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*University Becomes First Location in Carolinas for WinShape's Overnight Camps for Boys and Girls in 2019*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Officials at Gardner-Webb University have announced a  new partnership with WinShape Camps, established in 1985 by Chick-fil-A founder, S. Truett Cathy—that will allow the organization to expand its overnight camp offerings into the Carolinas.

In June 2019, Gardner-Webb will become the fifth location to host overnight WinShape Camps and is the first location for overnight camps outside the state of Georgia. Early registration for the one-week boys' and girls' camps opened on June 6, with first-time overnight campers eligible for a 50-percent discount.

Founded on principles of service, hospitality, family-friendliness and excellence, WinShape Camps—a ministry of WinShape Foundation—aims to provide a camp experience that enables campers to sharpen their character, deepen their Christian faith, and grow in their relationships with others.

“We fully believe in the mission of WinShape Camps,” affirmed GWU President Dr. Frank Bonner. “From sunup to sundown, the campers will be immersed in an environment that sets them up for fun and adventure. We can’t wait to bring their ‘Summer of a Lifetime’ experience to the Carolinas.”



Watch Video At: [https://youtu.be/cw5T4sx\\_1yM](https://youtu.be/cw5T4sx_1yM)

According to Ken Thomas, senior director of WinShape Camps, Gardner-Webb's location in Boiling Springs, N.C., is ideal for serving campers across the Carolinas given its proximity to Charlotte, Asheville, and Greenville/Spartanburg.

"Each year, thousands of campers come to WinShape Camps to experience life-changing, memory-making, adventure-taking

Boys enjoy archery at WinShape Camps

awesomeness that will impact their lives forever," Thomas said. "We're excited to be able to offer these experiences to overnight campers from the Carolinas a little closer to home starting in 2019."

The new location also means that most Gardner-Webb campers will be eligible to take advantage of the Cathy family's offer to cover 50 percent of the registration fee for first-time overnight campers. Cathy shared a belief with his wife that there are limitless possibilities when you invest in the lives of the next generation. Today, the Cathy family continues to honor that belief by extending the half-off discount to all first-time overnight campers in all locations.

WinShape Camps for Boys and WinShape Camps for Girls at Gardner-Webb will run June 9-14, June 16-21, June 23-28, and June 30-July 5, 2019. Camps in 2019 will be offered to students who have completed first through fifth grades, with availability for sixth through eighth graders beginning in the 2020 camp season.

WinShape Camps hosts more than 100 day camps across the country, as well as internationally in Brazil and Costa Rica. For more information or to register, visit [winshapecamps.org](http://winshapecamps.org).

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