A Small Summer Camp with a Whole Lot to Offer!
Richland Center, Wisconsin
www.campwoodbrooke.org

Parent's Handbook

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.
If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves. If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.
If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence. If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.
If children live with praise, they learn appreciation. If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal. If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.
If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.
If children live with security, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

Dorothy Law Nolte, 1954

WELCOME TO CAMP WOODBROOKE
Camp Woodbrooke is a unique, residential summer camp where up to 34 campers ages 7-12, and ten teen program campers ages 13-15, explore the natural world in a caring, safe community. Camp Woodbrooke is located on 162 acres about 7 miles southwest of Richland Center, WI.

ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION
Camp Woodbrooke has been accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA) since 1981. The ACA sets professional industry standards for safe camp operation. To be accredited a camp invites an outside team of visitors trained by the ACA to verify compliance with the standards in all areas of camp operation including personnel, administration, site and facilities, health and safety, program and activities, and transportation. The accreditation process includes interviews with staff and campers, observations of program activities and facilities, and review of the camp’s written documentation and must be renewed every three years.
SPIRIT OF WOODBROOKE

Camp Woodbrooke is unique in its emphasis on living in community, and its devotion to diversity and fostering the growth of the whole person. Rooted in the Quaker traditions of simplicity, harmony, peace, responsibility, and equality, the campers and staff strive to integrate these values into the various activities that occupy us from the rising bell to the fall of night. Woodbrooke seeks to co-create a nurturing place where children take appropriate risks and gain confidence.

Camp Woodbrooke enriches the lives of children and teens in a summer camp experience. Our core values stem from the Quaker community: a caring, safe place where children develop skills in personal and group responsibility that respects the worth of each individual.

- Campers gain creative exploration of the natural environment.
- Campers understand and value themselves and their own unique worth.
- Campers and staff form a community based on Friends’ principles.
- Campers appreciate the wonders of the natural world.

THE SETTING

Camp Woodbrooke lies in a secluded valley surrounded by a mixture of meadow and forest. A spring-fed pond with a sandy beach offers campers swimming and canoeing opportunities. Amidst the wooded hills you will find a meeting circle, stage, trails, and several cooking circles and outpost camping sites.

FACILITIES

A large barn, originally built in 1886, was renovated to serve as camp’s main building. It includes a kitchen, dining facilities, recreation room, library, nature corner, craft room, office, health center, and apartment. Solar panels heat water for showers and laundry at the shower house, and photovoltaics provide light and other power at the staff retreat cabin. A garage near the garden houses the woodworking shop.

CABINS

Six rustic cabins are nestled in the woods. Cabins are open-faced in design with eight built-in bunks and shelves for personal belongings. Girls live in one of three cabins: Bluebirds, Robins, Orioles. Boys live in one of three cabins: Wrens, Cardinals, and Tanagers. In each cabin, five or six campers live with one or two staff members.

YOUNG CAMPER PROGRAM

Each day your child will choose from six or seven possible activities offered during each of three time slots. Campers have an opportunity to review and select the activities they prefer to do before the Planning Board sessions in the morning and afternoon. During these sessions, the entire group works together to make a fair decision about what activities each person will do. Most activities have two to six campers to ensure personal interaction and safety. The small camper to staff ratio means that occasionally someone must move from their preferred activity. The lessons learned during this process about choice, negotiation, and group decision making are valuable throughout life.

Morning activities include several different hikes, many of which incorporate another activity such as sketching, watching butterflies, or learning to track. These hikes, in addition to providing exercise, help to instill an awareness and appreciation of our natural surroundings. As an alternative to hikes, we offer work projects like cutting wood, placing erosion bars, and baking snacks. These provide a contribution to camp and develop a sense of responsibility and pride.

