



Welcome back to...



THE GROVE @ GREENWOODS CAMP FOR BOYS

It has been a wonderful fall in our winter office! We have been busy hiring incredible staff, organizing exciting programs, and planning tons of fun for next summer. The past two years have certainly taught us more about camp! We learned that it takes A LOT to run safely during a global pandemic. However, we also learned that many of the adaptations we were initially apprehensive to make ended up being "silver linings" that are going to stick - at least for next summer!

For instance, next year we may have campers participate in cabin activities for the first two days. It was a wonderful way for groups to bond and try new things together. After that, campers would enjoy a fully elective schedule and focus on doing what they enjoy the most!

As we plan for summer 2022, we do so with every intention to provide a typical Grove experience - complete with an elective program, trips out of camp, cheering and singing, and gathering together as one camp from the very first day! Let the countdown begin for summer 2022!

Wishing you a fantastic Thanksgiving & holiday season ahead,

 Dana 😊

Fall Updates from Camp

After fourteen years at Lake of the Woods & Greenwood's, **Tom Daniel** is moving on to new opportunities closer to home in Nashville, Tennessee with his family. We are sad to see Tom go, and want to thank him for his years of dedication to our camp and campers. We wish Tom all the best in his future endeavors, and know that he will be forever connected to everyone at camp.



We are excited to welcome our new Assistant Director, **Ben Jerez**, to our year-round team! Ben was born and raised in Perth, Australia, but has spent the last several years living in Philadelphia and working year-round for Camp Akeela, a co-ed overnight camp for campers with autism in Vermont. Camp Akeela was not able to operate in 2020, and we were fortunate to have Ben spend that summer helping us in Decatur. Ben made such a positive impact on our campers, staff, and program that we knew that he would be the best person to become part of our year-round team!

Ben graduated with a degree in education from Curtin University in Western Australia and is in his final year of completing his Master's in Applied Behavioral Analysis from Monash University. Ben grew up playing Australian rules football and surfing. In his free time, he enjoys traveling with his fiancée Nicole. The two of them live together in Winnetka, IL with their golden retriever, Juniper.

Welcome to our newest little camper...

Our Associate Director, **Keely Finnegan**, and her husband Brendan welcomed Josephine Marie Giffel on Friday, October 29th. As a new big sister, Tilly is excited for her little sister to join her at camp next summer.



CAMP CONNECTIONS ACROSS THE MAP!

We are hitting the road and hope to see our camp families both new and old along the way. Coming to a city near you...



Monday, January 17th

Cleveland, Ohio



Tuesday, January 18th

Columbus, Ohio



Monday, January 17th

Manchester, England



Friday, January 21st

London, England



Friday, January 28th

St. Louis, Missouri



Friday, February 18th

San Francisco, California



Saturday, February 19th

Los Angeles, California



Dates Coming Soon

Boca Raton, Florida

Detroit, Michigan

Austin, Texas



More information will be sent out to families in these areas.

If your hometown is not listed but you would like to help us host a camp get-together, please let us know! We love seeing our campers across the map whenever possible.



Important Dates



December 1: Cancellation Deadline

We hope you don't have to cancel, but if you do, unless you are enrolled in CAP (Camper Assurance Program), December 1st is the last day to cancel without losing your deposit. There is a \$200 non-refundable application fee included in the deposit for all programs. This is also the deadline to change from 8 weeks to 4 weeks without financial penalty.

January 15: Second Tuition Installment

An additional payment in the amount of \$1,000 is due on January 15th. You will receive an email in the New Year with instructions on how to make this payment online through CampInTouch.

March 4: Global Camp Apparel Day

Wear any of your Grove or Greenwoods gear and show off your camp pride!

April 30: Camp Forms and Final Tuition Payment Due

All forms, with exception of the Physicians Examination Form, are due no later than April 30th. The final tuition payment is also due.

May 1: Camp Clothing Order

Order all logo'd camp clothing from www.THECAMPSPOT.com. Reminder that we require one official camp t-shirt for trips and picture day.

***June 2: Camp Meds Registration Deadline**

*First session families- You must order ALL medications in pill form, prescription and non-prescription) through CampMeds 30 days before your child's camp arrival date. Please carefully read medication policies in the General Health & Medication Information. Second session families have until July 1.

June 1: Medical Forms Due

Each camper is REQUIRED to have a completed physical examination within 12 months of his 2022 camp arrival date. The form must indicate clearance from a physician/PA/NP needs for Physical Education/sports, and include immunization history.

LOOKING AHEAD & PREPARING FOR SUMMER 2022!

Although the winter season is upon us, below are a few things your family can do NOW to start preparing for camp:

- Review the [Packing List](#) - The holidays are a great time to start your camp shopping!
- Order labels! For [Label Daddy](#), use promo code **Decatur** for a 25% discount!
- Schedule a physical and bring the required [Physician Examination Form](#) for your doctor to sign.
- Talk about his experience at camp last summer. What were some highlights of her experience and on the flip side, what are things that didn't go as he hoped or planned? Yes, we want to create an experience that is as close to perfect as possible, but nothing in life is perfect.
- Contact us if your son is receiving any additional support - whether it is academic, emotional, or social. It is important we partner with you to ensure he is successful at camp.
- Talk to your son about what goals he has for camp! Ask if there are new skills he hopes to learn, or how he hopes to grow next summer.

PARENTING TIPS- It Takes a Village!

We care about our campers and camp families ALL year round. We like to share any great resources about parenting and child development we see with our camp families.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- <https://yourteenmag.com/>
- <https://www.parenteenconnect.org/learn-more/>
- Parenting Blogs & Articles
- ACA Camps Parent Blogs
- Summer 365- Simply Summer

SOME GREAT READS

- *Homesick and Happy* by Michael Thompson
- *How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap* - by Julie Lythott-Haims
- *Raisin' Cain: Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys* - by Michael Thompson
- *Giving the Love That Heals, A Guide for Parents* - by Harville Hendrx
- *Not Much Just Chillin': The Hidden Lives of Middle Schoolers* - by Linda Perlstein
- *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* - by Wendy Mogel
- *Perfect Madness, Motherhood in the Age of Anxiety* - by Judith Warner
- *How Children Succeed* - by Paul Tough
- *Beyond Measure* - by Vicki Abeles
- *The Price of Privilege* - by Madeline Levine