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The Vineyard Camp



...because childhood happens only once.



Uncontrollable laughter echoes across the lake.

*Your friends wave as they ski past you behind The Vineyard speedboat.
'Gloob' jumpers catapult one another into blue water.*

Stand up paddle surfers mingle with kayakers, canoes, and inner tubes as they drift down a lazy river.

Over the hill, horseback riders trot along tree-covered trails, and mountain bikers negotiate forested terrain.

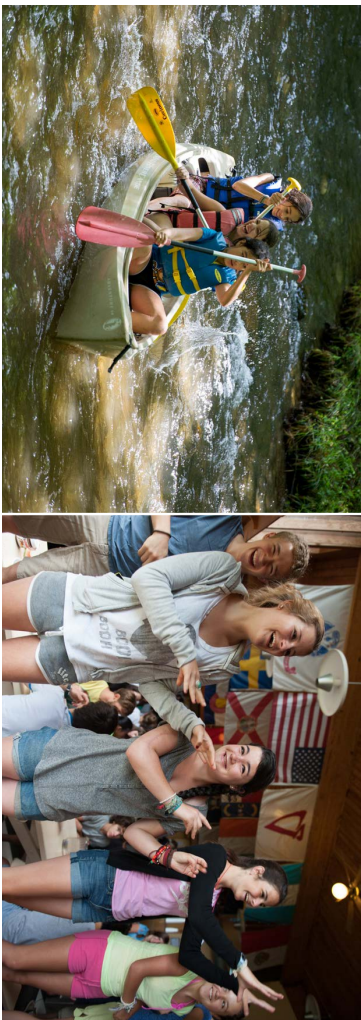
Around the corner is skeet shooting... an archery range... an adventure tower with obstacles and climbing wall... a batting cage... a soccer field... tennis courts... a driving range...

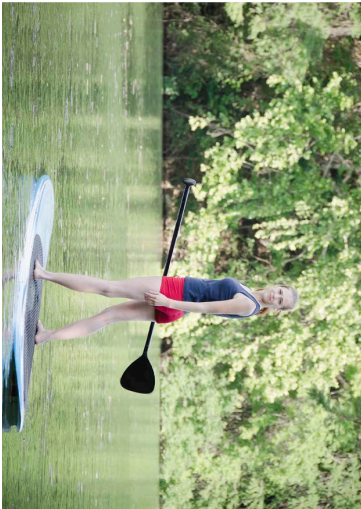
You're in the middle of an outrageously fun summer camp, discovering new skills, and making friends with campers from all over the world.

Surrounded by breathtaking beauty, you flourish and grow in this magical place.

The love and presence of God is felt everywhere.

Welcome to The Vineyard.





AN EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

The Vineyard Camp is much more than a place to get away for the summer, to meet new friends and gain a competitive edge.

Here young people 6-18 years old are called to reach for new personal heights, explore independence, and find unity with peers from around the globe.

Children and youth learn to play and thrive in a richly diverse camp that mirrors the world in which they will eventually work. Campers are exposed to new cultures and languages while developing leadership skills and a network of global friendships that last a lifetime.

Beyond being an internationally acclaimed summer sports camp, The Vineyard is a ministry dedicated to relationships and discipleship. Our goal is to share God's love and demonstrate holy living through the lives of our staff.

Most of our campers come from Catholic or Protestant backgrounds, but children of any spiritual conviction—or none at all—are welcomed, loved and have the time of their life!

Nestled in the picturesque countryside on Brown Mountain, North Carolina, The Vineyard Camp sits amidst 300 forested acres. Grapes vines cradle the entrance to the camp and inside our gates is nature's finest playground. Campers have access to a storybook lake, rivers, streams, a 40-foot waterfall and unrivaled scenery.



SETTING THE STAGE

When The Vineyard was created in 1983, our goal was two-fold.

First, we wanted to assemble all the components we believed would make the camp experience enriching, fun, and unforgettable for all our young guests.

Secondly, we wanted to address the normal hopes and concerns parents might have about anything from safety issues to food choices when sending their children off to camp, sometimes halfway around the world. To date, over 20,000 children and families have experienced the Vineyard. We not only met their needs, we far exceeded their expectations. More than 80% of our campers and staff return each year.

