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**SUMMER
PARTNER
PROGRAM**



A towel and a basin?

A towel and a basin—not very impressive tools, but in the hands of our Savior, they illustrate an act of humility. The Lord lovingly bathed the feet of the disciples and gave us an example to follow. THE WILDS seeks to train men and women to be servant-leaders through our *Summer Partner Program*. Whether waiting tables, washing linens, working clean-up, or counseling, summer staff members have opportunities to learn self-denial as they prepare for future life and ministry.



Who are the Partners?

Any business, church, individual, or organization can become a supporting partner. A partner shares in a staff member's summer ministry by praying for him or her on a regular basis and by providing financial support. THE WILDS summer staff is made up of over 265 enthusiastic young people. Most are college students who give their summers to this ministry by serving at THE WILDS in Brevard, North Carolina.

Why is it a Partnership?

The summer staff member and supporting partner *are laborers together with God* (I Corinthians 3:9a). As a participant in the *Summer Partner Program*, you will receive personal letters from your staff member throughout the summer. These weekly letters will give you the details to assist you in praying more earnestly for your staff partner as he or she faces many challenges.



How does it work?

The *Summer Partner Program* helps THE WILDS offset part of the considerable expense associated with taking care of these young people. Each staff member receives a ministry salary, meals, and housing. Therefore, the total cost for 275 summer staff members is significant to THE WILDS. We ask that each summer staff member set a goal to raise at least \$500 towards his salary expense. By participating, you are helping THE WILDS keep camper fees as low as possible.

Who selects the staff member for each Partner?

If someone you know is going to be a summer staff member, you can support that person specifically. Otherwise, THE WILDS will assign a staff member to you. If you wish to give anonymously, THE WILDS will honor your request.

What else do I need to know?

Summer staff members have had partners who are businessmen, friends, relatives, Sunday school classes, and churches. Whether you give individually or as part of a group, one thing is certain—you are investing in the life of a young person who is serving the Lord in a special ministry. The staff member is part of a team that serves over 10,000 campers every summer. What a way to influence America!



Partner Testimonies

The *Summer Partner Program* has greatly impacted us over the years. Its impact began over 10 years ago when, as summer counselors at THE WILDS, we were supported through our churches and friends. It was during that summer that we learned first-hand of God's grace and provision during difficult times. We also celebrated as decisions were made for Christ in the areas of salvation, submission, and service. That summer was also special for us as it was the summer that we first met. Having the opportunity to journal each weeks' events and share prayer requests with our supporters was always an encouragement. While we never wrote of our new "friendship" to our supporters, it was always a blessing to know that they were praying for us as they read our letters.

We have had the opportunity to be summer partners for individuals for many years. Some of our partners we have known personally and some we have yet to meet, but all of them have grown to be a special part of our summer. As we get the letters each week we are reminded of the wonderful lessons that we learned and are excited to know that our summer partner is growing as he sees God's grace at work. Even though we have heard of dozens of new experiences from our summer partners, we are still waiting to hear about a new "friendship" that they find while at camp.

Bert and Lauren (Harbaugh) Arrowood
Greenville, South Carolina

I am very thankful for the opportunity to partner together with THE WILDS summer staff members for the cause of Christ. The *Summer Partner Program* has allowed many churches and believers to participate through correspondence and prayer in the summer ministries of THE WILDS. The program allows college students to focus on eternal ministry while their earthly financial needs are being met. Even better, the program involves fellow-servants who hold the ropes in prayer for those who give their summers in service for the Savior. I would encourage you to join me in participating!

Dr. Chuck Phelps
President • Maranatha Baptist Bible College, Watertown, Wisconsin

We have been a sponsor in this program since its beginning. It is amazing to see the Lord work in the lives of the staff, both the counseling and non-counseling staff, just as much as He does in the lives of the campers. It is exciting to be a part of it. There is no other giving program that we are a part of that provides us with "instant blessings" like THE WILDS *Summer Partner Program* through the letters we receive. Great program. Thanks for making it available to folks like us.

George and Joy Thornton
Zionsville, Indiana

I had the privilege of working at THE WILDS or THE WILDS of the Rockies for seven summers. Every summer God moved faithful people to partner with me, supporting me not only with financial resources, but also with sustaining prayer and words of encouragement. Those summers were foundational to my understanding the biblical philosophy and practice of discipleship that I use daily in parenting and in our church ministry.

