

Second Annual Wounded Warriors Family Day at Camp Weed

Wounded Warrior Family Day at Camp Weed is an annual Diocesan-sponsored event. The purpose of this weekend retreat for wounded military veterans and their families is to connect, or re-connect, with their spirituality and each other while experiencing nature. This weekend also gives the Episcopal Diocese of Florida the opportunity to thank these brave military veterans for their service to our country.

Wounded Warrior Project families spent Saturday, July 29, 2017 at various sites around Camp Weed. Visiting families played basketball in the gym, splashed around the pool, enjoyed kayaking, canoeing, and swimming on/in the lake, scaled a climbing wall, and in general enjoyed Camp Weed's natural surroundings.

Wounded Warrior Project staff greeted participants in the Camp Weed Youth Pavilion gym at 9:30am to sign them in and hand out raffle tickets for wonderful prizes, including: Trek bikes, gift cards, handmade shawls, game packages, themed baskets, and more.

According to Bob Yerkes, from St. Francis-in-the-Field Jacksonville, and co-chair of this annual event, "The Diocese's Wounded Warrior Ministry has been hosting various events for the Wounded Warrior Project for approximately 10 years. This is the second time that we've hosted a family weekend. There is a Diocesan budget line for this Ministry, and we also ask Diocesan churches to include the Wounded Warrior Ministry in their annual budgets. In addition, we ask rectors to urge those who want to make donations to the Wounded Warrior Project to make those donations to our Ministry to help fund this event, and other events that we provide to the Wounded Warrior Project. Wounded Warrior Family Day is a Diocesan-sponsored event, which means that the Diocese's Wounded Warrior Ministry pays for the necessary expenses of this special weekend. Mother Michael Armstrong is my co-chair of the Wounded Warrior Ministry and we very much appreciate Bishop Howard's encouragement and support."

Please note that the next Diocesan Wounded Warrior event will be a Warrior/Spouse Weekend, on Friday, November 3, 2017 - Sunday, November 5. The Wounded Warrior Ministry through the Episcopal Diocese of Florida will host 15 to 20 couples at Camp Weed for respite, connection with each other, away from the stresses they face daily and the opportunity to hear speakers on topics that will ease each family's reintegration into the civilian world. The Diocese's Wounded Warrior Ministry will shine, thanks to the prayers of the members of this Diocese for these families and their continued support financially, sent to the Diocese and earmarked for this Ministry.

To view photos of this event, [click here for Facebook Photo Album](#).