

White Oak Camp gives kids a chance they may never have

Over 100 children from low-income families are attending White Oak Camp from Monday until Friday this week under a

program sponsored by White Oak Camp, the University of Missouri Extension Center and partially by the United Fund.

The 104 youths range in age from 8-11 and come from Mtn. View, Alton, Thayer, Cabool, Houston, Licking, West Plains and Willow Springs, and other area towns.

This week's camp is the second of the two camps this summer for children from low-income families. During their five-day stay at the camp the children play various games such as tether ball, volley ball, badminton; swim; undergo a health check, participate in woodworking, meal planning, drama, tumbling, boating and other activities.

The children also attend presentations from representatives from the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Highway Patrol and a first aid presentation.

Those attending the camp are fitted with a new pair of shoes by Bob Miller of West Plains in what Area Extension Youth Specialist G. L. Rader terms a cooperative effort between William's Shoe Store of West Plains and the Extension Center.

Students also take home the toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and comb they receive at the camp.

The children attending the camp seem to like it. Yelled one group of girls to a Quill reporter's inquiry: "I think it's fun."

"Yea, when we go swimming."

"Or, canoe riding."
"You can be with your friends."

"You get to do all kinds of things."

"It's just a fun place to go."

There are five cabins of boys and six cabins of girls at the camp. The cabins are headed by college-age youths, who are usually assisted by high school students.

Counselors in the boys cabins: Dan Hickox, Thayer; Michael O'Connor, Thayer; Randy Callahan, Alton; Karl Wickboldt, Myrtle; Keith Carmical, Alton. Assistants: David White, Mtn. View; Curtis Norris, Winona; Bobby Rhine, West Plains.

Girl's counselors: Cheryl Cockman, Alton; Sherryn Hickcox, Thayer; Judy Clanton, Mtn. View; Lu Ann Wickboldt, Myrtle; Maggie Smotherman, West Plains;

Vicky Dent, Mtn. View; Beth Rhine, West Plains. Assistants: Kathy Kelly, West Plains; Angie Portincaso, West

Plains; Alice Surritte, West Plains; Janet Zitter, Mtn. View; Kay Robertson, West Plains.

Cheryl Cockman is in charge of tumbling class. Maggie Smotherman is the camp nurse. Kim Fisher of West Plains is the lifeguard. Don Hufstedler, Alton, drives the bus and is in charge of wood-working. Sharon Bell, Houston, is the camp home economist.

Opal Bryson, West Plains; Sybil Nelson, West Plains and Elizabeth Laden, Willow Springs, serve as camp cooks.



OH GOODIE, NEW SHOES—Bob Miller fits Carrie Barton of Houston, one of 104 children attending White Oak Camp this week, with a pair of new shoes. The program to fit the

youths with new shoes is the cooperative effort of William's Show Store in West Plains and the University of Missouri Extension Center.

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