

SPARKS

Summer 2023



SUMMER 2023

BEST SUMMER EVER!



2023 THEME: PEACE

"I have told you these things, so that in me
you may have **PEACE**. In this world you will
have trouble. But take heart!
I have overcome the world."

- John 16:33



Hello CAMPERS



It is hard to believe that we are about to welcome campers for our one hundred and fourth summer! Springtime is (and always has been) an exciting season around here. My imagination takes me to those years when my great-grandfather built camp from scratch. The joy he would have experienced as the plan went from paper to property. The burn of muscles and sweat on his brow when planting the pine trees along the Lower Road and the poplar trees on the Pageant Court. I know those feelings very well, for I have experienced them each year of my life (first watching my parents, then doing that same work myself). You are going to feel this same joy and excitement when you arrive on Opening Day!

Greystone is not a business; it is our home. Margaret and I welcome you as important friends who have accepted an invitation to a blowout summer party that will last for your entire session. At this point in the year, the preparations are almost over, and the party is about to begin. We can't wait!



This Sparks is a chance for us to give you a glimpse into what we are excited about this year. Read it carefully or skim it in a flash... but read it! Start getting excited about this summer, and share that excitement with your friends and especially your Penpal (nothing is better than making a new friend at camp, and your Penpal is a way to do this every year).

We can't wait to welcome you to our home!

 **JIMBOY AND
MARGARET**

2023 OPENING DAY FUN!

COUNTING
DOWN THE
DAYS!



Your summer at Greystone is almost here! We know many of you have been counting down all year to return to Greystone or to come for the very first time, and **WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU TO CAMP ON OPENING DAY.** From the moment you pull in, you will feel the excitement. **SEE YOU SOON!**



READY FOR
2023



SUMMER 2023 ARRIVAL TIMES

On Opening Day, plan to arrive between 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. You can come anytime in your assigned arrival time window for your particular grade (the grade you will have just finished at the end of this year).

JUNIOR CAMP

- 4th grade: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
- 3rd grade: 9:30 - 10:10 a.m.
- 2nd grade: 10:10 - 11:00 a.m.
- 1st grade: 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

JUNE CAMP

- 7th grade: 9:00 - 9:20 a.m.
- 6th grade: 9:20 - 10:00 a.m.
- 5th grade: 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- 4th grade: 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades: 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

MAIN CAMP

- 10th & 11th grades: 9:00 - 9:20 a.m.
- 9th grade: 9:20 - 9:50 a.m.
- 8th grade: 9:50 - 10:20 a.m.
- 7th grade: 10:20 - 10:50 a.m.
- 6th grade: 10:50 - 11:10 a.m.
- 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades: 11:10 - 11:30 a.m.

AUGUST CAMP

- 6th grade: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
- 5th grade: 9:30 - 10:10 a.m.
- 4th grade: 10:10 - 10:40 a.m.
- 3rd grade: 10:40 - 11:10 a.m.
- 1st & 2nd grades: 11:10 - 11:30 a.m.

OPENING DAY BEGINS!

Hello!

WHEN YOU PULL IN:

- Plan to arrive during your **ASSIGNED DROP-OFF TIME**.
- When you arrive, you will **STAY IN YOUR CAR** and wait in one of our car lanes until we can process your car. It's quick!
- When you reach the front of your car lane, **A TEAM OF COUNSELORS WILL GREET YOU!** They will tell you your cabin assignment for the summer.
- A group of staff will **ADD YOUR CABIN ASSIGNMENT TO YOUR LUGGAGE TAGS**, and then you will give your **FAMILY A HUG GOODBYE**.
- We will walk you over to our Group Leaders, and one of them will **TAKE YOU TO YOUR CABIN** to meet your counselor and cabinmates!





OPENING DAY

LUGGAGE

ATTACH YOUR
LUGGAGE TAGS TO
YOUR BAGS!



Three weeks before your session, we will send **LUGGAGE TAGS FOR YOUR BAGS**. Please tag your luggage before arrival.

LIMIT THE EXTRAS! Junior and August campers can pack in up to 2 bags. June and Main campers can pack in up to 3 bags.





WHAT TO CARRY:

When you exit your car on Opening Day, plan to carry small bags that you can manage yourself, like a backpack, small tote, or a pillow. You will be carrying these things up to your cabin, so make it easy on yourself!



MEDICATIONS FOR OPENING DAY

CAMPERS, REMIND YOUR PARENTS! If you are bringing meds (blister-packed by your local pharmacy or that meet the exemption to the blister packing rule - see the Parent Handbook for details), have them on your lap and ready. Print off and complete the Bring-From-Home Medication form (from your Online Account) to turn in with these meds.



