



WADE SUMMER NEWS UPDATE — AUGUST 2009

A summer of fun... a summer of learning!

Over 125 children participated in Wade's Super Summer Camp! Each day was filled with opportunities to have fun with old and new friends while keeping sharp in the classroom.

Our camp provided recreational activities to keep students safe and active. In addition to on-site events, we also treated our students to several pool parties at Harmony Acres, a hike in the Bluefield City Park, a trip to a Bluefield Orioles game and the opportunity to participate in the soccer and basketball camps offered by Bluefield College. Our own daily sports camp allowed students to improve their skills in several sports while the occasional water day kept us cool and wet in the afternoon.

We provided a creative way for students to memorize Scripture and learn the truth of God's Word through "Extreme Bible Challenges."

Students spent at least three hours each day in the classrooms, rotating through opportunities to learn math and science. We offered classes on art and what to do if being bullied too. The students from Concord College's Masters Degree program in Education came every day for three weeks to work on literacy education. We also made regular trips to events at Craft Memorial Library and had their bookmobile come to us. Reading is always a priority at the Wade Center!

Teens from 19 churches from all over the eastern United States supplemented our own very capable camp staff and helped lead daily activities. These groups came to participate in Wade's summer mission program, combining work in our community with Bible study and Christian fellowship. They made repairs to 13 different homes, volunteered at the Union Mission and treated local nursing homes to special programs. In addition, our camp children made many new friends from all over the county.



Students will enter school in the coming days, prepared for success, thanks to Wade's summer camp.

Will you join us in making a difference?

Your partnership with us allows us to provide all these experience absolutely free to the children and youth in our community. The Wade Center's investment of 30-40 hours a week year-round is paying dividends in students' behavior and academic success. We couldn't do it without you!