

# CAMP SHAWNEE

Martin, KY



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## FACTS ABOUT APPALACHIA

\*In Appalachian KY, over 40% of all children under 5 live in poverty. The national rate is 20%.

\*In certain areas of E. KY, the poverty rate is a staggering 64%.



## CAMP SHAWNEE

The highlight of the summer for many of these kids (6-14yrs old), who come from the 13 surrounding E. KY counties to participate in activities such as canoeing, swimming, hiking, fishing, camping, crafts, and bible study for one week. Specialty camps that focus on sports, KY history, leadership, and computers are also held at Camp Shawnee and also last one week.





#### THE KIDS

They come from a variety of KY counties and family situations. Many are from broken homes, or are children of single parents. Some have been abused. A great number are also from poor families. You would never know it by looking at them. It's a non-stop party for a week for these guys. Crafts, canoeing, evening dances, campfires and they can still out last you!

#### THE FRIENDS

In the end, it's all about the friends. For a lot of these kids, this is the best time they have all summer, and they will remember it all year. I came to realize quite quickly that everything I did with these kids, no matter how insignificant it seemed to me, was everything to them. So if you are up to the challenge of being a counselor, nurse, trailblazer, bait-hooker-oner, expedition leader, doctor, mother/father/sister/brother figure, hero, and most importantly friend, Camp Shawnee is waiting.