WHAT HAPPENS THE REST OF **OPENING DAY**:

- Once you walk to your cabin, you will **MEET YOUR COUNSELOR**, find your bunk, and then start unpacking. Your counselor will help you!
- You'll meet your cabinmates and bunkmate - so fun! And (of course!) stop by our Dining Hall to eat an **OPENING DAY SCONE**.
- We'll do the normal Opening Day activities: **LICE CHECK, SWIM CHECK, AND CABIN PHOTO**. At our longer sessions, you'll also work on your class schedule.
- You'll **PICNIC WITH YOUR CABIN** for lunch, eating wherever you want!
- We will have our normal **OPENING DAY "REST HOUR"** where you'll meet your Group Leader. Then, we'll kick off with our first **FULL-CAMP ASSEMBLY** (what will Jimboy tell us about this year?!).
- The rest of the afternoon will be filled with **FUN ACTIVITIES** before our first dinner together (**SPAGHETTI, OF COURSE!**).
- We will end the day with our **VERY FIRST EVENING PROGRAM!**

NEW IN 2023

THE COOL NEW THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER



NEW JUNIOR SUMMER CLASSES

JUNIOR CAMP
2023

JUNK 2 FUNK

Get funky! Campers will think outside the box using recycled everyday “junk” to create wearable garments and accessories. Girls will learn about design principles and craftsmanship to create pieces that will be showcased in a **CAMP-WIDE FASHION SHOW!**

LANDSPORTS - SOCCER

Campers will love learning the basic mechanics of the game, practicing their skills, and playing games with their cabin.

LANDSPORTS - MENAGERIE

A camp classic is coming to Junior Camp! This class is an assortment of FUN games like kickball, spud, whiffle ball, and more. You'll love it!



STEM CLASS

Get ready to use your imagination, explore new ideas, engage your curiosity, and practice teamwork with a variety of different experiments. This is not your average STEM class; taking it at camp makes it SO MUCH MORE FUN!

INTRO TO AERIAL YOGA

We're giving yoga a new twist, this time in the sky! You'll relax, stretch, and fly in this intro to Aerial Yoga. See you in the silks!

STRINGS 'N THINGS

In this class, you will learn how to create, customize, and personalize friendship bracelets. Your bracelets can represent your own personality with beads and string!

JUNE, MAIN & AUGUST



JUNE, MAIN, &
AUGUST CAMPS

2023

NEW! MOUNTAIN BIKING SKILLS PARK

If you loved Mountain Biking last year, get ready for our **NEW SKILLS PARK!** We are SO excited to have this new track at camp. It's located by the Bible Hut and Archery. Keep your eyes peeled on Opening Day for this extra special spot, and get ready to ride the elements as you advance in our Mountain Biking program! (4th grade and up)





COUNCIL FIRE & RIFLERY

JUNE, MAIN, &
AUGUST CAMPS
2023



COUNCIL FIRE

The Council Fire area of camp is rarely changed. This year, we changed a lot! **NEW BENCHES** are now arranged with a center aisle which allows for much more seating. We've added **NEW ROCK COLUMNS AT THE ENTRANCE**, a new fire pit, and lots of new trees to give this sacred spot a wonderful feel. You will love it!



RIFLERY

A treasured Greystone department area is getting a face-lift! For years, campers have been requesting a Riflery expansion - and this is the year! With **5 NEW SHOOTING LANES** and new rifles, get excited for more shooting time up on the range.



A person with long brown hair, wearing a white helmet, a teal t-shirt, and colorful striped shorts, is climbing a large rope net. They are wearing a safety harness and a blue rope is attached to their harness. The background is a clear blue sky with some green foliage visible at the bottom.

JUNE, MAIN, &
AUGUST CAMPS

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NEW! ADVENTURE
CLASSES THIS SUMMER

HIGH ADVENTURE

This summer, we will be **INTRODUCING TREE CLIMBING** to High Adventure! On the side of Apple Hill near the climbing wall, we are transforming 4 of our tallest trees into tree climbing trees. Hook in and scale up the tree solo to get one of the best views of camp that we've had in 104 years! (4th grade and up)

CLIMBING CLASS

If you love climbing, then Climbing Class is for you! We are outfitting our wall with a **NEW AUTO-BELAY SYSTEM**, which means the entire wall will be open all day, every day! You can climb in your High Adventure class or in our **NEW CLIMBING-ONLY CLASS**. It's up to you! (4th grade and up)

SLACKLINING

We are excited to offer another addition to High Ropes with a **COOL NEW SLACKLINING COURSE**! We will be building out different levels in each of our slacklining areas and are excited to see Slacklining become a "thing" at camp!



JUNE, MAIN, &
AUGUST CAMPS

2023



CLASS UPDATES



PUTT COVE ADDITIONS

We are making MAJOR improvements to Putt Cove by adding a **NEW BEACH AND PADDLEBOARD CENTER** that is certain to become a favorite activity area for many girls. We have been working hard on plans for one of our BEST new buildings in camp and are crossing our fingers that all of the supplies will arrive in time for it to be built before the start of our summer. While the building may be coming down to the wire, the beach and new fencing already look fantastic!