Afternoons at Woodbrooke are full of more “typical” camp activities. Campers develop skills like archery and soccer, or make crafts like bracelets or something the camper designed in woodworking. These activities help to develop a sense of accomplishment and self-esteem. The activities are varied enough that every camper can find a place to shine. Staff are encouraged to share their unique skills and listen to suggestions from campers.

Late in the afternoon campers have the opportunity to swim or play in the pond. Some campers opt to sit under an old apple tree overlooking the pond reading, visiting, or singing. Campers wishing to swim outside of the shallow section must pass a test swimming two widths of the pond without stopping.

Crews are also a part of our daily program. Each camper is on a crew three or four days before switching to a new one. By helping to take responsibility for table setting,
cleaning camp facilities, and caring for the garden, chickens and goats, campers develop an appreciation for the contributions each individual makes to our community.

At least once a week, campers learn outdoor cooking skills by cooking a meal over a fire with their cabin group. Campers staying for two weeks will go on overnight campouts with their cabin mates and counselors. They hike to a campsite on the Camp Woodbrooke property, carrying their gear, and spend the night out under the stars or in a tent they pitch. Campers enjoy a supper and campfire before bed, and breakfast before hiking back to main camp the next day.

**FOOD**

A variety of balanced meals are served, some of which are international. Fresh produce from our garden is regular fare; soft drinks and junk food are not. Everybody serves themselves at least a little of each dish then we all eat in a social, family atmosphere. At the end of each session recipe copying is a popular activity, and campers tell of trying them at home.

We do our best to accommodate special dietary needs, but advance notice is needed. Please let the director know if your camper is vegetarian, vegan, lactose-intolerant, or has particular allergies or conditions requiring modified diets.

**A TYPICAL DAY AT WOODBROOKE**

**Young Campers**

Ages 7-12

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<td>8:00</td>
<td>Breakfast Planning Board</td>
<td>The entire camp group makes the final decision for the morning program.</td>
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<td>Crews</td>
<td>It is important to be fair to everyone.</td>
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<td>Morning Meeting</td>
<td>The whole camp gathers to sing songs, to think about an idea or issue and to meditate.</td>
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<td>Lunch Planning Board</td>
<td>A chance for the cabin group to have a project or enjoy playing together.</td>
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<td>Cabin Time</td>
<td>Each person is on his/her own bunk - to read, write letters or a journal, draw, sleep or daydream.</td>
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<td>First Activity</td>
<td>The whole camp can visit and catch up on the news as well as enjoy the snack that two campers helped prepare that morning. Nature News is a time for anyone to share special things they have seen around camp.</td>
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<td>Snack/Nature News</td>
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<td>A choice - enjoy playing in the pond and sand, hang out with games, visiting, or reading at the Apple Tree.</td>
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<td>Free Swim/Apple Tree</td>
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TEEN PROGRAM
Ages 13-15

The teen program offers teens a sense of community, friendships, adventure, camp craft, opportunities for service learning and the development of leadership skills in a Quaker camp environment. Teens gain independence by living at a campsite apart from the main camp, developing their primitive camping skills, and experiencing adventures together on trips outside of camp.

Throughout the teen program, campers will experience important elements of the Camp Woodbrooke program, modified to address the needs and developmental levels of the teen campers. For example, the teen program will implement crews, allowing teens to take responsibility for cooking, cleaning, and trip preparation and implementation tasks. Campers will reflect on their experiences during daily morning meetings. Also, campers will have the opportunity to facilitate their own planning board to help design and implement some of their activities. Occasionally, teens will have opportunities to demonstrate their leadership skills by planning special activities for members of the younger camp program.

Teen campers begin their session by establishing their campsite and learning eco-friendly and sustainable outdoor living practices. They will also be instructed in some outdoor cooking and campcraft skills, and safety/emergency preparedness. During the session the teens will have ample opportunities to participate in team and trust building activities. A service project is also included, as well as the group planning and presenting at least one activity for the younger campers.

