 7 Pairs of Shorts
- 1 Raincoat or Poncho
- 7 Pairs of Underwear
- 7 Pairs of Socks
- 1 Pair of Old Tennis Shoes
- 1 Long Sleeve Shirt
- 2 Towels & 1 Washcloth
- Toiletries: Toothbrush, Soap/Shampoo, Deodorant, Comb/Brush
- Sunscreen
- Bug Repellant Spray
- Bug Bite Lotion
- Flashlight/Headlamp

## MANDATORY ITEMS

- Safety Glasses
- Water Bottle
- Ear Protection

## ITEMS YOU MAY WANT TO BRING

- Stamped Envelopes
- Laundry Bag
- Sunglasses
- Duck Calls
- Water Shoes
- Hat
- Swim Goggles
- Personal Fishing Gear (No Treble Hooks)
- Playing Cards
- Book to Read During Rest Hour
- Backpack

***\*Please label all personal gear with first and last name. Camp Woodie is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.\****

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Electronics/Cells Phones/ I-Pods ect.
- Knives
- Candy/Food
- Lighters
- Fireworks
- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Pets
- Bow and arrows/Crossbow
- Firearms
- Ammunition

