

Letter to Parent/Guardian

Greetings Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in Cedar Crest's Environmental Education Program. We hope that the resources found on our website in conjunction with the information relayed from your lead educator has begun to illustrate the exciting educational experience your child will take part in here at Cedar Crest.

Cedar Crest's Environmental Education Program is located in Lyles, TN and offers day residential environmental education programming for public and private schools, homeschool organizations, and similar community organizations. Located on the Western Highland Rim of Middle Tennessee, Cedar Crest offers beautiful and unique land and water ecosystems for students of all ages to explore and utilize as an out-of-doors classroom.

Our curriculum is intentionally designed and continuously adapted to provide students with an inclusive learning experience that complements learning in the classroom. These experiential classes and important discussions encourage active participation outside in the ecosystems that inform our neighborhoods, towns, and cities. Students spend their days at Cedar Crest living into an educational experience that offers them a chance to explore our lands, creek, lake, wetland, and garden while using inquiry skills and cultivating curiosity.

We take our time to immerse ourselves in the learning experience in order to welcome all learning styles and personalities into this space. These wonderful and diverse ecosystems take their time to develop and we like to take our time to make sure your students can take the necessary time they need to develop as critical, empathetic, and active learners as well. Students have the opportunity to positively deepen their physical, social, and psychological awareness while also relating these elements to a deeper understanding of ecological well being, participation, and justice.

Our EE staff has years of educational and camping experience with young people and are passionate about lifelong learning. We have Wilderness First Responders on staff and all other staff members are well trained in class facilitation & CPR/AED & First Aid. Our staff looks forward to extending hospitality and care to all who visit. Learning and living are celebrated equally at Cedar Crest, and we celebrate your learner's time engaging with the human and more-than-human world.

If you would like to learn more about our program or would like to access forms and materials pertaining to your learner(s) visit, please visit our website at www.cedarcrestee.org. You can also visit our Facebook and Instagram pages where we will post pictures throughout the experience. If you have any questions, please call our office at (931) 670-3025 or email our director at philip.salter@twkumc.org.

Sincerely,



Phil Salter
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