Teen outings include multi-day trips. Each year we offer some combination of biking, hiking, or canoeing. Biking is on Wisconsin’s off-road rail trails. The rail-trails have very gentle grades and a smooth riding surface of crushed limestone. For hiking Wisconsin has several state parks and natural areas with established trails and campsites. There are excellent canoeing opportunities in Wisconsin, as well. Trips are carefully planned and at least two qualified counselors will be with the teen campers at all times. All outings are subject to being shortened or canceled by severe weather. Your camper’s safety is our first priority.

Between the out-of-camp trips there will be some time back at camp to unwind, clean up, do laundry and repack. The last day of the session will be spent in camp with a chance to enjoy some last activities, silk-screen a t-shirt and prepare for the closing program.

TEEN-TRIP PREPARATIONS

Activities in the teen program involve sustained physical activity and your camper will experience more success and enjoyment if he/she comes prepared for this. Participants may be exposed to sun, heat, and varying weather conditions. Wearing and reapplying sunblock and drinking water regularly is required. Campers are expected to eat well and get adequate rest.

It should also be noted that since the program includes physically challenging activities, camping and living for an extend period in rustic environments, and interacting in a group setting for two weeks, teen campers should come prepared to experience emotional challenges as well. There will be support structures in place to help campers successfully encounter these challenges. If your child becomes sick and spends time in our infirmary, we will contact you within 24 hours to inform you of the situation.

We expect teen campers to be comfortable in and around water. All teens will complete a short swimming skill test before any canoeing outing. If for any reason camp staff feel a camper is unable to safely participate in any of the trip activities or continue with the program, the director will contact the parents/guardians.

TEEN FOOD

Teen program campers cook most of their meals over a fire or camp stove at the teen campsite or at public campsites when they are on trips. When in camp approximately one meal per day is eaten with the rest of the camp in the Barn’s dining room. Whether at a campsite or eating with the rest of the camp, there is a variety of balanced meals, some of which are international. Fresh produce from our garden is regular fare; soft drinks and junk food are not. We do our best to accommodate special dietary needs, but advance notice is needed. Please let the director know if your camper is vegetarian, vegan, lactose-intolerant, or has particular allergies or conditions requiring modified diets.
TEEN-TRIP SAFETY

Hiking, biking, and canoeing have inherent risks such as falling, drowning, and bad weather. Your camper’s safety is our first priority. Staff receive extensive training in emergency procedures for weather, fire, health, and other emergencies, for both in and out of camp situations. Trip leaders are certified in first aid and CPR, are at least one leader is 21 years old and at least one is a certified lifeguard. While on trips, staff members carry a well-stocked first aid kit, campers’ health records, and insurance forms. The group’s specific trip plan and contact information is on file at camp. Leaders carry a cell phone in case of emergencies. In some cases, access to emergency services on a trip may be more than twenty minutes away. Campers are transported to and from off-site locations in vans driven by adult staff or volunteer drivers.

TEEN CAMPSITE

Teen campers are based in an outpost campsite on the Woodbrooke property. Their homes are tents for 2-4 campers that the teens pitch. Boys are on one side of the campsite; girls have their tent(s) in a different area and the counselors sleep in their own tents. While in camp the teen campers cook most of their meals on a camp stove or over a fire, dig and use a latrine, and port water and other supplies to their campsite. Showers will be taken in the camp shower house. While on trips campers use public campsites and prepare all of their meals.

THE PEOPLE AT WOODBROOKE

Campers

Our campers come from places near and far (sometimes even from around the world) and represent many different socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. Although our camp’s philosophy is founded on Quaker values, we cherish and respect our many non-Quaker campers and are not evangelical in our approach. Camp Woodbrooke campers make new friends, learn new skills, and explore nature. Campers make cooperative decisions about activities, participate in daily work crews and learn life skills such as independence, accountability, negotiation, and decision making. As campers get to know each other, the contributions of each community member are recognized. Campers learn to appreciate the diverse backgrounds and abilities of our members. This helps campers develop a greater sense of self-confidence and responsibility.

