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Peace

'freedom from disturbance; tranquility.'

This is a word families would say is *not* part of their lives when they initially reach out to camp. Parents or caregivers long for this “illusive” peace and restoration that can happen when peace exists. But due to early life trauma our campers experience, internal strife from not knowing how to do things right, like relationships, creates tension in the home. This is typically when parents contact Wilderness Way Girls Camp looking for help.

A girl enters a new world as she walks down the well-worn trail for the first time, quickly realizing life here is different. Slipping into her new bed she may wonder how this place compares to other therapies she's previously experienced.

“Good morning ladies, time to rise and shine”, a chief may say to wake the girls for the start of the day. A girl's first several mornings begin with a chief or another camper

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'Peace' continued...

teaching her how to fix her bed the right way, sweep her tent the right way, organize clothes in her footlocker the right way, rake the trails the right way, make kindling the right way, and so on. With the typical camp stay being 18 months, this routine quickly gets etched into her mind. Isaiah 32:16-18 says,

*“The Lord’s justice will dwell in the desert, His righteousness live in the fertile field. **The fruit of that righteousness will be peace**; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.”*



The fruit of righteousness will be peace. Another way to say it would be the “fruit of right-living will be peace”. As the camper completes the same routines over and over, her ability to do simple tasks right grows, benefiting not only her but her entire group. After she learns and experiences what righteous living produces, she now has the vantage point to naturally contrast her life’s experiences, relationships, and actions with her current right-living at camp. Slowly but surely, she grasps how right-living can be applied to her home life, with the hope that peace in the home can exist.

Recently, a camper wrote an article titled ‘Happiness’ which speaks to this thought...

“Have you ever felt happiness in your life? Well, I have at camp. Today I had a problem and my group was able to support me well and was keeping me to a tight line. Then at breakfast, I had asked my group if I could solve up a problem. While I was problem solving, I felt like my group members actually cared about me getting things right which really made me feel great.

'Peace' continued...

And just also being in a good spirit and work in a group with good spirit made all my stress go away. So if you can have a problem and have a whole group support you, then you could grow so much faster. Then you have a problem and have a group that's not rushing you and supporting you so that you could work on your goals and go home to where you actually belong with your family and friends."

- A Camper

Simple evaluations of doing things right and what it produces happens daily at camp. As girls learn how to do relationships right, small streams of peace begin to trickle into family relationships producing hope for their future.

Thank You

...for being the conduit for which peace continues flowing to families. Your partnership is the reason more families will find hope for their daughters.

If you have not donated before, please consider giving the gift of hope today! *God Bless*





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STAFF NEEDS

Chief: Age 21+
Camp Cook: Age 18+

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