

## Program Details

### Waycross Grant Program for Children and Youth

Overview: Summer Camp is often transformative and life-changing experience for young people. St. Paul's has a deep interest in facilitating these pivotal moments for these young people in the Christian camp setting of Waycross. The fall and spring grants are each for approximately half of the camp fee for the summer camp season. The grants can be combined to form 100% or only one can be used.

#### **Purpose:**

- To create and reinforce opportunities for deeper relationships between youth, children, and the adults at St. Paul's. Research consistently shows that effective discipleship is nurtured through consistent, quality relationships with adults.
- To reinforce Christian character qualities taught and experienced in Sunday School.
- To create a deeper parental commitment to St. Paul's by adding value to their families' participation and to provide more numerous contact points with parents.
- To create a goal and incentive for the students (and parents) to participate in Formation, Worship and
- Stewardship opportunities.
- To expose children and youth to the larger diocesan community.
- To lessen the financial burden on families who want their children to attend Diocesan Summer Camp.
- To create stronger bonds among children and youth with God's creation and our Diocesan camping ministry, Waycross.

#### **Guidelines:**

Students and parents will enroll in the Waycross Grant Program beginning in September. Students enrolled in the Fall grant term will be automatically enrolled in the Spring term. If a student did not enroll in the Fall grant, in January they may enroll for the Spring grant term only. In order to be eligible for the Waycross grant, children and youth must be enrolled in advance. The deadline for enrollment for the Fall grant is the end of October.

#### **Participation criteria:**

All children and youth wishing to earn a grant must participate in fellowship, worship and stewardship opportunities at St. Paul's. Expected participation is described below:

**Worship:** Attendance Sunday morning or evening should be regular, understood to be 75%. Participate in Sunday Eucharist by being a reader, acolyte, chorister, usher, intercessor, family greet or oblations bearer, or other service opportunity. For Youth: Youth should have a role at least 3 Sundays in the semester. For Children: Children should have a role at least two Sundays in the semester.

**Stewardship:** For Youth: Participate in at least three fellowship events during the semester. For Children: Participate in at least two fellowship events.

**Formation:** Participate actively in Sunday School. Active participation is understood to be 75% attendance.

**Exceptions:** For children that may not be able to meet the participation requirements due to situations outside of their control we will make alternative arrangements. Exception agreements must be outlined and agreed upon in advance.