

Forever Campers

As the summer was winding down last year, our family decided to go to a resort in Virginia that basically serves as a family summer camp. Best idea ever! Prior to arriving you choose your experiences including kayaking, hiking, archery, clay shooting and golfing, to name a few. All activities come with an instructor/guide or our version of a camp counselor, which was handy since I've never gone clay shooting (I thought when the instructor said aim at the clay bunny it would actually look like a bunny. Um, that would be no.) There was a wagon ride in the evening to the s'mores station where people sat around a fire pit. People of all ages gathered to share stories, and you could have as much chocolate as you wanted.



One day while my family went horseback riding I decided to sit on the enormous, beautiful porch and read a book. I started chatting with the lady next to me and found out that she was also from Ohio. After making the comment that I felt like I was at summer camp, but with an actual bathroom, she said how much she loved camp. I agreed and mentioned that I went to Camp Wyandot. She started laughing and said "me too!" It was crazy. We figured out that we were there at the same time ... so unbelievable. You are definitely never too old for a good camp story, s'mores or making a new friend.

Creative summer camps fill our camp guide (page 22) offering experiences for all ages. Whether it is painting or performing, dancing or discovery, the journey will enrich your child's summer with new passions that may last a lifetime. Time has a way of standing still at camp. Each day is so full of life and laughter. Who knows, maybe in 40 years they'll be sitting on a porch talking to a fellow camper.

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Mira Lehr, *Mangrove Labyrinth (detail)*, 2018, marine rope, steel, resin, burned Japanese paper and latex paint. Courtesy of the artist

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