

## ABOUT CAMP WA-RI-KI

*It is our mission to provide an outdoor experience that offers optimal development of at-risk youth and our communities through recreational, educational and leadership opportunities.*

Kiwanis Camp Wa-Ri-Ki, located in Washougal, Skamania County, Washington is 18+ acres of beautiful land in the heart of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

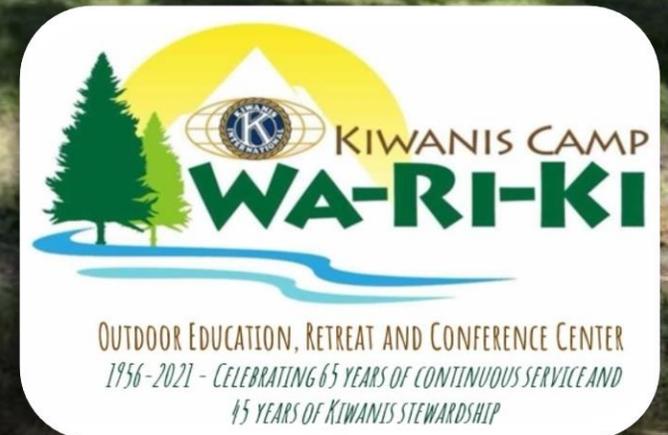
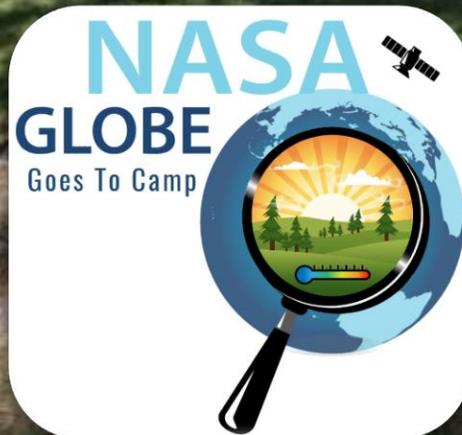
Founded in 1956 by the Department of Corrections as an inmate “honor camp” where inmates nearing the end of their term were trained as forest firefighters. The Kiwanis organization began our camp stewardship in 1973 and began offering programs for at-risk and differently-abled children.

We offer programs in four categories: Nature-based Learning; Leadership and Personal Development; Fun, Exploration and Adventure and Outdoor Skills. Many camp activities integrate with local school’s STEM and STEAM curriculum.

Our partnership with NASA’s GLOBE Goes to Camp program offers schools a unique outdoor education experience for students.

# EARTH AND SKY NATURE SCHOOL

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS



# STEM/STEAM PROGRAMS AT CAMP WA-RI-KI

During this program, campers will have the opportunity to connect with NASA scientists as they take on the role of a citizen scientist collecting local environmental data. By participating in this NASA GLOBE camp experience, campers will gain valuable STEM learning opportunities designed to bridge classroom learning with real-world application. Activities developed for this program meet state science standards.

**NASA GLOBE Goes to Camp** (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment). Camps across the United States work together with the NASA Earth Science Education Collaborative (NESEC) and the GLOBE community to broaden access to GLOBE resources for all learners, while ensuring that the resources being developed by the NESEC team address the needs of local camp communities.

Our **Art in the Garden** program connects STEM learning about environmental effects of growing food with a camper's creativity through art. Campers learn to relate the garden and other camp areas to their science experiments to better understand their natural environment. Our activities are fun and engaging!



## ***Did you Know?***

*Camp Wa-Ri-Ki is the only NASA GLOBE Goes to Camp partner outside of the Seattle area! Day Camps and overnight experiences are available.*

# CONTACT US

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# COVID-19 UPDATE

Camp sessions are held in compliance with CDC and Washington State Department of Health COVID prevention standards. Camp Wa-Ri-Ki has an extensive sanitation program in place. Campers, staff and volunteers all play a critical role in keeping camp a healthy place for all.

# BENEFITS OF OUTDOOR SCHOOL

- ✓ Help campers transition to independence
- ✓ Help boost self-esteem
- ✓ Learn to act responsibly
- ✓ Encourages exploration
- ✓ Provides a safe environment for students to make decisions independently
- ✓ Learn about their natural environment
- ✓ Learn to work with others
- ✓ Increase skills in science, technology, engineering, art and math



*Activity Photos: Lego Landcover; Stories Trees Tell; Cloud Study; Ground Temperature Study; Biodiversity Hunt and; Art in the Garden.*



## OUR GOALS

Our Camp is premised on three key concepts which weave together multiple strategies to create a strong, sustainable nonprofit organization.

Keys to success are: 1) Adoption of American Camp Association (ACA) accreditation and program evaluation standards; 2) Integration of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and STEAM (STEM plus Arts) activities and life skills programs that meet public school curriculum standards while providing tools for positive human growth; and 3) Put into practice community outreach strategies that builds diversified representation in governance, programs and camp usage.

## DIVERSITY. EQUITY. INCLUSION.

Kiwanis International and Camp Wa-Ri-Ki have adopted a resolution that encourages leaders and members to build a culture and maintain environments that develop and nurture mutual respect for all celebrating diversity, equity and inclusion in our programs and operations.

Camp Wa-Ri-Ki appreciates the Cascade tribe's long history and traditional territory.

The Southwest Region of Washington State reflects the ancestral homes of First Peoples including the Cowlitz, Yakima and Klickitat tribes.

The First Peoples of Skamania County called themselves, Chilluckittequw; later named Cascade by white settlers. We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral lands and traditional territories of the Chilluckittequw People.

# ACCOMMODATIONS AND AMENITIES

## AN OVERVIEW

- ✓ 132 Dorm bunkbeds
- ✓ 27 Counselor and Staff rooms (in two buildings)
- ✓ Retreat Center with kitchen and large conference table, includes 12 bunks in adjoining building
- ✓ State-of-the-art Conference Center, seats 60
- ✓ Observation deck overlooking the river.
- ✓ Main Camp fire ring with tiered seating and stage
- ✓ Tent camping area
- ✓ Rustic seating for 40-50 campers in quiet area, plus fire ring
- ✓ Full-size gymnasium
- ✓ Large meadow area
- ✓ Ladybug Garden for learning and creating art

**Please see our Accommodations and Amenities Supplement to learn more about what awaits you at Camp Wa-Ri-Ki!**

