



## **2010 Camp Cherokee Sample Newsletter Articles**

*Instructions: Please feel free to copy and paste these articles into your church's newsletter or any other publication that you wish. Copy them directly or change them to suit your need. Please help us spread the word about YOUR summer camp so we can fill every bed and have another fantastic season. We can't do it without your support!*

### **January**

Counselors in Training (CIT) are a vital part of our "volunteer" opportunities! These young people (who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) go through a training period and then are given the opportunity to return for one or two weeks of service. Working along side staff counselors, they are given responsibility and opportunities to share their gifts with the campers as they develop their gifts. Many of our CIT's return in following years as counselors! The CIT fee applies toward any week/s served. Online registration is required and a STAFF APPLICATION (located in the *downloads* section of our website) is required for all first year CIT's. Registration deadline is MARCH 1, so prayerfully consider this opportunity and get those applications started! Please contact Jan Day, Cherokee Retreat Center Program Director either by phone: (770) 608-3564 or by email at [program@cherokeeretreatcenter.com](mailto:program@cherokeeretreatcenter.com) with any questions.

### **February**

It's hard to believe it is time to start planning for the summer program at Cherokee Retreat Center. However planning and preparation is well underway for this summer's program. Brochures and registration forms are currently being distributed among the congregations of Cherokee Presbytery, and with them Cherokee Retreat Center is sending out a plea for help. As is our tradition, volunteers play a vital role in the life of the camp. Adult volunteers are needed to help fulfill the mission of Camp Cherokee. We are especially looking for anyone with skills in areas such as worship, music, craft making, outdoor living, game leadership, and silliness! If you are willing and interested in serving in this unique and memorable mission opportunity, or know of someone who is, please contact Jan Day, Cherokee Retreat Center Program Director either by phone: (770) 608-3564 or by email at [program@cherokeeretreatcenter.com](mailto:program@cherokeeretreatcenter.com). Remember, you can **register online** at [www.cherokeeretreatcenter.com](http://www.cherokeeretreatcenter.com) so **register today!**

### **March**

Cherokee Retreat Center has a variety of opportunities this summer for your children and youth!

- DAY CAMP sessions (9am – 4pm) for rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- ADVENTURE CAMP with a focus on CAVING (rising 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)
- ADVENTURE CAMP with a focus on WATER sports (rising 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)
- A MIDDLE SCHOOL TWO WEEKS session for rising 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>
- SR. HIGH CONNECTIONS – A special MISSION week session (rising 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)
- A 5 day CHALLENGE CAMP session for youth who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

For more information, contact Jan Day, Cherokee Retreat Center Program Director at 770/608-3564 or register online today at [www.cherokeeretreatcenter.com](http://www.cherokeeretreatcenter.com)!

### **April**

Summer at Cherokee Retreat Center is a blast for senior highs. This summer come out and take part in Camp Cherokee's awesome games, hiking, boating, swimming, Bible Study, nature study, crafts, singing and fun! Nurture your creative spirit! Take time to play! Strengthen your relationships with others and with God in this spirit- filled week that just might change your life! And if you are more of an adrenaline junkie, we've planned a special outdoor experience for those who are ready for to be challenged! Past *Challenge Camps* have included such activities as horseback riding, whitewater rafting, and breathtaking hikes in

the wilderness. While this week begins and ends at Cherokee Retreat Center, every day in-between is full of exciting fun, great fellowship, tent camping and outdoor cooking. Join us this summer for an all-new line up of Challenge/Wilderness experiences that will not only get your adrenaline pumping, but also serve as an unforgettable reminder of the beauty and power of God's creation. While this session is just around the corner, there is still room for your budding adult. For more information on this life changing session, please contact the Cherokee Retreat Center Program Director, Jan Day (770) 608-3564 or by email at [program@cherokeeretreatcenter.com](mailto:program@cherokeeretreatcenter.com). Remember you can also **register online today** and save your child's spot immediately at [www.cherokeeretreatcenter.com](http://www.cherokeeretreatcenter.com) !

### **May**

The *Adventure Camp* sessions planned for campers who are rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are probably the most well attended sessions held at Cherokee Retreat Center's summer Camp Cherokee program. Campers in these age groups can choose CAVE or WATER focused sessions that both engage in daily Bible study, songs, games and arts and crafts. Worship encounters that are planned and led by campers, and small group discussions lead by loving and caring counselors, make for memorable days that stir the soul and encourage self-understanding in a Christian community. If you haven't yet ventured out to Cherokee Retreat Center or would just like more information on summer and non-summer opportunities, please give Jan Day a call at the Cherokee Retreat Center office: (770) 608-3564. There may still be spaces open for your child this summer and we look forward to any opportunity to say "Welcome Home to Cherokee Retreat Center!"

### **June**

Cherokee Retreat Center has planned a wide range of experiences for your children this summer at Camp Cherokee. We have camps for your youngest (rising 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) to the adrenaline pumping *Challenge* camp for our Sr. High youth. For those who come out and experience it, the sessions of Camp Cherokee offer a memorable and often life changing experience which form the foundation of spiritual development and understanding within a safe and loving Christian community. Registration forms and brochures for Camp Cherokee's summer program at the Cherokee Retreat Center have already gone out in the mail to previous participants and all congregations. If you have not received yours yet, please contact the church office or the Cherokee Presbytery office (770-386-6280) directly. These materials can also be downloaded directly from our website at [www.cherokeeretreatcenter.com](http://www.cherokeeretreatcenter.com). Registrations are already coming in, so don't delay! You can **register online**, mail in your registration forms (available in the church office), or fax them to (678) 918-3387.

### **July**

As the smoke from the fireworks clears, we find ourselves entering the last half of Camp Cherokee's summer season at Cherokee Retreat Center. Last month our *Discovery Camp sessions* for rising 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders was fantastic! Although the *Discovery* sessions are short in length, the seeds of dedication to Cherokee Retreat Center and the unique Christian community environment that is fostered here are planted in their hearts and minds. This is truly where each generation's beginning of the "Camp Cherokee Story" begins. Campers who pass through these sessions often come back for the full camp experience the following year during the *Exploration* sessions for a week of fun and fellowship. While it is halfway through this summer's season, there may still be room for your child in select sessions. If you are interested in finding out more about spaces that are still open or getting more information about the camp, please feel free to contact the Retreat Center Program Director, Jan Day at (770) 608-3564 or by email at [program@cherokeeretreatcenter.com](mailto:program@cherokeeretreatcenter.com) We look forward to any opportunity to say "Welcome Home to Cherokee Retreat Center!"

### **August**

As a new school year begins, so do many church, social and family functions. Why not check out the wonderful opportunity to host your next event at Cherokee Retreat Center? Cherokee Presbytery's very own 100 acre wood, nestled on beautiful Lake Alatoona shoreline provides the perfect setting for all your church retreats, family reunions, business meetings and year round denominational programming. Contact us today for more information (678/848-5739)!

