



The Willsonian

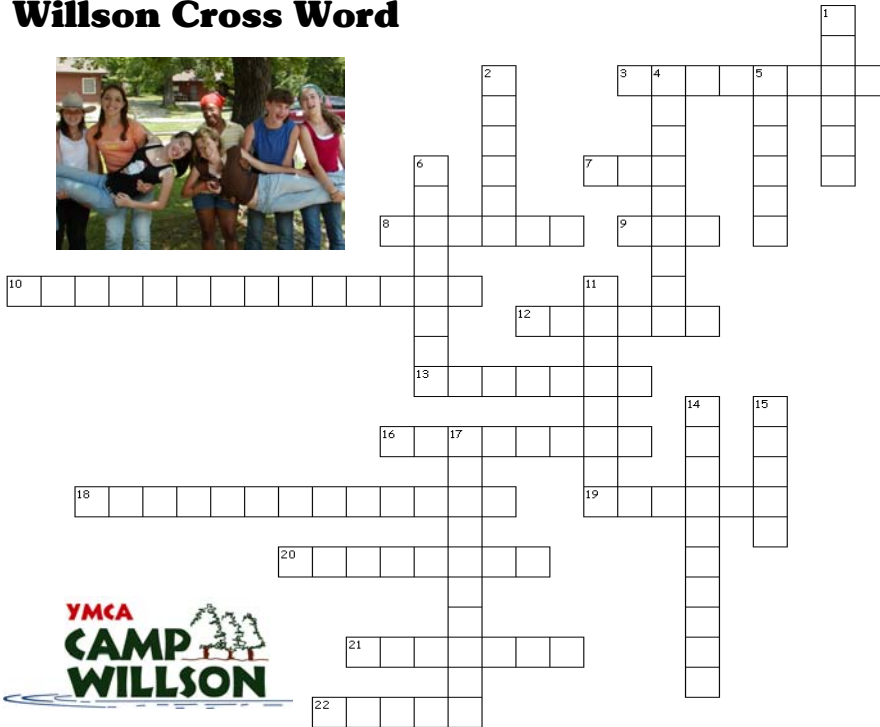


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Fall 2005

Thanks to all our 2005 campers and parents for a great summer.

Willson Cross Word



Across

- 3. Night time songs, skits, and craziness
- 7. Before you can be a Junior Counselor
- 8. "True Blue"
- 9. Outward sign of an inward goal
- 10. Green for the earth
- 12. Plastic boat on the waterfront
- 13. Golden Rule
- 16. Name of Ranch
- 18. Dining hall
- 19. Favorite campfire dessert

- 20. Slumber structures
 - 21. Local Box Turtle
 - 22. Early American aquatic transportation
- Down**
- 1. Red for the heart
 - 2. Animal Farm Glutton
 - 4. Land Down under
 - 5. Popular camp song in '05
 - 6. on the border, lack of electricity and water
 - 11. Local Gaseous Equine

- 14. Where 5th year campers go Friday night
- 15. Common at the barn
- 17. Historic name of lake Macochee

Answers can be found at our website.

Staff News...

- Every year staff members select from fellow staff members, those who truly reflect the attributes behind the story of the "Giving Tree". This year's recipient of the Tracy Rhea Giving Tree award was: Leann Eikenberry (Creative Arts Coordinator)
- Staff working hard at Willson year round include Annie Roeth (Frontier Director), Cindy Hietter (Waterfront Director), Craig Reynolds (Conf. Assist and Cabin Counselor), Jay King (Ass't Summer Director), Rob Coalter (Frontier Counselor), and Tish Hill (OLS Coordinator).
- We wish Craig Reynolds a safe trip as he heads back to England this winter.
- Continue checking the e-Camp website through the spring. 2006 staff names will be posted as they are hired.