 Helpers

Each session, up to six teenage volunteers, ranging in age from 15-17, assist counselors, help in the kitchen, and contribute their skills to the camp community. This is a great opportunity for helpers to develop their leadership skills, work more effectively with children, and gain skills living in community. It also gives campers the opportunity to become acquainted with a caring teenager. Usually these helpers are former campers, and many go on to become counselors.

Staff

The staff at Woodbrooke is carefully chosen. They are a mature, enthusiastic, and playful group. They are warm and caring, share a commitment to children and community, and have experience working in small groups. Many have previous Woodbrooke experience as campers, helpers and/or counselors. We strive for diversity to keep our community strong. Different children respond best to different styles, and exposure to a wide range of people will help your child to appreciate the strengths of others. Staff leading specialized program activities like swimming and archery have certifications in their specializations. All staff complete extensive applications, submit three references, participate in thorough interviews with the Director, and undergo background checks.

Counselors

In an effort to ensure maturity, we seek counselors who are at least 18 years old and have also completed a minimum of one year of college or have experience that demonstrates their ability to successfully handle the demands of working with children in the outdoors for the duration of the summer. All counselors attend a week of intensive training before camp. They learn about child development, group process and how to help develop community, how to interact with children who are missing home, risk management, emergency procedures, and first aid. In addition, staff learns the specifics of their program and crew responsibilities.

Kitchen Coordinator

The Kitchen Coordinator coordinates planning, preparation and cooking of wholesome, nutritious meals for the camp community. The Kitchen Coordinator supports counselor and camper assistants who help with meal preparations and cleanup and maintains appropriately clean and orderly kitchen facilities. The kitchen coordinator participates fully in the life of the camp and joins in other camp activities as time and energy allow.
Teen-Trip Leaders

Teen trip counselors lead campers in our teen programs on camping, hiking, biking, and canoeing trips inside and outside of camp, while helping them explore the natural world, complete a service project, and develop their own talents and skills. Teen trip counselors have knowledge of and experience with camping, outdoor cooking, hiking, biking, and canoeing, previous work experience with teenagers, and enthusiasm for nurturing young teens to assume increasing levels of responsibility. One or more trip counselors is 21 years old, and all have appropriate First Aid, CPR, and water safety certifications.

Camp Director

Camp Director since 2010, Jill Tikkun and her husband Sean have an abundant love of the outdoors and enthusiasm for living in a way that respects others and our environment. They have led wilderness outings for Rite of Passages Journeys, an organization based near Seattle, Washington, and other wilderness outings in several states. Building community with the counselors and campers is especially important to Jill. She encourages everyone to listen to each other, to play games with enthusiasm without being overly competitive, and to learn about the beautiful property of the camp by hiking, going on overnight campouts, and caring for the garden, goats, and chickens. Jill graduated from Earlham College (Quaker), has a Master of Education degree from Northern Illinois University, and is currently teaching at North Carolina Central University (a Historically Black College and University in Durham). Out of camp season the Tikkun family lives here where Sean is a professor in the education department at NCCU. His specialty is training teachers to work with visually impaired students. They home-school their young children, Zoë and George, who will join them at Camp Woodbrooke for the summer, along with family pets that include a dog, rabbits, and iguana. Sean spends as much of the summer at camp as his work allows. Their adult daughter, Mercedes, lives on her own in Seattle, WA.

VISITING CAMPERS

Parents are encouraged to visit their campers by corresponding via U.S. mail. Campers love to receive frequent short letters (but please remember not to send food or gum). Actual visits and phone calls while camp is in our short sessions are not welcome as they upset the routine and other campers. Instead, please have your child show you around camp when you come to pick him/her up. This is a wonderful time for show and tell. You may call the Director at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Please use the following address for mail to your camper:

(Child’s Name)
Camp Woodbrooke
30002 Shedivy Lane
Richland Center, WI
53581

CAMPER ABILITIES

If you feel your camper can handle the daily activities as described on our website, they should have an enjoyable and beneficial camp experience; however, if you have questions on how to help our child have a better experience, please contact us.

