

2010 CAMP MAWAVI GUIDE

Located at Cabin Camps # 2 & # 5 Prince William Forest Park, a unit of the National Park Service

What is Camp Mawavi?

In its 5th year, Camp Mawavi is for campers ages 9-15 and is located at rustic cabin camps in Prince William Forest Park, a unit of the National Park Service. Our campers explore hiking, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, orienteering, camp games, outdoor adventure, scavenger hunts, swimming, nature treasure hunts, wildlife, and nature education.

Why is this camp more expensive than the other camps we offer?

Camp Mawavi is designed as a smaller camp that offers specialized activities. The activities require more supplies and instructor expertise. Transportation costs have been included in the fee. Prince William Forest Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is not a Park Authority owned facility, therefore additional lease fees apply.

What is a typical week like for the campers who attend Camp Mawavi?

Daily Core Activities

45 – 60 min each - kayaking, fishing, archery, canoeing, and hiking

Electives

Specialized learning experiences three times a week – activities like leathernecks, Mawavi Spa, Top Mawavi Chef, Crafty Campers, Going Green, Survivor Man, Martha Washington's Kitchen, Boot camp, & Mawavi Scientists

Campers Choice

Campers spend a bit more time at their favorite core activity

Weekly Ranger Led Programs

Backyard Habitats, Going Green, Letterboxing, Nuts About Squirrels, Owls – Mysterious & Misunderstood to name a few.

Friday Excursions – offsite travel adventures

Daily we incorporate outdoor games, floor hockey, board games, Speed Stacking, art and cooking instruction, cooperative activities, and competitive games including Capture the Flag, Manhunt, and Dodge ball

What are the pick up and drop off points?

Chinn Center Gymnasium

6-9am & 5-7pm

Sharron Baucom Dale City Recreation Center Gymnasium

6-9am & 5-7pm

What is the overnight campout date?

The overnight campout is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 7, 2010**. The additional \$10 fee covers costs of the extended lease and breakfast. Campers may join us and leave early if they are not comfortable staying away from home overnight.

Do I need to complete any forms?

Upon registration, participants should complete a **Camp Registration Form**. A parent handbook with camp information is available online.

What are Camp Bucks?

Camp Bucks is a behavioral incentive program that really works! Good deeds and behavior earn paper Mawavi dollars at a Friday reward auction.

Can you tell me about your staff?

We employ a Head Counselor, Camp Counselors (ratio of 1:8), a Camp Attendant, and Extended Care Counselors. Our counselors meet high standards and requirements set by PWCPA, which include:

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| Minimum of 6 months of experience with children | Must be 18 years or older |
| CPR and First Aid certified | Pre Camp Training (25+ hours) |
| TB tested | Criminal Background Checks |
| Outdoor Education Experience | Blood Born Pathogen Training |
| Daily Health Observation | Sexual Harassment Training |
| Medication Administration Training (Head Counselor) | |

Excursion Schedule:

Week	Day	Friday Excursions
1	June 25	Leesylvania State Park
2	July 2	Silver Lake Regional Park
3	July 9	Andrew Leitch Park, Water Works Swimming Pool
4	July 16	The Teaching Garden & Benedictine Monastery Splashdown Water Park
5	July 23	Occoquan Bay Regional Park The Workhouse Arts Center
6	July 30	Mason Neck State Park
7	August 6	Veteran’s Memorial Park & Swimming Pool
8	August 13	Locust Shade Park National Museum of the Marine Corps Heritage Museum
9	August 20	Ben Lomond Regional Park & Splashdown

Week	Theme	Description
1	Spirit Week	Meet & compete while creating banners, songs, cheers, and mascots to create camp pride. Lots of individual and team games this week.
2	Mission Impossible	How long can you “survive” at Camp Mawavi? Test your skills against the elements. Can you survive? Only the stealthiest, quietest, and most clever campers will be able to complete their mission. Come find out who or what is being hunted....maybe it’s you!
3	Camping Out	Campers will prepare for a night in the cabins, an afternoon talent show, and an evening dance. Activities will include creek walking, hiking, exploring the creek for creatures, learning survivor skills, exciting nature crafts and even cooking s’mores over the fire! Best of all, is a night filled with stars and campfire stories.
4	Go For the Gold	Let the games begin! We will be hosting our own version of the Olympic Games. Three legged race, javelin throw, swim relay, archery contest, nature hike relay, ice cream eating contest and so much more! Campers will win metals for each of their teams and at the end of the week take part in an award ceremony.
5	Survivor Week	Campers divide into teams, get survivor buffs, & challenge each other in races, games, and events. On Friday tribes have fun bidding on prizes with earned points they have earned all week.

6	It's Reality	Have you ever wanted to be on a reality show? You can be either the judge or the star, by singing in Mawavi Idol, cooking in Top Mawavi, become a model in Mawavi Runway, and so much more!
7	Weird Contest Week	This weird week will be highlighted with wacky hats, crazy hair, backwards shirts, pajamas and lots of crazy outfits! Campers will also make their own texture pendant necklace out of air dried clay. Let's see how creative you can be!
8	County Fair Week	The best thing about summer is the Prince William County fair. Campers will bake food; make crafts and more, to enter into the county fair. Then on Friday they will get to visit the fair to see if they have won!
9	Wet & Wild Week	Are you ready to get wet and run wild! This will be an exciting week of wet T-shirt relays, Rainbow drop relays, and Balloon Squat. Campers will also get their counselors wet when they cover them with wet newspaper for the fashion show. At end the week campers will get to make their own dirty worm cups as a snack.

Who is the contact for PWCPA programs held at Prince William Forest Park?

Mary Pope is the contact person for any Prince William County Park Authority camp programs held at Prince William Forest Park. Her e-mail address is mpope@pwcparks.org and her phone number is 703-670-9118.

What sets Camp Mawavi apart?

Camp Mawavi is about adventure, friendships, fun and discovery in the great outdoors! Our camp provides a safe environment where campers learn as much about themselves as they do about nature, challenges, and wildlife. After being taught a skill, the expectation is for them to conduct it independently evermore. After being taught, we don't paddle for them, we don't take their fish off the hook, we don't start or extinguish their fires – they do! And when their neighbor is struggling, they are taught to help each other, not to bail to a counselor.

A huge undercurrent at Camp Mawavi is learning skills and becoming independent. At Mawavi, campers are taught to think on their feet and think for themselves. To see the look of pride on the campers face after they have done something by themselves for the first time is priceless.

Join us today and become part of our Mawavi family!