The Vineyard is a culmination of years of dreaming, planning and praying. We have brought into one special place all that is wholesome and praiseworthy. Every aspect of The Vineyard is dedicated to that dream: incomparable quality and excellence in all regards. Our staff collaborates each year to make sure everything at the camp—from the skilled instruction and facilities, to the food service and grounds—is outstanding.

Come see why thousands of children, youth and adults call The Vineyard their “favorite place on earth”... because childhood happens only once.

Warmly,

Dean Barley
Founder/President



COMMITTED TO SERVING FAMILIES

The Vineyard Camp and Conference Center is an interdenominational summer camp and conference center committed to serving Catholic and Protestant families from around the world.

Founded by Dean Barley, the camp is led by an advisory board of directors and trustees to advance the organization's vision and ministry.

We are a non-profit (501(c) 3) corporation not affiliated with any other organization, including those bearing the name “Vineyard Churches,” “Vineyard Music,” and “Vineyard Ministries.”



JOIN OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

One of the hallmarks of The Vineyard Camp is the diversity and number of states and nations represented. Campers and staff from virtually every state and territory in America have attended our camp as well as international guests from:

Argentina	Finland	Mexico
Austria	France	Paraguay
Australia	Germany	Peru
Belarus	China	Romania
Belgium	Guatemala	South Africa
Bolivia	Honduras	South Korea
Bulgaria	Holland	Spain
Brazil	Hungary	Switzerland
Canada	Ireland	Tahiti
China	Italy	Uganda
Colombia	Kazakhstan	Ukraine
Dominican Republic	Kenya	Venezuela
Ecuador	Monaco	West Indies
England	Morocco	





CALLING ALL CAMPERS

The Vineyard is coed—50% girls and 50% boys from 6-18 years old. Most campers sign up for 3-4 week stays, but others attend for any number of 1-week sessions. We accept any well-behaved girl or boy, 6-18 years old, from any nation, regardless of race, gender, national origin or religion. We share our Christian faith through a balanced schedule of skill instruction, recreation, and brief devotions.

To insure maximum fun for all our campers, we maintain a strict zero tolerance for bullying, illegal drugs, sexual harassment or racial discrimination. The camp reserves the right to deny admission to any camper the management determines to be an undesirable companion for other campers.

KUDOS TO COUNSELORS AND CAMP RATINGS

Our counselors are carefully selected for their character, moral values, skill sets, and leadership abilities. They are role models who teach by example and do it with encouragement, laughter, and compassion.

We take great pride in offering the lowest camper to staff ratio (3:2) of any sports camp in the world. Each week, we have 180 campers, and a staff of 120. Nationally certified by two Camping Associations, the Vineyard continues to receive the highest accredited score in the nation.

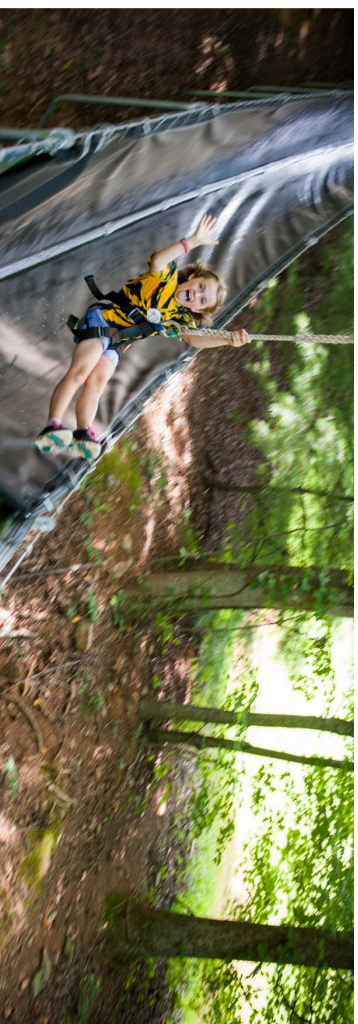
MAJOR FUN IS THE PLAN

Our campers don't have to wait until college to declare a focus of interest. Prior to arriving at camp, each camper chooses a "major." The majors offer in-depth instruction, two hours per day, each week.

