

CAMP BARNES INC.

Camp Barnes Mission Statement:

To provide a free camp for the youth of Delaware, which allows campers to develop initiative and leadership skills necessary to accomplish tasks. The camp also enables campers to increase their self-confidence and feelings of accomplishment from their efforts and achievements.

In 1947, the Delaware Association of Chiefs of Police, an organization which was composed of active law enforcement and correctional officers, accepted the challenge to undertake a project to combat juvenile delinquency in the first state. A committee was appointed to investigate the problems confronting youth. Its resulting recommendation led to the establishment of Camp Barnes for the recreation of deserving youth from throughout the state.

Camp Barnes is located on Millers Creek, a tributary of Little Assawoman Bay. Since 1948 thousands of children from all over Delaware have had the opportunity to attend summer camp at Camp Barnes. Today, Camp Barnes is open to all children who are residents of the state of Delaware and are between the ages of 10 and 13. Children attend the camp at NO COST to the camper or their family. The camp is in session from early June until August and accommodates approximately 90-100 campers per week for six weeks.

During our summer camp, Camp Barnes is staffed by 16 counselors, 2 cooks, and 1 nurse. All Counselors are required to have a criminal background check prior to working at the camp. There is a State Trooper and a nurse on the grounds at all times while the camp is in session.

There are many activities that campers get to experience while at the camp. The following is just a few of the activities that campers participate in throughout their week at the camp:

- **Swimming in an Olympic size pool**
- **Kayaking in Millers Creek**
- **Archery**
- **Crabbing and Fishing**
- **Arts and Crafts**
- **Nature Walks**
- **Basketball**
- **Soccer**
- **Lacrosse**
- **Low Level Ropes Course**
- **Cooking classes**

The campers also get to attend several demonstrations/classes throughout their week. The Delaware State Police K-9, Mounted Patrol, and Aviation Units provide demonstrations every week during the summer. Also, DNREC – Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Beau Biden Foundation provide demonstrations and classes during the Camp Barnes season.

Camp Barnes is also used by many fine organizations including Delaware 4H, Delaware Special Olympics, Wilmington Parks and Recreation, the Delaware Burn Camp, Boy Scouts of America, and the Stockley Center.

Camp Barnes Inc. is a non-profit organization that is run and operated by the Delaware State Police. Camp Barnes Inc. receives funds in three different ways. The first is through donations from the public and civic organizations. The second is through three different fundraisers put on by the Delaware State Police. They are the following: The Camp Barnes Stock Car Race, the Camp Barnes Wrestling Classic, and the Camp Barnes Golf Tournament. The third way is through a grant in aid given to the Delaware State Police and Camp Barnes Inc. from the State of Delaware.

With so much to see and do at Camp Barnes, it is easy to see why so many children enjoy their experience at the camp. That is why Camp Barnes is **DELAWARE'S CAMP!!!**

If you need further information on Camp Barnes check us out on the web at campbarnes.net or please contact:

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