

Windridge Times

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Dear Windridge Families, Staff, and Alumni,

The bright orange, red, and yellow colors are peaking at Windridge as we leave behind our summer days and move into Fall and gratefulness comes to mind. First of all, we'd like to THANK all of our campers & staff for the amazing spirit and enthusiasm they gave this past summer. YOU ARE THE BEST! Secondly, despite the many challenges Covid-19 has provided us, Summer 2021 was one of our best summers ever. We worked diligently every day to keep our



community safe from the virus and we are happy to report we had zero cases the entire summer. We thank you again for the wonderful memories we will all cherish for a very long time.

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR NEXT SUMMER AND RECEIVE 2021 TUITION RATES FOR SUMMER 2022. This offer expires at the end of this month, so don't delay for your savings of over \$300. The rates increase next month! A deposit of \$500 is required per application.

Spread the word - 2022 will be an awesome summer! We wish you all a safe school year and will be in touch again soon.

Warm Regards, The Windridge Crew

2022 Windridge Dates and Rates

Regular Session Dates		Days	Cost	Riding
Session 1	Wednesday, June 22 - Thursday, July 7 (ages 8-15)	16	\$4 <i>,</i> 480	\$752
Session 2	Saturday, July 9 - Friday, July 29 (ages 8-15)	21	\$5 <i>,</i> 880	\$987
Session 3	Sunday, July 31 - Monday, August 15 (ages 8-15)	16	\$4,480	\$752
Stay any two sessions and receive a \$500 discount				
Rookie Camps (first time campers ages 7-10) Dates		Days	Cost	
S1 Rookie Ca	np Wednesday, June 22 - Friday, July 1	10	\$2,800	
S2 Rookie Ca	np Saturday, July 9 - Monday, July 18	10	\$2 <i>,</i> 800	
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Tennis Tip by Ramsey Hoehn



FIND A WAY TO SLOW THE GAME DOWN

There's not a better feeling in tennis than being in control of the point, the set, or the match. Opponents in tennis are always in a chess match. Vying to keep each other off balance, on their heels, guessing... So how can we be the one who is dictating play, feeling in control, and confident in what we're doing to win the match? I believe this falls under two important phases of the game; Preparation and recovery.

We begin to prepare sometimes even before our opponent hits the ball to us. This would happen as a part of our recovery, where we're watching, gathering valuable information about how the opponent is reacting, positioning, and setting up to hit the ball back. What grip are they using? How well are they positioned? Will they be attacking or defending? This is where your preparation should begin. This is all

happening at the same time I'm getting my ready position back in place, and while my feet are moving quickly back towards my recovery target.

The most important moment of preparation though, comes at impact. When the ball has been hit, and will cross the net, and be knocking at my door in seconds, that is the key moment where time cannot be wasted. The better I time my split-step, the sooner I put my shoulder turn in place, get my grip and wrist position setup, and position my feet, the better I execute my next shot. That's the way to make it feel like you have more time than you actually do have. By being a multi-tasker.





Once the ball comes off my racket, my recovery for the next shot begins. And the better job you do in the preparation and recovery phases of tennis, the better execution and quality of shot you will hit, giving you more time for the next shot, and the next one! Pay attention to the details, and good luck!

2022 Counselor-In-Training Program

Our CIT program is for our oldest campers. Half of their day is spent as a camper and the other half learning how to be a counselor. The CITs have mentors both in their specific program area, and in their cabin. They have one major per day in their program, where they assist a counselor coaching in a particular activity or sport. CIT's also have a period each day to meet as a group and work on specific leadership skills being taught that day. We are highly selective in choosing applicants for the program because these mature teens will be working (alongside their mentors) with the younger campers. We will be sending out a letter soon that will detail the application process and necessary requirements for those looking to apply. We look forward to seeing the growth of each and every CIT throughout the summer.

2022 Junior Counselor Program

Our JC program is by invitation only for those who successfully completed the Counselor-In-Training program but also show great promise as potential full staff members. JC's work alongside full counselors as their mentors gaining responsibility all around camp. This position gives our 17 year olds lifelong skills that easily transfer to the working world beyond camp days. Leadership, team work, time management, program development, communication skills to name just a few of these. Most of our junior counselors become some of our best counselors! An invitation to apply will go out towards the end of November for this opportunity so please keep an eye out for it if you completed the CIT program this past summer.

If you have any questions regarding the CIT or JC program for this upcoming summer, please contact Misha Monticciolo (<u>misha@windridgecamps.com</u>.)

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Letter from Ted Hoehn

Dear Windridge Campers and Families,

In my fifty plus years with the various Windridge Camps, the summer of 2021 was certainly the most challenging...and one of the most rewarding!

Firstly, it was great to be back in operation after Covid caused us to close our doors for the 2020 season. There were multiple challenges facing us to be able to be back in business this summer. The safety of our campers and staff was our number one concern. Norbert, Misha, Ramsey, and Nifer spent countless hours researching the proper channels and methods to make us all safe. The fact that we made it



through the entire summer without any Covid cases is quite an accomplishment.

Our numbers in 2021 were lower than what we had hoped they would be. We obviously were hit hard on the international front. In 2019 we had campers from over 20 countries. Our staff that year had 25 different nations represented. So this year we were severely hurt by so many borders being closed because of the virus. Despite these hardships, 2021 was an amazing summer. The campers were exuberant to be back at Windridge with their old friends and new friends playing sports and games that had been "stolen" from them for over a year. Windridge was back!! The laughs, hugs and tears were even more profound on closing days this year than in past years!

Let's hope the summer of 2022 is a much more normal summer at Windridge and let's hope the borders open up. Let our international friends experience the joys of Windridge after a two-year hiatus. Our future looks very bright. Norbs will be back for one more summer to lead the charge. What a phenomenal job he's done over the past 16 years! Ramsey and Nifer will be stepping into the role of Co-Directors effective immediately. Misha will take on the position of Associate Director. She, too, has done a terrific job in her various duties over the past eight years. The team is deep. Sue did another bang up job as our Riding Director. Dave is exceptional as our Head Nurse. And what a job Head Chef Ellen did in the kitchen under very trying circumstances. The entire staff is to be commended for their energy, enthusiasm, and professionalism.

Thanks for your continued support. We hope to see you back at camp again next summer. Stay safe.

Warmly, Ted Hoehn

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