

Wolf Trap First Time Camp out, September 28-29, 2014

Volunteer Comments:

These are all the volunteer comments from the ten surveys we received. Everyone marked the event as being an overall success.

- Pre-assign patrols and sleeping arrangements.
- Duty rosters
- Safety briefing.
- Volunteers to meet ahead of time to be more prepared.
- Consider simpler camping
- More strict schedule
- Formal activity at drop off
- Formal free time
- More games and activities
- Teens overwhelmed with too many jobs- should not be siphoned away to light lanterns, deal with Dutch ovens, etc.
- "Privileged staff campers" cause problems.
- More productive cleaning process in the morning so that the kids can get to play games.
- Longer trip
- Better milk

Parent Comments:

86% (of 30 surveyed) rated the event at "excellent", and the rest thought it was "good".

66% thought the notification and sign up process was "excellent", 20% voted "good", and the rest (13%) did not like the process.

Parents heard about this from:

- School: 20
- BSA: 4
- Neighborhood network / Gossip / Friends: 5

Comments from parents:

- Short notice
- Need more streamlined process, more efficiency and more info on registration, forms, etc.
- I liked the Sign up Genius process.
- Signing in took too long.
- Have an activity planned upon arrival.
- Leaving process was too hectic.
- Pick up should be prompt.
- Follow up at a later date after the experience sets in.
- Suggest to bring extra shoes/ waterproof shoes.

Positive comments:

- This was a wonderful opportunity for our kids.
- Thank you for making this so fun and easy.
- It's an interesting and exciting experience for our children. It is important for my child to meet other children.
- This is cool! Teaching kids to look after themselves is very beneficial. Teaching them discipline and responsibility, I hope that my child will retain this even after camp.
- Hope this becomes annual- great joint venture.

Campers Comments:

Amount of fun (out of 35 campers):

A lot: 60% (21 campers) Some: 34% (12 campers) None: 5% (2 campers)

Making new friends:

A lot: 34% (12 campers) Some: 28% (10 campers) Few: 25% (9 C) None: 11% (4 C)

Like cooking and eating food:

A lot: 65% (23 C) Little: 28% (10 C) Not: 5% (2 C)

New skills learned:

- Yes
- How to cook
- How to make bacon, how to clean a pot, how to set up a tent, how to gush your meal, and the three pot method.
- How to use a Dutch oven
- Different plants and animals that live at Wolf Trap and I learned how to cook burgers and hot to boil eggs without water, only eggs and oil.
- How to cook outside / outdoors
- How to cook on a skillet.
- How to cook my meals in the woods and how to wash my dishes without a dishwasher.
- How to wash dishes with the 3 bin method, how to set up a stove and what a chuck box was.
- Nature
- Gardening
- Where milkweed seeds come from.
- Seed spreading and how to pitch a tent
- Camping and setting up tents
- Set up a camp
- Do skits
- What a fire curtain is (I also had fun!)
- Nothing

Liked the most:

- Making new friends and sleeping in a tent
- I liked meeting new people and going on the hike.
- Make the tent
- Sleeping in tents
- When they woke us up with that wake up song that scared everyone.
- I liked having my own tent and being able to do really hands on stuff.
- Food
- Cook our own food
- Cooking and cleaning
- The 3 pot method
- Getting to make s'mores
- Hiking and the campfire
- Hiking
- Hike, tours...
- Community service
- My favorite part of this experience was picking hibiscus seeds and spreading them around.
- I really liked when I was picking up trash by the river, I found so much non-trash things.
- Cleaning up the stream and doing the backstage tour.
- Pick up trash, sleeping in a tent, lacrosse
- Playing in the field, sleeping
- I liked everything!

Liked the least:

- Waking up
- The way they woke us up. =(
- Food
- I didn't like the bugs and the eggs and bacon for breakfast.
- Cleaning
- Picking up trash
- I hated doing community service.
- Planting seeds
- The spiders
- Getting feet soaked
- Walking
- We didn't do any games.
- Sleeping
- Not being able to sleep with my friends.
- Going in the tent
- Leaving

- My least favorite part of this experience was one particular obnoxious adult leader who talked a bit too much.
- Nothing
- I liked all of it.

Schools represented:

Colvin Run: 9

Great Falls: 7

Spring Hill: 7

Forestville: 4

Terraset: 2

Wolftrap: 2

Sunrise Valley: 2

Masoncrest: 1

Lake Anne:1