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 2732 County Rd 11
 Bellefontaine, OH 43311
 1-800-423-0427
www.ymcawillson.org
summercamp@ymcawillson.org

Teen Ski Weekend February 17-19, 2006

Join us for a fun filled weekend of snow thrills at Mad River Ski Resort. Food, supervision, and accommodations are provided. Bring yourself, a friend and warm clothing. All skill levels welcome. \$92+ Lift and Rentals (Snowboard or Ski) if needed. Ages 13-17

Winter Reunion Don't be left in the cold! Join us Dec 17-18 for the 2005 Winter Camp. Festivities start at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning and end at 1:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Activities include: cookie baking, horseback riding, indoor air rifle range, holiday crafts and much more. **Teens** (12-16 years old) may enjoy tubing at Mad River Ski Resort Saturday Afternoon. Transportation is available from the North and Central YMCA's. Call today to register or use the enclosed card! 1-800-423-0427

2006 Traditional Camp
Boys and girls Ages 7-12 and Trailblazers
Boys and Girls (Ages 12-14) 6 Nights (Except Session 3)
 1 June 18-24
 1A June 18-21 (ages 7-9) \$188
 1B June 21-24 (ages 7-9) \$188
 2 June 25-July 1
 3 July 4-8 (Mini Session) \$ 315
 No Trailblazers offered week 3
 4 July 9-15
 5 July 16-22
 6 July 23-29
 7 July 30- Aug 5
 8 August 6-12

Specialty Camps 6 nights (Except session 3)
Boys and Girls Ages vary see website
 1 June 18-24 Sports Camp
 2 June 25-July 1 Fishing Camp
 2 June 25-July 1 Arts Camp
 3 July 4-8 Teen Camp
 4 July 9-15 Fishing Camp
 4 July 9-15 Drama Camp
 4 July 9-15 Sports Camp (Ages 13-15)
 5 July 16-22 Arts Camp
 6 July 23-29 Fishing Camp (Ages 14-16)
 6 July 23-29 Garage Band (Ages 14-17)
 7 July 30- Aug 5 Sports Camp
 7 July 30- Aug 5 Drama Camp
 8 August 6-12 Fishing Camp
 8 August 6-12 Arts Camp
 1-8 Jr Wranglers

Teen Programs 6 Nights (Except Session 3)
Boys and Girls Ages vary
 1 June 18-24 Counselors-In-Training
 2 June 25-July 1 Leaders-In-Training
 3 July 4-8 Teen Camp (Mini Session)
 4 July 9-15 Counselors-In-Training
 6 July 23-30 Leaders-In-Training
 8 August 6-12 Pathfinders



Counselors In Training
 Program specifically designed for 16-17 year olds, who have a future goal of working as a summer camp counselor. A one week intensive training program for CIT's prepares you with needed skills. After successful completion of the training program, CIT's may be invited to return for additional weeks of service. Please call for an application and interview.



Teen Trips Boys and Girls Ages 14-17
Pennsylvania Adventure 5 July 16-22

Looking for a little adventure this summer? Join us as we head to the Ohio/Pennsylvania area for a week of white water rafting on the Youghiogheny River, caving in Laurel Caverns, and rock climbing, while camping and enjoying the great outdoors!

Rides and Thrills 7 July 30-Aug 5

Raise your adrenaline on this fast paced week of adventure. Start the week off at Good Times Fun Center in Cleveland, we then spend a day at Geauga Lake, and then it is off to Cedar Point's Soak City. The week is topped off with a full day at the Cedar Point Amusement Park.

Rostofer Ranch (Except Session 3)
Boys and Girls Ages 12-15
 1 June 18-24
 2 June 25-July 1
 3 July 4-8 (Mini Session)
 4 July 9-15
 5 July 16-22
 6 July 23-29
 7 July 30- Aug 5
 8 August 6-12

Garage Band
 Teens who love making music, this is your week. Bring your guitar, bass, and drums and join our musician-in-residence on a musical journey you will not soon forget. The week is finished off with a parent concert and recording of your music.



Adventurers at Frontier 6 Nights (Except Session 3)
Boys and Girls Ages 12-15
 4 July 9-15
 7 July 30- Aug 5
 8 August 6-12

Frontier 13 Nights Boys and Girls Ages 12-15
 1 June 18-July 1
 5 July 16-29
 Ultimate two week camping experience! Teens work together at our outpost site cooking their own meals and planning their own special activities. Frontier campers have the freedom to arrange their own schedule with the leadership of their counselors. The high ropes course and group initiatives/projects are just a couple of the activities available. **Highlighting** the experience is a three day camping trip which includes a day canoeing, a day rock climbing, hiking, and tent camping.