In addition, "electives" offer a variety of shorter activities—equally fun but with less intensive participation. Each night, campers select two electives for the following day.

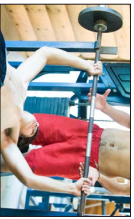
In one week, each child receives 10 hours of instruction in a major, and one hour of instruction in 12 different electives. Think of it as an early liberal arts education in growth and discovery.

Outside of majors and electives, the camp offers daily out-of-camp excursions such as canoeing and inner tubing down the Dan River, backpacking and hiking in nearby state parks, and fishing trips.



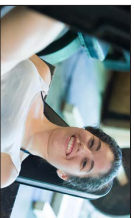
CHOOSE FROM 12 MAJORS

With a dozen majors to choose from, narrowing it down to one can be challenging. We do our best to accommodate every camper's first choice for a major but if a second choice is necessary, the camper will be notified.



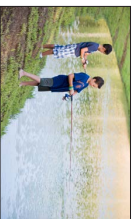
BODY CONDITIONING

BOYS - 16 YEARS AND OLDER
Maximize strength and stamina with free weights, machines, resistance training, abdominal exercises, and nutrition



BODY TONING

GIRLS - ALL AGES
Tone up with basic to advanced instruction including floor gymnastics, tumbling, free weights and resistance training.



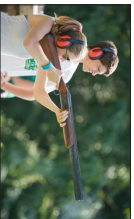
FISHING

BOYS - ALL AGES
Master the art of reeling lures, fly-casting, cleaning and preparing fish. Fishing areas and techniques will change daily. Must first pass basic swim test.



POCKET BILLIARDS

BOYS & GIRLS - ALL AGES
Take your cues from the experts on four regulation tables. Includes conventional games and rules along with technique, trick shots, and videos or pros.



SHOOTING

BOYS & GIRLS - 10 YEARS AND OLDER
Ready, aim, and shoot with a focus on safety, maintenance and marksmanship. Pistols, rifles and shotguns are used for target shooting.



SWIMMING

BOYS & GIRLS - ALL AGES
Dive in and learn the essentials: four basic strokes, starts, flip turns, drills and timed laps. Taught by certified lifeguards and swim instructors.



CRAFTS

BOYS & GIRLS - ALL AGES
Get creative juices flowing with pottery, basketry, woodworking, painting, embroidery, etc. (There is no extra fee for craft supplies.)



EQUINATION

BOYS & GIRLS - ALL AGES
Trot on over to learn basics in Western and/or English riding, grooming, horsemanship, and horse care. (There is no extra fee based on skill level. Long pants, closed shoes and long pants are required.)



TENNIS

BOYS & GIRLS - ALL AGES
Ace basic strokes, grips, rules, tennis etiquette and tournament techniques. College and high school tennis courts based on skill level. All tennis shoes and personal tennis rackets are required.



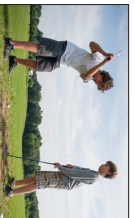
WATER SKIING

BOYS & GIRLS - ALL AGES
Make a splash when you take on slalom, tricks, wake and kneeboards, as well as boat safety. Must be proficient in swimming. (A gas surcharge of \$300/week is required for this major.)



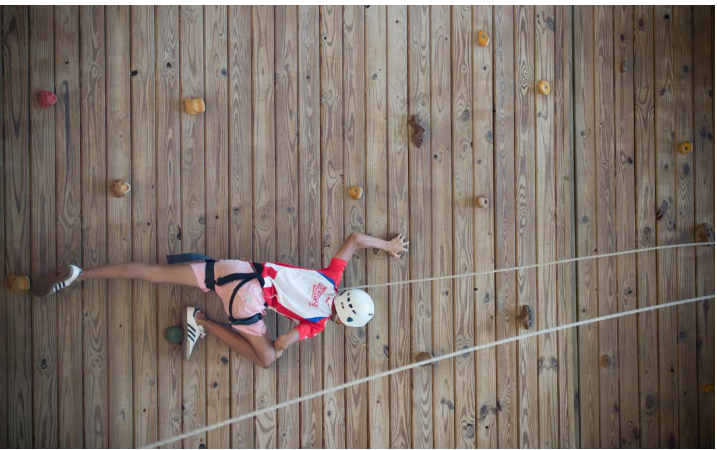
WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

BOYS & GIRLS - ALL AGES
Dial up the adrenaline with our off-camp canoeing, tubing, behind a ski boat, hiking, kayaking, and rappelling at basic swimming skills. (A gas surcharge of \$300/week is required for this major.)