It is a great blessing to our family to invest in the lives of the summer staff. The weekly letters from our partner declare the praises of who God is and what He is doing, not only in the lives of the campers, but how He directs personal growth in the life of our partner. We believe we are investing in eternity as we commit our resources to a program that God has clearly blessed to train faithful young people.

Steve Tompkins
Greenville, South Carolina





How do I give?

Most partners send a one-time gift of \$500 to fully support a summer staff member. Others prefer to send installments. When a gift is given in a lesser amount, the summer staff member will have more than one partner to help him reach his full support goal. Please let us know of your intent to support as soon as possible. All checks should be made payable to THE WILDS. If you wish to contribute by using your credit/debit card, we accept Discover, MasterCard, and VISA. (All donations are tax-deductible.)



How do I start?

Simply complete the *Summer Partner Program* form to the right and mail to:

THE WILDS Christian Association, Inc.

PO Box 509 • Taylors, SC 29687-0009

Phone: (864) 331-3267 • Fax: (864) 292-0743

E-mail: tw.donations@wilds.org • Website: www.wilds.org

Selection of Staff Member

I/we will be a Summer Partner with _____ (name of staff member).

I/we will let THE WILDS choose for me.

Provision Level

(Please make all checks payable to THE WILDS.)

I/we will give a one-time support gift of \$500.

I/we will give a one-time support gift of \$_____.

I/we will give _____ installments of \$_____ each for a total of \$_____.

Partner Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Business Cell Home

E-mail _____

For your convenience you may use your credit/debit card by entering the requested information below.

Charge \$ _____ to my   

Card No. _____ CVV# _____

Phone () _____ Expiration Date _____

Print name as it appears on card _____

Signature _____

Office Use:

Amt. _____ Date _____ Letter _____

THE WILDS

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, INC.

Since 1969, THE WILDS Christian Camp and Conference Center has been serving the local church with a wide variety of camping programs. The camp, located in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina, is a stunning piece of God's handiwork. From the serene, wooded trails to the majestic waterfalls, the Lord's design is everywhere. In this setting we have seen thousands of campers of every age accept the Lord as Savior, surrender to His will, and dedicate themselves to His service.

A natural outgrowth of our camp ministry is a music publication service that produces cantatas, CDs, a chorus book, piano books, and choral books for men, ladies, and mixed groups. In addition to bringing Christ-honoring music into your church, home, or school, THE WILDS has Bible study helps and a scripture memorization program for use in personal and group settings.

Based on the camp's philosophy, CampsAbroad has been established as the missions arm of THE WILDS. This ministry assists others in the formation and operation of Christian camp ministries around the world.

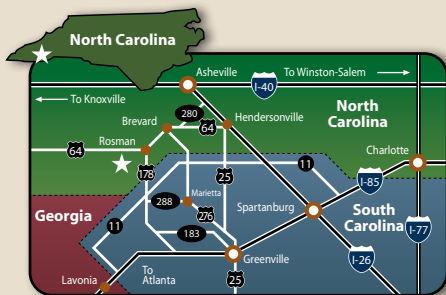
For more information about any of our camping programs, music publications, or other products from THE WILDS, please contact the administrative office:

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Location: THE WILDS is located near Rosman, North Carolina. If coming north on I-85, take Exit 1 (SC Route 11) at the Georgia-South Carolina border. After approximately 50 miles, turn left onto US 178. Four miles north of the North Carolina-South Carolina border, turn left onto Old Toxaway Road and follow the signs to the campsite.

From North Carolina on I-26, take Exit 40. Follow NC 280 West to US 64. Continue on 64 West through Brevard, past Rosman, to Frozen Creek Road. Follow the signs for 5.5 miles.

Visit our website for more detailed directions. Most online map sites do not give accurate directions.



Camp Location: Rosman, North Carolina

Camp Mailing Address:

THE WILDS
1000 Wilds Ridge Road • Brevard, NC 28712-7273
Phone: (828) 884-7811 • Fax: (828) 862-4813
Website: www.wilds.org