REGISTER EARLY TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT IN THE PROGRAM OF CHOICE. \$15 STORE CREDIT FOR RETURNING CAMPERS REGISTERING BEFORE VALENTINE'S DAY (Feb 14).

Please print clearly then mail registration form and fees to: YMCA Camp Willson, 2732 County Road 11, Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9382

YMCA Camp Willson Registration Form-confirmation will be sent upon receipt of registration

Name Of Camper _____ Gender _____ Age _____

Birth date _____ E-mail Address _____

Address _____

Parent or Guardian _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Method of Payment Visa
 Check/Money Order (payable to YMCA)
 Discover
 MasterCard
 American Express

Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____ Print Name Appearing on Card _____

Program

	Session #	Program Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Camp Reunion	Dec 17-18	\$65
<input type="checkbox"/> Teen Tubing Outing	Dec 17	\$17
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation from the North or Central Branch (Please Circle One)	Dec 17 and 18	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Teen Ski Weekend (lift ticket \$, ski \$, snowboard \$)	Feb 17-19	\$92 plus rental
<input type="checkbox"/> Teen Ski Weekend Transportation from the North Branch	Feb 17 & 19	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Camp	March 31-Apr 2	\$98
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Horse Weekend March 31-Apr 2 or May 12-14	April or May	\$142/Weekend

2006 Summer Camp fees and registration will be available online by the end of December!

Subtotal: _____
 Total: _____

Be a Willson Ambassador

Recruiter Round-up

During the summer of 2005, over 100 new campers were brought to camp by their friends. If you have a friend you would like to bring in 2006, contact Willson for additional brochures to pass out or give them our phone number. When we receive your friend's completed registration with your name listed under the "referred by" section, we will add your name as a "Round-up Recruiter". All recruiters receive a special gift and recognition during their week at camp.



2nd Year of Recruiting

Claire Bacon
Lindsay Bowman
Joshua Braccini
Chelsea Cousar
Molly Harian

1st Year

Aaron Sands
Alec Madder
Alek Geho
Alex Rafter
Austin Cooper
Beth Coccia
Bethany Blakely
Brent Dillion
Brentyn Jones

Caitlin Bangs
Caroline Beaulieu
Cate Vavrinak
Chandler Burton
Chandler Higginbotham
David Griffith
Elizabeth Vermiller
Emily Treasure
Faith Westdrop
Grace Choi
Graham Koch
Ian Ford
Jackie Woskobnick

Recruiter Round-up Members 2005

Thank you for sharing the adventure at Camp Willson

Jason Merkle
Jessica Gamper
Joe Spahr
Jonathon Patton
Josh Cohen
Katie Reeves
Paige Reeves
Kelly Bartholomew
Kelly Lawver
Kelsey McCready
Kevin Oliver
Kory Swabb
Kristen Murray

Lauren Vodnick
Megan Lowe
Meredith Haddix
Meredith Redwine
Meredith Perin
Mike Pinciotti
Nicole Bean
Noah Ehrman
Olivia Altvater
Olivia Solt

Rachel Terveer
Rachel Viets
Reilly Haas
Sarah Criner
Shelby Lowe
Skylar Zaar
Steffanie Jones
Stephanie Soltesz
Stephine Gallihugh
Will Kiourtsis

Host a Camp Party!

Let us help you tell your friends about summer camp. Invite at least 10 friends to your home who may like to learn more about camp. Camp staff will provide food, invitations, songs, games, and camp information.

Give Maggie a call today to schedule your camp party.
1-800-423-0427

Giving Back



Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of summer camp parents, one child in ten attended Willson's summer camp through the YMCA's Financial Assistance Program. Many thanks to all who made camp possible for so many kids! Summer camp parents and campers contributed over \$5,000 in 2005. Willson summer staff also contributed over \$2000 through a fun auction during staff training to help all families who requested assistance to camp! We hope you can generously support the YMCA again in 2006!

Calling all volunteers! If you are willing to volunteer to help us raise money or ideas to provide scholarships for campers, please call today. Our goal is to raise \$31,000 in 2006.

