

SPRING 2025

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NEWSLETTER

PLANNING  
FOR A GREAT  
**2025**  
**SUMMER**  
(and Spring)!



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## Couples' Conference

*A Short, Sweet Destination!*

This weekend retreat is a complete mini-vacation for just the two of you. Or why not invite familiar friends to join you in an amazing combination of activity, relaxation, and practical-to-life speakers? This will be among the best and most reasonable memory-makers of the year!

### UPCOMING SPRING CAMPS

College & Career Retreat / March 21-23

Senior Class Trips / March 31 - May 16

Hispanic Family Weekend Camp / March 28-30

Senior Adult Conference / April 8-11

Ladies' Retreat / April 4-5 / April 11-12

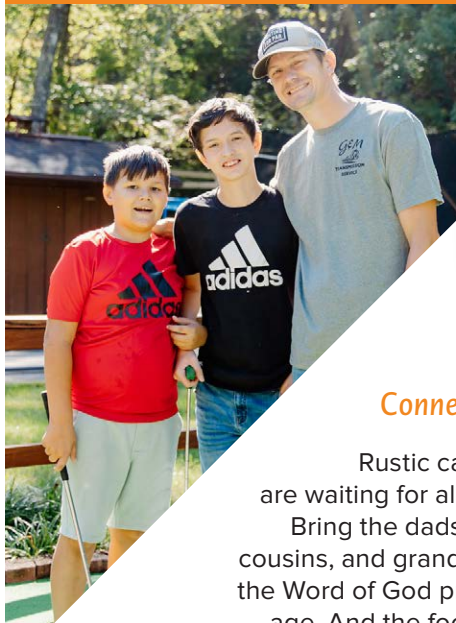
Spring Weekend Family Camp / April 25-27

Couples' Conference / May 2-4

Father/Son Campout / May 2-3

REGISTER TODAY

May 2-3 / Brent Sivnksty



## Father/Son Campout

*Connecting Fathers and Sons!*

Rustic campout accommodations are waiting for all of the men in the family. Bring the dads, sons, uncles, nephews, cousins, and grandfathers! It's great to hear the Word of God practically applied to each age. And the food? It will be prepared by experienced trail hands! Minimum camper age: 6



May 2-4 / Jim & Pat Berg







# WHY JBC?

By Noah Smith  
Junior Boot Camp Program Director

I remember like it was yesterday, packing my duffle bag, going through the checklist with mom one last time, and loading up in the car. I was going to junior camp at The Wilds for the very first time. The combination of excitement and nervousness waged war in my stomach all the way there, or maybe it was just the curvy roads. Questions raced through my mind as I stared out the window looking for The Wilds sign: What will my counselor be like? What team will I be on? Do I want a top bunk or bottom bunk? Will I miss my mom?! Will she miss me?! Ah!

Fast-forward 23 years (yikes), and now I'm the parent. I realize I wasn't the only one asking questions on that drive to camp as a kid. Every parent wants to know that their child will be cared for when they are away from home, and they want to feel confident they've made the right choice. Maybe you're on the fence, trying to decide whether JBC is right for your child. Allow me to help. Why should you send your kids to JBC?

## A Caring and Well-Trained Staff

At JBC, we take great care in selecting and training our counselors. Each staff member is not only screened thoroughly, but also goes through specialized training to equip them for ministry. With a 7-to-1 camper-to-counselor ratio, your child will receive the individual attention they need to be well-guided through a week of camp. Our counselors are passionate about investing in the lives of juniors and eagerly look for opportunities to teach biblical, God-honoring truth. They're here to coach and cheer for your child during games, help them memorize Scripture, and even lend a listening ear when they're feeling homesick.

## Health Service Assistance

We understand how important it is for parents to know their child's health and safety come first. That's why JBC provides health service assistance with registered nurses on-site. Whether it's a scraped knee, a headache, or daily prescribed medicine, our medical staff is ready to help.

## Fun-filled Games and Activities

Junior Boot Camp is packed with activities designed specifically for juniors. From exciting team competitions to creative crafts,



every game and event is tailored to be fun and engaging. Beyond the structured games, there's also plenty of time for campers to build friendships, explore the beauty of God's creation, and simply enjoy being kids. From the Superslide, to our indoor Climbing Wall, there's something for everyone to enjoy. JBC is also filled with good, clean entertainment in our Wednesday night Gameshow. Hilarious skits, crazy songs, and exciting competitions are just a few things you'll see there; and you never know, your camper may be the next contestant...