MISSING HOME

Occasionally a first-time camper and sometimes a returning camper will greatly miss home. This is a normal, healthy reaction to leaving home. It is often confused with the down cycle of the ups and downs of normal life and is most common when the child is tired. The camper is encouraged to talk about and understand these feelings, and to become involved with activities or to relate to a special friend, camper, or counselor.

Campers are not permitted to call home; in most cases this only makes homesickness worse. Soon they are likely to be busy, having fun, and feeling secure with the staff, new friends and Woodbrooke.

Occasionally parents will receive a sad or lonely letter. Usually by the time you receive this the feelings written about are gone but receiving a letter from you about missing things and being missed at home could trigger a relapse. Please write back promptly encouraging your camper to tell you about the activities being enjoyed at camp. If you continue to receive such letters or if there are unfortunate events that occur at home during your camper’s absence, please contact the Director. We are concerned about the happiness of each child.
IN-CAMP SAFETY

Camp Woodbrooke emphasizes safety for both children and staff. Many hours of our staff training are devoted to creating a safe camp, both emotionally and physically. Woodbrooke promotes caring friendships which give children the security they need to reach out to new experiences.

Staff receive extensive training in emergency procedures for weather, fire, health, and other emergencies. Most or all staff are trained in first aid and CPR.

Woodbrooke’s secluded location makes access to camp by unwanted visitors unlikely, and staff are trained how to keep campers safe if unidentified individuals enter camp property. Only visitors authorized by the Camp director are allowed on camp property. If there are any restrictions or custodial issues regarding who may come into contact with and/or pick-up your child, please advise the camp of these situations in writing.

HEALTH

Health Forms

The ACA requires that a Camper Health History Form 1 be completed for each camper within the 6 months prior to his/her camp attendance. This form includes an immunization record which must indicate that the camper has an up-to-date tetanus shot (administered within the last ten years). In addition, a Camper Health-Care Recommendations Form 2 must be completed by a physician. Your camper(s) must have had a physical exam within 12 months of their session’s ending date. By providing complete and accurate health history and medical documentation forms, you help camp staff provide adequate prevention and care for your camper while he/she is at camp.

Your camper cannot be admitted to camp unless up-to-date forms are on file, your child has had a physical exam within the last 18 months, and has an up-to-date tetanus shot (within the last ten years).

Permissions Form

Please complete the Camp Woodbrooke Permissions form. It includes photo-use authorization, permethrin permission, camper pick-up permission, transportation authorization, and custodial issue awareness. Please mail this form, along with your camper’s health forms, no later than two weeks before the start date of your camper’s session to the address on the form. Teen-Trip permission forms must be customized to include all planned activities, which vary from year to year. They will be sent to you along with an itinerary at least one month before the start of your teen’s session.

Insurance

Campers need to provide proof of insurance. Families shall provide their own health insurance coverage and/or are responsible for any costs of any health treatment outside of camp. Many insurance companies offer temporary health insurance plans that could be used during your child’s camp stay.

Medications

All medications, including any over-the-counter medications like vitamins, herbal supplements, etc. are collected at check-in, locked in the camp’s health center, and administered to campers at the appropriate time. The camp health center is stocked with common over-the-counter medications (e.g. antibiotic ointment, headache, cold/cough medication, etc.), so there is no need to provide these items for your camper. All prescription medications must be in their original containers with administration directions. Please note that due to state and ACA health and safety standards, the camp must administer medications according to the administration directions printed on the labels.

Health Check during Camp Arrival

After your camper arrives at camp, you and your camper will visit a health station. At this station camp personnel will review your camper’s medical forms with you. During this review we check to see that campers’ immunizations are up to date and that we have an emergency contact person and permission to treat the camper. We also take medications and review administration instructions. Finally, each camper will have her/his head checked for lice and nits.