GOLF

BOYS & GIRLS - ALL AGES
Get up to par on your technique as you practice on an 18-hole golf course. This major has limited spaces! (A gas surcharge and green fee of \$50/week is required for this major.)



28 ELECTIVES SPELL VARIETY

To fill out the fun, all campers select two electives each day. The activities are not as in-depth as the majors but provide variety and new experiences. There are no extra fees for any elective shown.

ADVENTURE TOWER

Squash your fear of heights when you conquer a 40-foot tower. Complete with swing, tight wires, and obstacles. A challenge for even the most advanced climbers.

ARCHERY

Move over, Hunter Games. Shoot a target on a 25 and 50-foot range with modern compound and recurve bows.

BASEBALL

Slug away with a "slug" pitching machine and batting cage! Fastballs are pitched up to 110 mph.

BASKETBALL

Take your best shots to new heights. All-weather gym is used for honing basic skills.

BLOB

Jump on one end of this 40-foot long floating tube, and send another camper airborne into the water! Lifejackets required. Camp life guards always present.

CONVERSATIONAL CHINESE (MANDARIN)

Learn basic vocabulary and conversational skills from native Chinese staff.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Improve on basic grammar, syntax, vocabulary and idioms of speech with the help of native English staff. For intentional campers only.

CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH

Learn basic vocabulary and conversational skills with the help of native French staff.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

Learn basic vocabulary and conversational skills with the help of Spanish or Latin American staff.

CRAFTS

Have as much fun as in the crafts majors, just with different projects. (Not open to boys and girls in the craft major.)

FENCING

Sharpen your understanding of basic fencing strategies and use of equipment. Fobs only.

FOOTBALL

Get a grip on key catching and running strategies with some help from a football passing machine.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Saddle up and learn very basic ring and/or trail riding.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Cruise miles of hilly trails on camp property. Proper use of safety equipment and the bike are stressed.

SUP = STAND UP PADDLE SURFING

Keep summer in balance with Stand Up Paddle Surfing (SUP). Taught on our lake at Free Swims.

PAINT BALL

Dodge getting tagged if you can. 10 years and older. Parents must sign waiver.

RAPPELLING/CLIMBING

Descend from new heights on the state-of-the-art 50-foot tower complete with four outside and one inside wall. Auto-belay systems.

RIFLETRY

Master basic marksmanship, safety and proper use of a .22 caliber rifle. Target shooting only.

ROCK CLIMBING

Challenge yourself going up and down! Auto-belay system. Beginner, intermediate and advanced walls.

RUGBY

Tackle the demands of this all-out contact sport as taught by our French staff. Boys only.

SKEET SHOOTING

Test your timing and accuracy with 20-gauge, single shot shotguns. Boys 10 and older.

SOCCER

Get a kick out of learning from the best. Taught by international staff.

SWIMMING

Cool off while polishing basic to advanced swimming, diving and lifeguarding.

TABLE TENNIS

Put a winning spin on how you play. Basic skill instruction taught on two professional tables.

TOEFL

Practice with actual tests for TOEFL. (Test of English as a Foreign Language). It's a standardized test of English language proficiency for non-native English language speakers wishing to enroll in U.S. universities.

VOLLEYBALL

Serve, block, set, spike and dig to your heart's content on two regulation sand courts.

ZIP LINEMATER SLIDE

Zip on over to the 200-foot slide and an 800-foot zip line. Screaming encouraged.

ZOO

Get up close to small mammals you can hold (ferrets, rabbits, hamsters, etc.), plus farm animals (sheep, goat, cows, calves and ducks), reptiles, and exotic animals at The Vineyard Zoo.