## Special Emphasis on God's Word

At the heart of JBC is our desire to point children to Christ. Each week, we bring in speakers who are passionate about the Gospel and skilled at communicating biblical truth in ways that resonate with junior-aged campers. Through chapel sessions, cabin devotions, and personal *God & I Time* booklets, campers are encouraged to reflect on Scripture, ask questions, and grow in their relationship with the Lord. We believe that the Word of God has the power to transform lives, and we're committed to making it central in all that we do.

## Stepping out of the Routine

It might seem silly to think that a junior camper needs time away from the routine, but it's true for everyone. Stepping out of our normal routine can make a huge impact in our lives. For many junior-aged kids, camp is an opportunity to quiet the noise of electronics, social media, and various entertainment that often captivates their attention. JBC provides an environment that encourages campers to interact with others and focus in on the messages from our speakers.

The Wilds has been serving campers and churches for over 50 years by the grace of God, and it is by His grace that we strive to care for every camper that comes our way. We would love to have the opportunity to serve your junior camper and to give them an unforgettable week of camp. So pack those duffle bags, double-check that checklist, and get ready for an incredible week at The Wilds Junior Boot Camp!





# A BELT MADE OF WATCHES? THAT'S SIMPLY A "WAIST" OF TIME.

Registering for a fun, action-packed, Scripture-filled week of summer camp? Worth every second. There's still time to register for summer camp at North Carolina or New England and you won't want to miss it! **Be sure to register by April 4th for The Wilds of New England Summer Camp** in order to receive a discount for an incredible week of camp! Seriously, you won't be sad that you spent the time registering now!

**Speaking of spending—have you heard of WildsPay?** With WildsPay, you can leave your cold, hard cash in the freezer at home—no reason for it to heat up and burn a hole in your pocket. At summer camp, you'll receive a waterproof wristband that you'll be able to use to make purchases with money that has been pre-loaded onto your account. Your spending money is always with you without having to fear losing your cash. Catching a ride on the Zipline and then heading for ice cream? Or enjoying a swim with some friends and then grabbing coffee? Your WildsPay wristband can withstand it all. Still have questions? Come see how WildsPay works in [this video](#). We are eagerly preparing for a summer full of fun and we can't wait to spend a week with you! So, what are you waiting for? Get registered, pack your bags, set up your WildsPay account, and come have a blast with us this summer.

**We look forward to seeing you soon!**

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THE WILDS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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**TEEN AND JUNIOR CAMPS**  
THE WILDS OF NEW ENGLAND

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## LIFELINE MINI-BOOKS

The issues teens face in today's world can be troubling. The Wilds has teamed with Shepherd Press to create mini-books written with those issues in mind and intended to provide biblical counsel that connects directly with a teen's heart.



VISIT SITE



## DO YOU HAVE A LICENSED SKILL?

If you're a licensed electrician, contractor, or have a degree in accounting and think you'd be a good fit to serve alongside our team at the North Carolina campsite, we'd love to hear from you!

Apply at [wilds.org/staff/opportunities](https://wilds.org/staff/opportunities)





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**2025**  
The Wilds of New England  
**Monday, September 15**

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# HURRICANE UPDATE

In the months following the hurricane, the North Carolina campsite has experienced incredible support as many have generously donated financially, as well as offered their time and resources. This outpouring has allowed us to make significant progress in restoring and rebuilding. Although there is still much to be done, we trust in the Lord's faithful provision as we continue to move forward.



## JUST A FEW BEFORE

(pictures taken after Hurricane Helene hit in September 2024)

## & AFTERS

(pictures taken end of January 2025—more updates to come)







## ACTIVE & UPCOMING PROJECTS

- ☐ Cabin Project
- ☐ New Bathhouse for Teen Guys
- ☐ Dining Hall Renovation
- ☐ Hurricane Repairs: Buildings, Bridges, Roofs, Cabins, Land Trolley, and more



## ACTIVE & UPCOMING PROJECTS

- ☐ New GIANT Bigball 9 Square
- ☐ Staff Home Renovation
- ☐ Funtime Stage Construction
- ☐ Barn Painting Projects
- ☐ Site Prep for Girls and Staff Duplexes
- ☐ Lasertag
- ☐ BB Gun Range
- ☐ Archery
- ☐ Wrist Rockets

