HOLSTON CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

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2027 HCRC SUMMER CAMP CALENDAR

Boomer's Day Camp	**May 31- June 4**	**June 7-11**	**June 14-18**	**June 21-25**	**June 28- July 2**	**July 5-9**	**July 12-16**	**July 19-23**	**July 26-30**	**Aug 2-6**
Grades 1-8	$259	$259	$259	$259	$259	$259	$259	$259	$259	$259

OVERNIGHT CAMP	**June 9-11 Celebrate Summer!**	**June 13-18 Water Chihuahua**	**June 27-July 2 View Finders**	**July 11- 16 Night Owl**	**July 18-23 Cruiser's Camp**
Discovery Grades 2-3	Main Camp	No Discovery Camp	No Discovery Camp	No Discovery Camp	No Discovery Camp
Venture Grades 3-5	Main Camp	Main Camp	Main Camp	No Venture Camp	No Venture Camp
Explorer Grades 6-8	Main Camp	Main Camp	Rustic Camp	Rustic Camp	Main Camp
Wilderness Grades 9-10	No Wilderness Camp	Main Camp	Rustic Camp	Rustic Camp	Main Camp
Wildcat Grades 11-12	No Wildcat Camp	No Wildcat Camp	CIT Program June 23-July 2	Rustic Camp	Main Camp

Celebrate Summer-
Kick off your summer with a 3-day, 2-night Holston Camp sampler! This session is perfect for both first-time campers who may be nervous about being away from home and enthusiastic campers who can't wait to experience Holston.

Cruiser's Camp-
Cruise around camp as we explore our new mountain biking trails! All groups will also travel to the Virginia Creeper Trail to bike the 17 miles from Whitetop Station to Damascus, stopping for ice cream along the way. *This week is biking-intensive, so please ensure your child is comfortable on a bike before registering.* Campers may bring their own bikes and helmets, but Holston also provides plenty of bikes and helmets for use throughout the week. If you're unsure whether this session is right for your child, contact Executive Director Madeline Chandler @ mchandler@holstoncenter.org.

Water Chihuahua-
Water dodgeball, bumper boats, slip-n-slides, water balloons, and more! This week is filled with classic Holston activities with a splashy twist.

- Explorer campers will enjoy Upper Creek with a picnic lunch.
- Wilderness campers will canoe down the New River and camp at the state park.

Pack multiple swimsuits—we'll be in the water every day! Non-swimmers are welcome; we provide life jackets and have skilled lifeguards to keep everyone safe while having fun.

Classic Holston Activities
Hiking, rock climbing, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, worship, arts & crafts, team-building, nature play, mountain biking (grade 6+), field games, archery, zip-lines, and campfires.

Boomer's Day Camp
From 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday through Friday, campers entering grades 1–8 will enjoy classic Holston Camp activities with a unique theme each week. Lunch and snacks are provided.

Night Owl
Stay up late and enjoy classic Holston Camp activities under the stars—like glow-in-the-dark zip-lining and the famous "Raccoon Hunt"!

- Wilderness campers will take a special nighttime trip to Grandfather Mountain.
- All campers will meet nocturnal animals brought to camp by the May Wildlife Center.

CIT Week (Counselor in Training)
Rising high-school juniors and seniors are invited to join our newly improved, two-week CIT program. Participants will learn to lead classic Holston activities while building leadership, communication, and recreation skills. CITs will work with counselors to create their own schedules, plan trips, cook meals, and experience life as a Holston counselor. Highlights include hiking on the AT, a special off-site trip, and joining our staff at church on Sunday.

View Finders Week (new!)
This program invites campers to discover the beauty of hiking and the breathtaking Blue Ridge Mountain overlooks:

- Elementary campers will explore hiking trails around Main Camp.
- Middle school campers will take a few different hikes along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Campers will learn basic hiking skills with a focus on observation—what they see along the way and the views they take in—to foster a lifelong love of hiking.

About Rustic Camp
Holston's Rustic facilities include open-air cabins, cook shelters, and a recently renovated bathhouse with separate bathrooms and hot showers. Campers assist counselors with breakfast and dinner meal prep, cooking over a fire, and clean-up.

About Main Camp
Main Camp cabins feature electricity, two single-stall bathrooms, and showers. Holston has five cabins, each sleeping 16 people in bunk beds.