

Map and Directions to Camp Whippoorwill

Whippoorwill is located in the small community of Fernvale in Williamson County. Here are driving directions from Nashville:

- Take Harding Road (West End Avenue) past Belle Meade to the Highway 100/70 fork. Follow directions for Highway 100.
- Follow Highway 100 for 11.4 miles and then turn left on Highway 96.
- Go .7 (seven-tenths of a mile) on Highway 96, and then turn right on Old Harding Road to Fernvale.
- Follow Old Harding Road for 5 miles. You will reach a stop sign.
- Turn right at the stop. It is 3/4 mile from the stop sign to the Camp entrance.
- Turn right on Whippoorwill Lane (there is a camp sign) and follow the gravel road over two bridges. You are at camp!
- The Camp phone number is 615-799-9925.



Summer Camp Handbook for Campers & Parents

Welcome to Camp Whippoorwill! This guide was designed to answer questions we have heard over the years. Please read the following information about Whippoorwill and let us know if you have questions that aren't answered. Camp is a magical part of a child's summer. We appreciate being a part of this excitement and sharing your camper's wonderful moments. Let us know what we can do to make this the BEST summer for your child.

About the Camp

Whippoorwill is situated on 50 acres of rolling hills in northwestern Williamson County, an area of great natural beauty. Campers play in the creek, splash in the swimming pool, and explore the wooded hills. Restrooms including the Bingie (*bing-ee*) are located in several areas. Water fountains are located at restrooms and in Log Cabin, Teepee Camp and at the Hilltop Barn.

Communication

We are interested in your suggestions and appreciate your calls! Let us know of any difficulties so we can provide a successful camp experience. Please help us make this summer the BEST. Our contact information -- address, phone, email, fax, and web -- are listed on the cover of this brochure.

Absences: please call the camp office at 799-9925 to let us know your child will not attend camp that day.

The Whippoorwill Weekly, our camp newspaper, is published each Friday. We are always proud of our campers who sign up to write of their experiences, stories, adventures, create artwork or take photos at camp.

Supervisory Staff

These staff members are glad to answer your questions about the camp program and to help your family have a positive, fun experience at Whippoorwill.

Shanelle Lambert: *Executive Director.* Shanelle is the general camp director and supports the camp in the areas of programming, staff, and helping all camper's have a quality experience.

Sidney Wooten, *Director Emeritus,* remains active and interested in all aspects of the camp.

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Items From Home

Bring as little as possible! All your camper will need is a swimsuit, a pair of creek shoes and a sack lunch. Many campers like to put their supplies in a daypack. Please put names on all belongings! Camp is a great place to wear old clothing and a bad place for expensive clothes. Hats and sunscreen are also good to pack.

Please do not send expensive sweaters, towels or any unnecessary items that will (historically) become lost. Most of the time children dry off in a few minutes and do not need a towel. Radios and computer games do not belong in a camp environment. Jewelry, watches and cameras end up at the bottom of the creek or in other unimaginable places.

Medication From Home

If your child needs to take prescription or non-prescription medication while at camp, please follow these steps:

1. We will mail a Medication Information Form with your confirmation letter if medications at camp are indicated on your application form. We can fax a medication information form to you or take instruction over the phone if a health condition occurs suddenly.

2. All medications must be stored in the Whippoorwill Health Center.

3. Over-the-counter medications and prescription medications should not be sent/brought to camp by campers. Please give all medications and specific physician instructions to the bus driver.

4. The camp will not give campers any medications that are improperly labeled or not prescribed by a physician. We will call parents and/or physicians concerning all medications about which there are questions involving safety.

First Day Each Session

New campers each session sign up for a get acquainted tour to find out where all the fun happens. Returning campers do not need to repeat this tour.

Lunch

Campers bring their lunches and a lunch drink every day and store them in a shady spot. Water fountains are located in each camp as well as other locations. Refrigeration is not available; many children bring their lunch in an insulated lunch box. We discourage colas. Teepee campers do not need to bring a lunch on Thursday, as it is cookout day. Log Cabin and Bear Cub camps have activity periods each week to cook S'Mores over the fire.

Snacks

A camp snack is provided every afternoon to all campers. Snacks may include a cold Popsicle, Rice Krispy Treat, or fruit snack.