Lice

Because campers live in such close quarters, it is necessary to take steps to ensure everyone’s health and safety. Because we want to prevent outbreaks of lice in camp, please note that if lice and/or nits are found, the camper cannot be admitted to camp until the camper’s head has been treated, belongings washed, and no evidence of lice or nits are found on the camper. Lice can be a common occurrence for school-age children and has no socio-economic boundaries. The presence of lice is NOT an indicator of the cleanliness of one’s person or home.
**Ticks and Mosquitoes**

Camp Woodbrooke is located in a wooded outdoor setting. Ticks and mosquitoes are common. Sometimes, deer ticks can transmit Lyme disease and mosquitoes can transmit West Nile and La Crosse viruses. Camp Woodbrooke takes several precautions to decrease the probability of disease transmission. Campers are expected to wear hats, long pants, long sleeves, shoes/boots and socks on hikes and explorations into the woods. With your permission, clothing may be treated with permethrin, which is proven to be effective against ticks. Campers do daily “tick checks” on their bodies and if found, ticks are removed promptly, and bites cleaned appropriately. Campers are expected to wear mosquito repellent. More information about Lyme Disease and Nile and La Crosse viruses will be available to you at camp.

**Heat and Sun**

The weather at Camp Woodbrooke can be hot and humid. Days are often sunny. Campers are encouraged to wear protective clothing and expected to wear sunblock when participating in activities in the sun. Combined with sun, heat, and humidity, campers’ high activity levels make individuals susceptible to dehydration. Campers are expected to drink water regularly throughout the day.

**Emergencies**

Camp staff are prepared to handle routine first aid and health issues and will consult a camper’s health forms and permission-to-treat information prior to treatment in these cases. If there are any questions or concerns upon review of the forms, reasonable effort to contact the parents/guardians will be made. Occasionally campers become sick at camp. Sometimes a camper just wants some time to be introverted, says they are sick and after reading for an hour is all “better”. However, if the camper experiences extreme homesickness lasting more than a day, the parents/guardians will be contacted. If the camper is ill or has an injury that results in a 911 call or requires care or consultation outside of camp, or has an illness lasting more than a day or accompanied by high fever, the camp director will make a call to the parents/guardians or assign a staff member or volunteer to contact them. Sometimes emergency situations require care to be given or action to be taken before contact can be made.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

Parents are to arrange transportation for their children to and from camp. We can give information about campers in your area so ride sharing can be worked out. For campers flying from a distance, we can arrange to meet planes at the Madison Airport. Arrivals or departures outside the designated times put an extra strain on staff members and impact your camper's total experience. In the event of any absentee campers on arrival day, the Camp Director, Administrative Director, or a camp volunteer will call to verify their status. We ask for your cooperation. If a last-minute problem arises, please contact the Director.

Woodbrooke has goats, chickens, and numerous wild animals. If you travel with a pet, please keep it in your car or on a leash near the car.

Camp Woodbrooke is located in a deep valley which means cell phone reception is unavailable for most cell phone companies. Please take care of any calls prior to your arrival.

**CHECK-IN INFO**

Due to COVID precautions, we will assign each camper an arrival time. Please adhere to this pre-arranged time to the very best of your ability. Please do not arrive earlier as there are only 24 hours between sessions, and we will be busy preparing for your camper. Please be prepared for the following upon arrival:

1. Welcome to Camp Woodbrooke. Pull up to the fence and unload luggage.
2. Park in designated location.
3. Meet the Director. Check that the camp has all necessary forms and payments. If your camper has a pocketknife, it will be collected for supervised use.
4. Turn in camper medications.
5. Meet your counselor(s), and other cabin mates.
6. Staff and volunteers will help move your camper into the cabin.
7. Due to COVID precautions, touring the grounds will not be allowed at this time.
8. Say Good-bye and leave. Your camper will already be playing games with others.