DAILY FREE-PERIODS FIT THE MOOD

There are two 1-hour free periods each day. At 1:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. Visit the pool, join in a tournament, send or receive email, attend a clinic, or just hang around the store or recreation area with friends and staff.



THE VINEYARD CAMP: DESIGNED FOR FUN AND FUNCTION

We are committed to providing state-of-the-art facilities supporting sports, recreation, safety and creature comforts for our campers including:

- 25-Meter Pool
- Adventure Tower / High Ropes
- Rifle/Pistol Range
- Soccer/Lacrosse Field
- Amphitheater
- Archery Range
- Basketball Court
- Batting Cage
- Billiard Center
- Cabins for Over 300 People
- Camp Lounge (Wired for Internet)
- Camp Offices
- Craft Pavilion
- Driving Range (Golf)
- Fishing Pond
- Football Field
- Guest Apartments
- Guest Lodge
- LIT and AP Lounge
- The Mill (Gift Shop)
- Lake, docks and aquatic craft
- Queuehouse Gymnasium
- Infirmary
- Paint Ball Course Playground
- Prayer Chapel
- Recreation Center
- Residence for Staff
- Riding Rings and Trails
- Rock Climbing/Rappelling Tower
- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Stables for 30 Horses
- Staff Lounge (Wired for Internet)
- Table Tennis Center
- Tennis Courts (4)
- Tennis Center
- Paint Ball Course Playground
- Prayer Chapel
- Recreation Center
- Residence for Staff
- Riding Rings and Trails
- Rock Climbing/Rappelling Tower
- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Whitefield Lodge (Dining)
- Wine Cellar (Camp Store)
- Zip Line/Water Slide
- Zipling Shooting Range
- Camp Zoo
- Billiard Center

CABINS FOR STAYING COOL AND COMFORTABLE

Most of the camp's cabins are professionally constructed, annually inspected by the Fire Marshall and County Health Inspectors. They comply with the rigorous safety standards of the American Camp Association (ACA) and the National Camp Association (NCA). A typical cabin sleeps five campers and three staff. Most of the cabins are heated and air-conditioned, but some of our European campers prefer cabins that are half-screened for cool ventilation. Campers should bring their own linens, pillows and a light blanket (twin sized), and be prepared for cool evenings.

HEALTHY, DELICIOUS FOOD ENERGIZES THE CAMP

Forget the horror stories you've heard about camp food. Fresh, delicious, healthy meals are our specialty. Our own chefs and cooks staff the kitchen and serve up a variety of tasty and visually appealing cuisine. Some campers tell us their favorite part of camp is the food. Even selective eaters find choices they like.

Three meals are prepared daily at Whitefield Lodge. This large, air-conditioned hall is not your typical "mess hall." The dining area includes buffet bars, a salad bar and a milk bar. Two large stainless steel tables keep the entrees, vegetables and breads warm and fresh. An iced salad bar and deli bar (offered at lunch and dinner) provide fresh fruits, salads and deli items.

Each meal includes homemade breads. Lunches and dinners include salad or fruit bars, and all meals include a variety of entrees, including gluten free options. Dinner entrees include barbeques, chicken cordon bleu, prime rib, and steaks. Homemade desserts accompany all lunches and dinners. The juice and milk dispensers provide 24-hour beverages for campers.

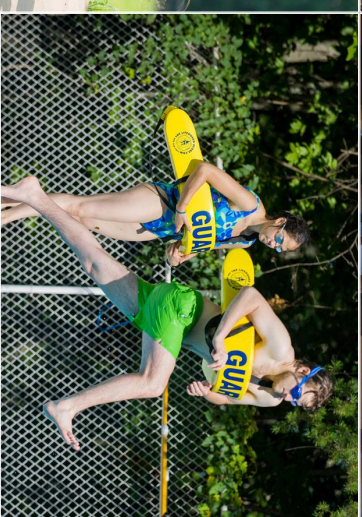
ON-SITE MEDICAL CARE FOR SAFETY AND RELIEF