Camp Calendar for Summer 2010

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SESSION 1 May 31-June 4	Get Acquainted Tour for New Campers	Hayride: Log Cabin	Hayride: Teepee	Tie-Dye Cookout: Teepee	Hayride: Bear Cubs
SESSION 2 June 7-11	Get Acquainted Tour for New Campers	Hayride: Log Cabin	Hayride: Teepee	Tie-Dye Cookout: Teepee	Hayride: Bear Cubs
SESSION 3 June 14-18	Get Acquainted Tour for New Campers	Hayride: Log Cabin	Hayride: Teepee	Tie-Dye Cookout: Teepee	Hayride: Bear Cubs Teepee Overnight
SESSION 4 June 21-25	Get Acquainted Tour for New Campers	Hayride: Log Cabin	Hayride: Teepee	Tie-Dye Cookout: Teepee	Hayride: Bear Cubs
SESSION 5 June 28-July 2	Get Acquainted Tour for New Campers	Hayride: Log Cabin	Hayride: Teepee	Tie-Dye Cookout: Teepee	Hayride: Bear Cubs
<i>Note that Whippoorwill is closed July 5-9.</i>					
SESSION 6 July 12-16	Get Acquainted Tour for New Campers	Hayride: Log Cabin	Hayride: Teepee	Tie-Dye Cookout: Teepee	Hayride: Bear Cubs
SESSION 7 July 19-23	Get Acquainted Tour for New Campers	Hayride: Log Cabin	Hayride: Teepee	Tie-Dye Cookout: Teepee	Hayride: Bear Cubs Teepee Overnight
SESSION 8 July 26-30	Get Acquainted Tour for New Campers	Hayride: Log Cabin	Hayride: Teepee	Tie-Dye Cookout: Teepee	Hayride: Bear Cubs
SESSION 9 August 2-7	Get Acquainted Tour for New Campers	Hayride: Log Cabin	Hayride: Teepee	Tie-Dye Cookout: Teepee	Hayride: Bear Cubs

Rainy Days

Each Camp has designated rainy day shelters at Whippoorwill Farm Day Camp. Log Cabin and Bear Cub camp use the Front Pavilion and Log Cabin Shelter. Teepee campers have their own Pavilion and Hilltop barn for rainy day activities. Other small shelters around the camp provide activity areas when it is raining. The staff is trained for these days. We stay dry, warm, and have fun! Please send your camper to camp with appropriate clothing for the weather.

Interest Groups – Signing Up For Activities

Interest Groups or “Sign Ups” are the most important part of the day. Campers sign up for two activities before lunch and two activities after lunch. Campers listen to the many choices offered by the counselors. They then choose or “sign up” for the activity they like. This is an important time for campers to make their own decisions. We encourage each child to try new activities and repeat favorites, gaining skill each time. Sometimes an activity fills up; if this happens, let us know so that we can put your child’s name at the top of the list for the next day. We want everyone to have a chance to participate!

Horseback Riding

Riding a horse is every child’s wish ... until he or she sees how big the horses are and how high up they are when sitting on top!

Camp Whippoorwill provides positive encouragement while using all safety measures. We teach riding skills, actions, and attitudes that prepare a child to successfully ride. Socks and sturdy closed toed shoes are required for safety. (Lug soled athletic shoes are not recommended for horseback riding) . We provide riding helmets. Supervision at horseback riding at Whippoorwill is two campers per instructor.

Riding lessons are offered after camp by Julia Williams, our riding instructor. For more information, call Julia at 352-8427 or e-mail her: jwilli39@comcast.net

Most campers will only get to ride once per week. We are not a horseback camp.

Whippoorwill T-Shirts

Whippoorwill T-shirts are available all week. The cost is \$15. A T-shirt order form is sent home at the end of the day on Monday. Ask the bus driver if you need one. We will package T-shirts and give them to your camper at closing on the day that we receive your request.

Parent Visiting Days

You are always welcome to visit Camp Whippoorwill. Please park at the camp office, pick up a visitor’s badge, and take a self-guided tour of the camp.

Discipline at Camp

Camp is the perfect environment to promote social skills and self-esteem in children. To achieve this, we include age specific groups and activities, low camper staff ratios, positive reinforcement, group and individual decision-making, and attention to the individual needs of each child. The staff is trained in preventive disciplinary techniques and are good problem solvers.

Counselors explain Whippoorwill’s Health & Safety rules each Monday. These are things counselors do not allow campers to do at Whippoorwill. The camp program at Whippoorwill is designed for camper’s success! Counselors are always supervising campers in all areas from leaving the bus each morning, walking with campers to and from activities, supervising all camper activities, supervising Den activities including morning greeting / orientation, lunch and end of the day snack. Counselors sit with their camps during Council Ring times when the entire camp comes together for songs, announcements and sign ups.

1. Water from the creek is not for drinking. Water fountains are conveniently located.
2. Camp is a no pushing, shoving or teasing zone.
3. All campers, staff and visitors must wear shoes at all times.
4. We do not catch snakes in the creek or woods at camp. Snake handling is a supervised camp activity at the Nature Museum only. It is against the camp rules to grab for or try to catch a snake in the creek or any area at Whippoorwill except during Nature Museum activities led by counselors.
5. Do not carry sticks or run with sticks.
6. Do not throw rocks, sand or gravel.
7. Do not leave the group activity.
8. Do not run or engage in horseplay in the pool area.
9. Do not swing towels.
10. Do not jump or walk on benches.
11. Do not climb trees except for Teepee campers who are signed up for the Tree Climbing activity supervised by a counselor and only during activity times.
12. Do not cling or hang on counselors.
13. Pocketknives and other items that might be considered weapons are not allowed at camp.
14. Campers must participate in activities and must stay with their group.

These rules are for campers’ physical and emotional safety while at camp.

If rules are broken at camp, counselors ask campers to identify the rule that was broken and counselor gives a verbal warning. If rule is broken a second time, the counselor will supervise a 30 second to 5 minute “time out” near their activity. The next step is to see the director. Parents are called when physical contact or repeat infractions are involved.