AERIAL YOGA

THE SILKS ARE BACK and in a new and improved Bible Hut! Get excited to enjoy this yoga option while you relax in the silks. (6th grade and up)

PICKLEBALL

2021 was the year of Pickleball, and after another solid year in 2022, we are excited to **OFFER PICKLEBALL AS ITS OWN CLASS!** Challenge a friend or pass a level - the world is your oyster in this Landsports class!

ENOS AT CAMP

Who doesn't love a good ENO Reading class?! Last summer, ENO Reading took us by surprise as you all signed up in droves. This year, we are ready for you with **OVER 75 HAMMOCKS** hung up all over camp!

HIKING

It's back again! Want to take an adventure off campus for the day with friends? Make sure to sign up for Hiking! We are so excited to be able to **EXPLORE THE WOODS OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA** again! (Main only)

GREYSTONE GARDEN

This year we will have fun new veggies growing down in the garden! We **WILL GROW (AND HOPEFULLY POP!) OUR OWN POPCORN.** We are also excited about softball-sized Indian melons, birdhouse gourds, and flowers that we will use as natural dyes during Main Camp for dyeing our own sheep's wool!





NEW!

JUNE, MAIN, &
AUGUST CAMPS
2023

FINE ARTS CENTER CLASSES



WOOD BURNING CLASS

Wood Burning has taken the art world by storm, and we are so excited to **OFFER IT AS A CLASS AT GREYSTONE THIS SUMMER!** No matter whether you're shaping a spoon or creating a cutting board, you will love this new class up at the Art Barn. (5th grade and up)

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO

Photography and Video are back and better than ever! Document and edit your experience at camp in our **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO**. Parents, be on the lookout for camper Instagram features throughout the summer (@campgreystone).

FINE ARTS CLASS

Take this **NEW TO GREYSTONE CLASS** to learn a variety of different artistic techniques from fabric dying, stitching, color theory, and so much more. We can't wait to see what you create!



CAMP CRAFTS

YOU ASKED, AND WE ARE DELIVERING! Bracelet making, beading, and lanyards are the creations that you'll make in this new Camp Crafts class!





JIMBOY

IN HIS FUNNIEST AND CRAZIEST COSTUMES







FOOD

READY FOR
2023

UPDATES YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS



GET EXCITED ABOUT:

- A new Carnival food booth
- New Shoppe additions
- New Ice Hut additions
- 2x the sausage on Sleep Late Fridays
- Birthday Ball at the Millers' house
- French Bastille Day food at Main
- Brand new theme meals
- Meat on a stick at Corn Roast
- Also...switching tables each week!

FRUIT AND SALAD BAR ADDITIONS:

Check out a few of the things you'll see rotated throughout the summer:

- **FRUIT** served at lunch and dinner
- **CHEESE CUBES!**
- **STEADY ROTATIONS OF PROTEIN:** smoked turkey, ham, and salmon
- **CONDIMENT STATION:** Make a delicious sandwich with mayonnaise or mustard; add some jelly to your Wow Butter sandwich; or add Sriracha and other hot sauces to your plate to spice things up!
- **NEW SALAD BAR RECIPES:** You'll love seeing the new combos we come up with this summer!



Wow

SWEET PUPPY
LOVE

MEET OUR FAVE CAMP DOGS



Here at Greystone, we love all animals, but dogs might be our favorite! You can always get some puppy love at Dog Camp, but did you know that there are a few other canine celebrities you'll meet during the summer? Read through their profiles to get to know a few of our Directors' dogs.



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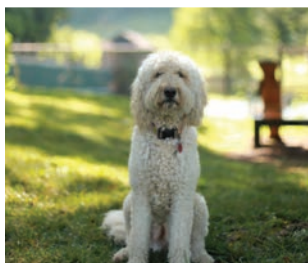
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3 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ME: I am old (14), I am blind (or almost blind), and I am deaf (or almost deaf). This is why I don't come when you call!

MY FAVORITE GAME: I love to run across the grass. I run SUPER fast and bound like a puppy!

MY FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: Evening Programs (I always lie down near Jimboy and nap!)

SOMETHING YOU WOULDN'T GUESS ABOUT ME: My mother was a camp dog at another camp (Camp Highlander). Camp is in my blood!