"Your financial aid program has truly "assisted" my son's participation. Without financial assistance, he would not be able to enjoy such a wonderful program. Thank You."
Scholarship Parent

For 2006

- The Winter shower house facelift continues! New tiled floors and stalls! New paths to the shower house!
- New program and age range for Trailblazers
- Ranch has a bigger, more beautiful riding arena.
- Missing! 6 summer cabins; Completely new cabins expected to be returned March of 2006.
- Wanted! Qualified 16-17 year old campers to be a part of our Counselor-In-Training program
- New e-mail address? Let us know so we can keep you up to date.

• Lost and Found Items from 2005 were sent to the Gulf Region to assist in the hurricane relief effort.

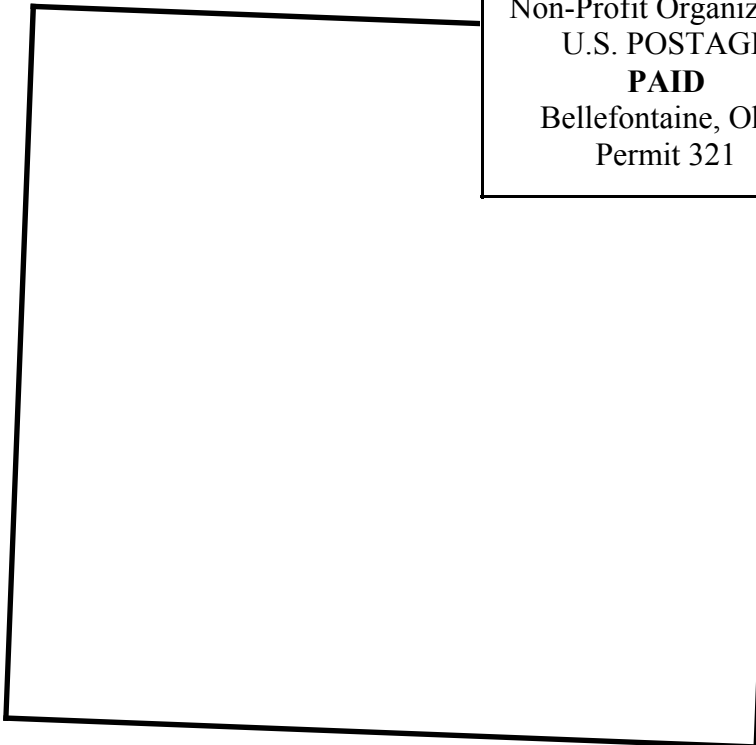


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Upcoming Events

- Winter Reunion Dec 17-18
- Teen Ski Weekend Feb 17-19
- Spring Camp March 31-April 2
- Horselovers Weekends:
 March 31-Apr 2 and May 12-14
- Women's Weekend April 21-23
- Family Day April 29 1-4 p.m.
- Memorial Day Family Camp May 27-29
- Summer Camp June 18-August 12, 2006
- Labor Day Family Camp Sept. 2-4



Hilltop Y's Men's Club
49th Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Come to the West side to purchase your Christmas Tree!

PROCEEDS

BENEFIT CAMP WILLSON AND Hilltop YMCA YOUTH PROGRAMS

Saturday Dec 3—24th

Weekday Hours: 2 pm - 8 pm

Weekend Hours: 10 am - 8 pm

Premium Grade A Douglas Fir

The Hilltop Y's Men Club is a service organization of the YMCA. All proceeds from the sale of Christmas trees benefit the YMCA's scholarship and facility improvement funds. They will be celebrating 51 years of service in 2006!

Hilltop YMCA
 2879 Valleyview Dr.
 Columbus, Ohio
 614-276-8224

The Y's Men are of and for the YMCA



Parents, have you...

Cashed your refund check from the camp store account? If the check is not cashed by December 31, 2005, we will consider your check a donation to the YMCA Scholarship Fund, providing financial support to children unable to afford a camp experience.

2006 Summer Dates and Fees on the web Dec 20!

www.ymcawillson.org



Rag and Leather Program

The Rag program was started in 1914 as a means to encourage campers to demonstrate good moral character while at camp. This program has evolved into challenges that campers choose for themselves to improve in Spirit, Mind, and Body.

For campers who have accepted Rag challenges, your goal sheets will be mailed to you in December. Take a moment to remember your ceremony and recommit yourself to fulfilling your goals. Campers who would like to accept the challenge of a rag or leather, need to speak with their cabin counselor this summer.



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