



Summer camp is a place to experience the love of God in a transformational way. Campers begin their mornings in voices of praise and end each fun packed day in quiet devotional conversations in their cabins. Camp is a place where kids grow at every level; some will grow emotionally as they navigate the new friendships at camp while others will grow physically as they conquer the climbing wall for the first time. There are new skills that are developed all in God's natural creation.

We all have a part in this ministry. Parents, staff volunteers, and even congregations help in the process of allowing our children to experience God in a genuine way while building lasting friendships. Camp is a key factor in the spiritual growth of the future leaders of our congregations and communities.

The time spent in the outdoors is the cornerstone of the camp experience. Our children unfortunately spent more time in front of a screen than they do outdoors, and this year of pandemic has forced more time in front of digital screens. Children need to cultivate a sense of wonder by spending time in God's majestic creation, climbing a hill, swimming in a lake, learning about trees and animals; realizing the awesomeness of this place we call home.

While at camp, campers are encouraged, they are reminded how they are the beloved of God and have value. They have the freedom to develop new friendships in a climate where there is no judgement of peer pressure. Camp is a place where the Christian story is lived out in the daily experience of acceptance. A joy of the camping experience at Warwick is our campfires, where we sing, tell stories, and everyone has a chance to participate and where everyone is honored for their contribution.

Our hope is that every camper has the opportunity to deepen the relationship with God that has been fostered by you, their faith communities, or that they will experience for the first time a loving God that cares for them, through time in creation, time in worship, or just a quiet conversation with a new friend.

Camp Warwick and Camp Sunrise is deeply moved by the generosity of our friends and churches who have sustained us through this pandemic year. As we reopen our facilities to welcome campers once again, please consider a donation to our camping ministry on June 6<sup>th</sup> for Warwick Sunday. You can donate online at [www.campwarwick.org/giving](http://www.campwarwick.org/giving) or mail your check to: PO Box 349, Warwick, NY 10990.

THANK YOU for helping make a camper's summer memorable!



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