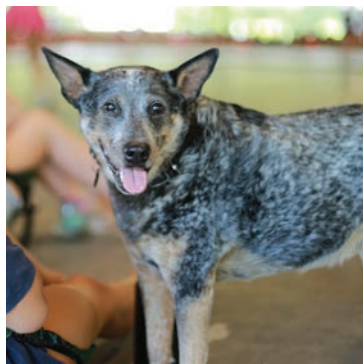
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MURRAY

OWNER: Virginia (Jimboy's youngest)

3 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ME: I am very friendly, I like to bark, and I spend much of my summer at Cousin Charlie's house (he lives 10 minutes away and lets me ride in his truck). I love visiting camp on the weekends!

MY FAVORITE GAME: Tetherball. I am really good and can play all by myself.



PIPPY

OWNERS: Katie & Greg

WHAT KIND OF DOG ARE YOU? I am a Whoodle - a Wheaton Terrier/Poodle mix. However, I have more poodle in me, so I like to call myself a Whoodle Poodle!

3 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ME: I love to cuddle and kiss! Max is my favorite friend. I love to lounge and occasionally go squirrel chasing!

I LOVE BEING AT CAMP BECAUSE: There are so many girls who love to receive kisses!



MAX

OWNERS: Katie & Greg

WHAT KIND OF DOG ARE YOU? I'm a Whoodle too, but my parents were both Whoodles - so I call myself a Whoodle Whoodle!

3 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ME: I am very handsome and I know it! I love to chase the geese that like to hang out on the track and Pageant Court area. I love to hang by the window and make sure that no birds or squirrels invade my space!

THIS SUMMER, YOU CAN FIND ME: Hanging out at the Store - come pet me!



ANTILLE HOLLOWELL "TILLE"

OWNERS: Laura and Gervais

3 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ME: I may or may not be a robot. I was named after the Antilles Islands where my parents went on vacation before they got me. I "worked" at Dog Camp for 4 years!

MY FAVORITE GAME: I love to play chase. And at Easter, Mom hides Easter eggs (little rubber balls), and I go find them.

A FUN FACT ABOUT ME: Mom used to write books about me and send them to my sister Leland when she lived abroad. I was always the hero!

WE LOVE
OUR STAFF





SUMMER 2023 STAFF BY THE NUMBERS

290 counselors

167 returning staffers

123 first year counselors

87 different schools

24 different states

5 different countries



QUIZ

WHAT'S YOUR LIP SYNC STYLE?

We look forward to Lip Syncs every year, and we know you do too! The combination of costumes, dance moves, cabin bonding, and a cheering crowd makes for pure camp magic.

It takes all types of campers and counselors to pull a Lip Sync off! The best Lip Syncs use everyone's unique skills and talents. Take this quiz to find out your Lip Sync style, and then start getting excited about how you will contribute your gifts to another year of incredible Lip Syncs at camp!



1. WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU PACK FOR CAMP?

- a. I lay out all my clothes. I love to be organized and I don't want to forget anything!
- b. Lots of stationery and pens for letter writing. I love staying in touch with my friends!
- c. The shoes I need for my favorite class. I can't wait to take it at camp!
- d. Every costume I own. I want to be ready for every occasion!

2. WHAT CLASS ARE YOU MOST EXCITED TO TRY THIS SUMMER?

- a. High Adventure
- b. Cooking
- c. Whatever my counselor teaches!
- d. Drama

3. I WILL MAKE FRIENDS AT CAMP BY:

- a. Introducing myself to other girls in my classes
- b. Playing Jimball or Tetherball every chance I get
- c. Spending time getting to know girls in my cabin
- d. Jumping into a dance party

4. I CAN'T WAIT FOR THIS EVENING PROGRAM:

- a. Carnival
- b. Group Night
- c. Counselor Talent Show
- d. Banquet

5. MY FRIENDS WOULD DESCRIBE ME AS:

- a. Creative
- b. Easygoing
- c. Loyal
- d. Confident



MOSTLY A'S: THE DIRECTOR

Every Lip Sync needs someone to organize it, and you might be the perfect person! You have a vision and you know how to accomplish it as a team with your cabin. You will shine when you listen to your cabinmates' ideas and look for ways to integrate them all into a fantastic performance!

MOSTLY B'S: THE BACKGROUND SINGER

Where would a Lip Sync be without the dancers who do their part and perform every move with gusto? The more, the merrier! You love to be a part of a group, and you're happy to go with the flow as your cabin gets ready. Prepare for the giggles as you leave the stage - that's the best part!

MOSTLY C'S: THE COUNSELOR'S BIGGEST FAN

Get excited - performing in a Lip Sync with your counselor makes it extra special! You are loyal and love having a built-in big sister and best friend as your counselor. You are going to love hearing her ideas and following along as she shows you her favorite dance moves. She'll make sure your cabin is the best one yet!

MOSTLY D'S: THE STAGE STAR

You love to perform and are always ready to have a good time, so the Lip Sync is your time to shine! Whether you break out your signature move or make your hairbrush into the perfect microphone, you'll love hearing the cheers from the crowd. Lip Syncs give everyone the chance to be the star!

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