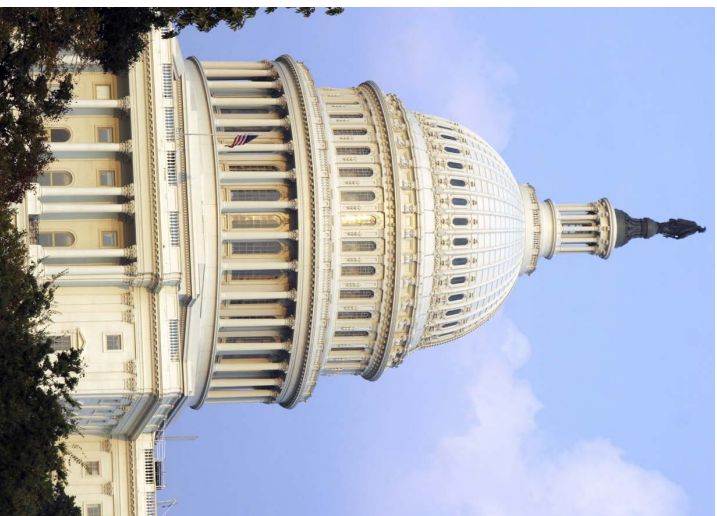
Peace of mind for parents begins with the assurance that the camp will look after the physical well-being of their child. A large percentage of our staff [can we get a number?] is certified by the American Red Cross in First Aid, CPR, and Lifeguarding.

Program areas considered "high risk" include at least one staff properly certified by the American Red Cross for First Aid.

We are prepared for every conceivable medical situation. Our infirmary has an examining room, living quarters for our onsite medical staff (two nurses and one paramedic), a dispensary, an isolation room, and two wards for girls and boys. Our nurse dispense medication to the campers (which is given to the nurse by the parents at check-in) as specified by the family physician. Please note that our medical staff cannot alter the medication unless the physician changes the prescription.

The camp paramedic is a full-time staff member and follows the treatment protocol set up by a licensed physician. Campers requiring special medical attention are taken to Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Should a camper ever need to spend the night in the infirmary or be taken to the hospital, parents are immediately notified.





OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS FOR THE ADVENTUROUS

For campers staying at least 2 weeks, the camp offers 4 optional and memorable trips. Each of these trips requires an additional fee to cover the cost of transportation, entrance fees, meals, and (when applicable) overnight accommodations.

HOLD ON FOR WHITE-KNUCKLE THRILLS Carowinds – Charlotte, NC Saturday or Sunday

This 100-acre water and theme park has over a dozen rides that will leave you screaming for more. Located 2 hours south of camp, there is something for everyone including the fair of heart.

GO MALL CRAZY: SHOPPING, EATING & A MOVIE Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, NC – Saturday or Sunday

It's the perfect nearby getaway for indoor fun. Hanes Mall is the largest mall in the Carolinas and is located about 40 minutes from the camp. Enjoy lunch, dinner, a movie and transportation.

EXPLORE THE U.S. CAPITAL

Washington, D.C. Friday an thru Sunday evening

Take in a jam-packed, overview tour of our nation's capital and visit famous sites including several memorials, the Smithsonian Museum, the White House and Capitol Hill.



EXPECT A FUN NEW TWIST EVERY WEEK

Each week during the summer we celebrate a different theme, holiday, tournament, and event. Together, they make life at the camp exciting and interesting. Please refer to our website for session-specific information.

COUNTRY THEMES: We offer games and celebrations that coincide with a particular country — Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, France, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Mexico, and China.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE WEEK: Festivities with an unexpected twist—Fourth of July, Birthday Week, Camelot, Christmas in July, Country Western, Don Quixote, Earth Week, Easter, New Year's in August, Oktoberfest, Saint Patrick's, and Valentine's.

TOURNAMENTS OF THE WEEK: Soccer, Volleyball, Archery, Tennis, Basketball, Billiards, Ping Pong, Foosball, Rock Climbing and more.

WEDNESDAY OR FRIDAY EVENTS: It wouldn't be summer camp without talent shows, movies, themed days, and dances.

DREAMS HAPPEN WITH FINANCIAL AID

Campers will not be denied admittance to The Vineyard because of financial limitations—we can help.

