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Co-ed resident camps for age 6 to 14
located in Kings Mountain State Park



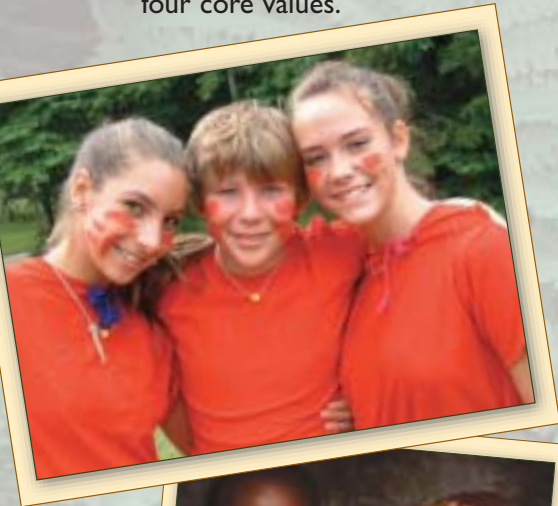
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Mission Statement

To provide individuals the opportunities to reach their potential by building self-esteem, friendships and character through participating in activities that are in accordance with the YMCA Mission and the YMCA's four core values.



General Information

Camp Cherokee, the Rock Hill Area YMCA summer resident camp established in 1946, is for kids ages 6 to 14 and located in beautiful Kings Mountain State Park. Each kid has the opportunity to experience many adventures and exciting activities while in a safe environment. Supervision is provided through a staff-to-camper ratio of 1 to 4. Campers select four daily activities that give them the opportunity to

learn new skills, meet new friends and interact with one another in a positive environment. After dinner, excitement grows as the campers participate in the highlighted evening activity. Cabin units are devised of four to eight kids and provide a great chance for kids to bond and make lifelong friendships. Devotions, a thought for the day and vespers are conducted daily and contribute to the character development program.

The Cherokee Philosophy

Summer resident camping is one of the most important formative experiences that a child can receive! At Camp Cherokee, kids gain self confidence while their social skills and independence are developed. They also begin building a great moral foundation while establishing friendships that will last a lifetime. These ideals, along with the YMCA's four character-building traits — responsibility, honesty,

caring and respect — devise the values taught and learned at Camp Cherokee and help comprise the Cherokee Philosophy.



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History of and Facts About Camp Cherokee

Kings Mountain State Park and Camp Cherokee were built in 1937 as a Civilian Conservation Corps project during President Franklin Roosevelt's economic recovery program. In 1946, under director Chester Francis, the Rock Hill YMCA began using Camp Cherokee. Francis was visiting Camp York across the lake and decided that "this is a good thing." Since then, many traditions have been created, including a positive and enthusiastic attitude from campers and staff.

Past **camp directors** include Chester Francis, Francis Jefferies, Robert Hope, Harry Emerson, Frank Moe Bell, Joe Eason and Brown Simpson. Under the leadership of

these directors, and the enthusiasm of our current staff, the camp has grown to eight weeks of sessions with kids from many cities, states and countries.

Camp Cherokee is nestled among 6,884 acres in Kings Mountain State Park. These are the same grounds that the Cherokee Indians once inhabited. The beautiful surrounding area provides a chance for individuals to become closer to the outdoors. The many plants and animal species — including deer, turkeys, foxes, owls, fish, beavers, snakes and egrets — give campers the opportunity to enhance and enrich their respect for nature.

Activities

Campers sign up for four daily classes and participate in a camp-wide evening activity. Activities may include:

- Swimming
- Diving
- Canoeing
- Sailing
- Rock climbing
- Nature hikes
- Archery
- Arts and crafts
- Athletics (soccer, basketball, horseshoes, pingpong, volleyball)
- Indoor hockey
- White water rafting
- Frisbee golf
- Campcraft
- Rambo
- Adventures
- Talent shows
- Fishing
- Camp outs
- Campfires
- Singing
- Camp Olympics
- Vespers
- Carnivals
- Cooking
- Dances

And much more!

"Along with living in a Christian home and being brought up in church, I attend a summer camp where we are taught about virtues such as honesty, perseverance and bravery. I think really hard about these virtues. They help me to stick with what I know is right."

— Brett Mincey (Cherokee Camper)

Character Development

At Camp Cherokee, we implement good character development among the staff and the campers. The following are several established programs:

- *C.D. (Character Development) Club* — Campers are rewarded for demonstrating the four core YMCA values of responsibility, respect, honesty and caring.
- *C.D. Indian Headdress* — Outstanding campers of the day who exemplified one (or more) of the four core YMCA values earn a feather with their name on it; the feather is presented to the camper in front of the entire camp and is placed on the Indian headdress in the mess hall.
- *Thought for the Day* — One counselor shares a devotional story at the beginning of Powwow each day.
- *Cabin Devotions* — Each cabin's counselors conduct devotions and discussion each night before bed.
- *Daily Journal* — Campers write down devotional subjects, what they learned in C.D. and highlights of each day.

Daily Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Reveille	2:40 p.m.	Third period
8:20 a.m.	Flag raising	3:30 p.m.	Fourth period
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	4:20 p.m.	Cabin time
9:15 a.m.	Cabin cleanup	5:10 p.m.	Showers
9:45 a.m.	Cabin inspection	6:20 p.m.	Flag lowering
10:10 a.m.	Powwow	6:30 p.m.	Dinner
10:40 a.m.	First period	7:45 p.m.	Evening activity
11:30 a.m.	Second period	9:45 p.m.	Devotions, vespers
12:20 p.m.	Lunch	10:00 p.m.	Taps, lights out
1:30 p.m.	Rest period		



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Staff

Staff at Camp Cherokee is comprised of high school- and college-age individuals who have a love for kids and a dedication to our camp. Approximately 95 percent of each year's staff are return staff members. All staff participate in an application and interview process before being hired. Once hired, all staff members complete extensive training prior to the camp season. Camp Cherokee maintains a staff-to-camper ratio of 1 to 4.



Location/Directions

Camp Cherokee is located in Kings Mountain State Park in Blacksburg, South Carolina. Nestled in the 7,000-acre state and national park, Camp Cherokee boasts beautiful woods and a 66-acre private lake.

- **Travelers coming from Atlanta or from Greenville, SC**, should take I-85 North to the Highway 161/Kings Mountain exit. Turn right toward York. The state park entrance is 5 miles on the right. Follow the signs to Camp Cherokee.
- **Coming from Charlotte**, travelers should take I-85 South to the Highway 161/Kings Mountain exit. Turn left toward York. The state park entrance is located 5 miles on the right. Follow the signs to Camp Cherokee.
- **Coming from Rock Hill, SC**, take Highway 161 to Kings Mountain State Park (entrance on left). Follow the signs to Camp Cherokee.

"I started going to camp the summer before the sixth grade ... Now, many years later ... I still work there one week out of the summer. Cherokee definitely has played a very special part in my life and my children's life!"

— Deanna Shue (Cherokee Parent)



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