

The Rest of the Year

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I am often asked, *“Now that camp is over, what do you do the rest of the year?”*

Fortunately, there's some predictability and routine in what we do each day. If not, the learning curve would be never ending. The Camp Kudzu Office is buzzing away with the preparations for this year's events and summer camp season.

For the questioner to be engaged with me and not become glassy eyed with boredom, I avoid launching into a 45-minute discussion on all that goes into what takes place between now and our first session of the Summer of 2019. My standard reply is “we are very busy!”

The real answer to that question is that we are hard at work on finding and putting the pieces together for a great year at Camp Kudzu. We are working with the Camp Kudzu Board of Directors, the Camp Kudzu Advisory Board, and the Strategic Planning Committee to develop, finalize, and implement a new Five-Year Strategic Plan. This plan will chart the course of our work in the years to come.

We've launched a new database platform that is very user friendly and we have been figuring out the bells and whistles behind the scenes. Our families and volunteers will be able to add information and documents electronically and, sadly, our fax machine will accumulate more dust.

We are working very hard to take off like kudzu across the state. We will have a sundry of Camp Kudzu programs take place in South Georgia this year, and you can read more about this effort in this issue of E-News.

We have set a goal of serving 900 campers this year. Achieving this last goal will take an enormous number of volunteers, arts and crafts supplies, drawers of files of properly completed paperwork, successful fundraising endeavors, stacks of stapled handouts, pallets of Juicy Juice, towers of plastic bins with matching lids, and, well, the list goes on and on.

We have met some incredibly talented and passionate people who will be either returning or joining us for the first time this summer...our 20th year!

Really, we are always still in camp mode - Imagine putting together a family reunion, a wedding, a school festival, a new product demonstration and a book club meeting all in one – that's camp and it happens every day.

I hope that you have had an instant or two to reflect on the impact you had on camp this summer and the impact it had on you. There's a story in you!

We would love to hear it!