- **Early Application Discounts**—Steep discounts are available if you apply prior to September 1. Other discounts are available prior to December 1 and March 1. Please check the specific applications for details.
- **Homeschool Campers**—We offer discounts to parents who homeschool their children. Please call our office for a special application and more information.
- **Scholarships**—If you still need help, we can assist you depending upon your need. The generosity of those who believe in our vision for children allows us to provide 12 weeks of camp at substantial discounts for those in need of assistance. Don't be discouraged by the fees, we can help you. Please call our office for a Scholarship Application.



LEADER IN TRAINING & INTERNATIONAL APPRENTICE PROGRAMS

Do you want to assist with younger campers? Or improve your English or leadership skills? For teenagers 15-18 years old, we offer two programs.

The first is our **Leader in Training (LIT)** program. LITs assist with the instruction of younger campers. They must first be interviewed by one of our resident staff and then submit an LIT application indicating a commitment to attend the camp for at least 4 weeks. There is a modest fee required, per week, for the LIT program. Please see our website for complete application, incentives, and fee information.

LITs must be at least 16 years old, proficient in English, of good character, and able to be an example to younger campers. Apply early. LIT positions are often filled by Christmas.

Those who can only attend for 3 weeks, and/or lack proficiency in English may attend as **International Apprentices (IA's)**. IA's must be at least 15 years old. IA's pay the same nominal fee per week, but unlike the LITs, they are not promoted to the status of a Junior Staff and are not responsible for instruction of younger campers.

IA's attend the major of their choice in the morning or afternoon and are assigned to a U.S. mentor the rest of the day to assist him/her in whatever they do. This program is extremely effective with internationals wanting to learn English, or U.S. campers desiring leadership training. Again, apprentice spots are limited and tend to be filled by Christmas. Please see our website for more information or an application.

VINEYARD INTERNATIONAL COUNSELOR PROGRAM (VICP)

Are you an international college student who want to be a Vineyard Counselor? We can help.

The Vineyard offers assistance with international university students, 18 years and older, who would like to work as a counselor at our camp (or another camp) in the USA. The Vineyard International Counselor Program can provide the essential documents and approval required by the Department of State for Exchange Visitors (EVs) who want to work as a summer counselor. As a "Sponsoring Agency" of the Department of State, we are authorized to interview and provide the documentation to foreign students wanting to attend the USA during the summer months.

Those interested in this program should follow these guidelines:

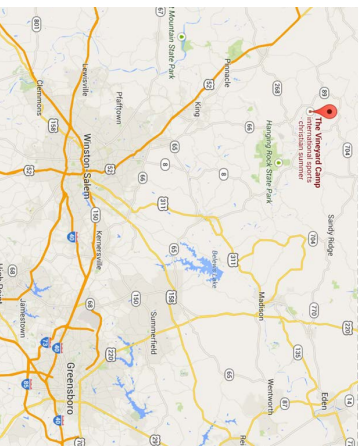
1. Visit our international staff recruitment website www.CampWorUSA.com as soon as possible.
2. Complete our registration and the VICP (Vineyard International Counselor Program) Application.
3. Only apply if you are able to work at least 6 weeks in the summer, usually from late May until just before Labor Day. See our website for exact dates.

THE FUN STARTS WITH AN APPLICATION

Childhood happens only once so we invite you to make the most of it at The Vineyard. An application is enclosed to get you that much closer to an unforgettable summer of fun and adventure. Or you can apply online: <http://vineyardcamp.campmanagement.com/enroll>

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Once we've processed your application and received a deposit, we'll send you detailed directions to The Vineyard Camp along with a packing list (also found on our website).



WHERE IS THE VINEYARD CAMP?

The camp is located approximately 30 miles north of Winston-Salem, just a few miles south of the North Carolina/Virginia border. In the Sauratown Mountains on over 300 acres on Brown Mountain.

We are about 45 minutes from the Greensboro, NC airport, 1 hour north of Winston-Salem, NC, and 5 hours south of Washington, D.C.

Major commercial airlines fly into Greensboro. Private plans may land at the Smith Reynolds Airport in Winston-Salem and Mount Airy Airport—both of these airports are thirty (30) minutes from the camp.

For those electing to arrive by rail, the terminal in Greensboro is the destination.

Our staff can assist with travel arrangements to and from the camp.

