

# 2009 CAMP MAWAVI GUIDE

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

## What is Camp Mawavi?

Camp Mawavi is a full day camp program for ages 9-15 located at Cabin Camp 2 (weeks 1-2) & 5 (Weeks 3-9), in Prince William Forest Park, a unit of the National Park Service. Our camp caters to the child ready to explore hiking, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, orienteering, camp games, outdoor adventure, scavenger hunts, swimming, nature treasure hunts, wildlife, and nature education.

## What is Camp Mawavi's philosophy?

Our mission is to provide quality outdoor adventure and recreation activities while maintaining a safe environment. We strive to be Northern Virginia's leading outdoor adventure day camp. Our goals are to provide a fun and enriching outdoor summer camp program using structure and challenge by choice; to provide an atmosphere that encourages social interaction and group dynamics amongst the campers and counselors; and to provide information on outdoor and nature education each and every day through hands-on experiences

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

Campers participate in 2-3 **core activities** daily (45 min each). They include kayaking, fishing, archery, canoeing, hiking, land navigation using GPS units & a map & compass. Three times a week, campers enjoy **electives** which allow them to pick an activity planned and implemented by the counselors. Some examples of electives include Mawavi Café', Boot Camp, Tom & Huck, Junior Rangers, Crafty Campers, Leathernecks, and Going Green. We also conduct **camper's choice** where campers choose their favorite core activity and spend a bit more time with it. We incorporate outdoor games, floor hockey, board games, Speed Stacking, art and cooking instruction, cooperative activities, competitive games including capture the flag, manhunt, and dodgeball.

## What does the name Mawavi stand for?

The park's cultural resources are varied and include historic cabin camps built during the 1930's by members of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The name Mawavi represents three demographic areas (Maryland, Washington and Virginia). Cabin Camp #5, where Camp Mawavi will take place is on the National Register of Historic Places.

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

We are designed to be a smaller camp that will offer more specialized activities for its campers. The types of activities that the campers will engage in will require more supplies and instructor expertise. For our customer's convenience, due to the location of Prince William Forest Park, we have also included transporting campers to and from camp. All 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 are the pick up and drop off points?

Campers will be picked up at the Sharron Baucom Dale City Recreation Center & the Chinn Aquatics & Fitness Center by a Prince William County School Bus at 9:00-9:20am and will be dropped back off at the Recreation Centers by 4:40 - 5:00pm. Campers should be picked up from the ball fields behind the center at the end of the day when their camper attends at SBDCRC unless there is inclement weather. Extended care options are available at both SBDCRC & CAFC beginning at 6am-9am and again from 5pm-7pm for an additional fee. Extended care fees are \$20/week each for AM or PM care, \$40 per camper for both AM & PM care.

**If parents want to drop off and/or pick up their child at Prince William Forest Park, could they pay a reduced fee?**

All campers who participate in our Camp Mawavi program must be transported by Prince William County School Buses and be picked up/dropped off at the SBDCRC & CAFC, therefore there are no reduced or prorated fees. Of course, if a child needs to be picked up early from camp or will be arriving later in the day, special arrangements can be made with the head counselor on a case by case basis.

**Are there any special forms that need to be completed?**

Upon registration, participants should complete a **CAMP REGISTRATION FORM** and a **CAMPER INFORMATION FORM** (double-sided form). These forms will be available online at [www.pwcparks.org](http://www.pwcparks.org). A parent's handbook with camp information will be available online and for pick at PWCPA registration sites before camp begins in June.

**Friday Excursions:**

<b>CAMP WEEK</b>	<b>DAY (FRIDAYS)</b>	<b>EXCURSION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>June 26</b>	<b>Occoquan Bay Regional Park, Lorton <a href="http://www.nvrpa.org/parks/occoquan">www.nvrpa.org/parks/occoquan</a> Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton <a href="http://www.workhousearts.org">www.workhousearts.org</a></b>
<b>2</b>	<b>July 3</b>	<b>The Teaching Garden, Bristow <a href="http://www.pwcgov.org">www.pwcgov.org</a> Bristoe Battlefield Heritage Park, Bristow <a href="http://www.pwcgov.org">www.pwcgov.org</a></b>
<b>3</b>	<b>July 8 July 10</b>	<b>Wed. - Overnight Campout – July 8 Fri - Veteran's Park &amp; Pool <a href="http://www.pwcparks.org">www.pwcparks.org</a></b>
<b>4</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>Camp William B. Snyder &amp; Cub World Haymarket <a href="http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org">www.boyscouts-ncac.org</a></b>
<b>5</b>	<b>July 24</b>	<b>National Geographic Museum Washington, DC <a href="http://www.nationalgeographic.com/museum">www.nationalgeographic.com/museum</a></b>
<b>6</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>Pohick Bay Regional Park, Lorton Pirate's Cover Waterpark <a href="http://www.nvrpa.org/parks/pohickbay">www.nvrpa.org/parks/pohickbay</a></b>
<b>7</b>	<b>August 7</b>	<b>Bull Run Regional Park &amp; Water Park <a href="http://www.nvrpa.org/parks/bullrun">www.nvrpa.org/parks/bullrun</a></b>
<b>8</b>	<b>August 14</b>	<b>LibertyTown Arts Center Fredericksburg <a href="http://www.libertytownarts.com">www.libertytownarts.com</a></b>
<b>9</b>	<b>August 21</b>	<b>Ben Lomond Regional Park, Manassas Splashdown Waterpark <a href="http://www.splashdownwaterpark.com">www.splashdownwaterpark.com</a></b>

### **How many staff will you have and what will their qualifications be?**

Camp Mawavi is overseen by a full time recreation programmer with over 25 years of experience. We employ a Head Counselor, Camp Counselors (ratio of 1:8), a Camp Attendant, and an Extended Care Counselor. In 2008, Camp Mawavi enjoyed an **85% return** rate on our counselors from 2007. The average return rate according to the American Camping Association is 40-60%. Our counselors meet high standards and requirements set by PWCPA, which include:

Minimum of 6 months of experience with children  
CPR and First Aid certified  
TB tested  
Outdoor Education Experience  
Medication Administration Training (Head Counselor)  
Sexual Harassment

Be 18 years or older  
Pre Camp Training (20+ hours)  
Subject to Criminal Background Checks  
Blood Born Pathogen Training  
Daily Health Observation

### **When does registration begin for Camp Mawavi?**

Registration began on Saturday, March 7, 2009.

### **Camp Mawavi Registration Details**

- ✓ Registration will be accepted beginning March 7 at the following locations:
  - Chinn Center
  - Sharron Baucom Dale City Recreation Center
  - Ben Lomond Community Center
  - Veterans Park
- ✓ Expanded weekly sessions offered June 22 – August 21.
- ✓ Sign up for one week or all nine.
- ✓ Camp fee = \$232/week
- ✓ A \$40 deposit per child, per week will reserve their spot in camp (if registering in person)
- ✓ A 25% deposit per child, per week will reserve their spot in camp (if registering online)
- ✓ Drop off and pick up for all campers will be at the SBDCRC & CAFC
- ✓ Extended care options available from 6am-9am and from 5pm-7pm
- ✓ Extended care fees = am and/or pm service - \$20/week each
- ✓ Parent Handbooks will be available online

### **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](mailto:mpope@pwcparks.org) and her phone number is 703-670-7112 ext 229.

As we have tried to convey, 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!