The first day is carefully planned so that campers are actively involved with new friends and fun activities. At 5 pm, the cabin groups will gather, talk about cabin expectations, and make sure that each person is welcomed and introduced. Supper will be served at 6 pm. Crews, evening games, singing and bedtime conclude the day.
CHECK-OUT INFO

Please arrive for check-out at your pre-determined check out/pick-up time. Please do not arrive earlier as campers are busy finishing up activities. For check-out please be prepared for the following:

1. Park in designated location.
2. Welcome! Reunite with your camper.
3. Visit the Check-out Station — Learn more about your camper’s experience at camp, get a health update, and collect medications. For safety reasons, if someone other than a parent or guardian is picking up a child please let us know in writing. If a last-minute pick-up change occurs, you must call the Director.
4. Check the Lost and Found for belongings your camper may have missed.
5. Load luggage and say goodbyes to new friends!
6. Sadly, due to COVID precautions, we will not host a potluck nor a visiting/sharing session. Please follow our Facebook page, or ask to be part of our private Facebook group, where you can share and see shared camp pictures.

How to Get to Camp Woodbrooke

Richland Center is halfway between La Crosse and Madison, Wisconsin Physical Camp address:
30002 Shedivy Lane, Richland Center, WI 53581-6417

Be aware that GPS does not always work in these rolling hills, and a Google search will likely take you to the WRONG address. It is recommended that you download or print detailed directions or map

**From Madison:** Take US-14 W from Madison toward Richland Center. Before you get to town, turn left at Vetesnik Power Sports onto Sawmill Rd/Cty Hwy Tb. At the first stop sign turn right. At the second stop sign turn left onto Co Hwy O/Co Hwy OO, then at the next stop sign turn right onto Co Hwy O.

Continue right at the fork onto Whippoorwill Ln.
Take the first possible LEFT onto Shedivy Ln.

**From northwest:** From Interstate 90/94, take WI-80 Trunk S/State Rd 80S to Richland Center.

Turn left onto Crestview Drive - Continue south about 5 miles then, downhill just before bridge, turn left onto Ash Creek Road (if you cross over creek, you've gone too far)

Turn right to continue on Ash Creek Road.

Turn right onto County Road O. Stay straight to continue on Whippoorwill Road;
Take the first possible left onto Shedivy Ln.

**From southwest:** From WI-60 east go to WI-80.

Turn south-east on Oakridge Dr. in Orion.

Turn north-east on Whippoorwill Ln. – go 2.7 miles

Turn RIGHT on Shedivy Ln.

Camp Woodbrooke is at the end of the 2-mile long dirt road. Please note that Shedivy Lane is a very narrow winding road with blind corners, and serves several other homes as well as camp. Please be aware that you may encounter other vehicles, so drive slowly.
PERSONAL PROPERTY POLICIES

- Campers, parents, staff, and guests are not allowed to use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco on the camp property or in camp vehicles. The Summer Camp Director reserves the right to search staff or camper personal property when warranted to look for any suspected drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. All searches will involve at least two administrative staff or board members.

- Campers, parents, staff, and guests are asked to park vehicles in designated areas and to obey camp speed limits.

- Campers, parents, staff, and guests are forbidden to have a weapon at Camp Woodbrooke.

- Cellular service at camp is limited at best, but we have a camp landline if you need to use that while visiting.

CONTACTING CAMP

Winter Address:
1704 Roberts Ct.
Madison, WI 53711-2029
Email: office@campwoodbrooke.org

Summer Address:
One week BEFORE first day of camp through the Wednesday following last day of camp (please see our website for exact dates:
30002 Shedivy Lane
Richland Center, WI 53581-6417
Email: director@campwoodbrooke.org

If the Director is not available, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Please note that there is only one phone line for all of camp’s communication needs (phone and fax). We do our best to keep this line open.

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