NESTLED IN THE MOUNTAINS of western North Carolina, Illahee has hosted generations of girls since 1921. Lifelong friendships begin as campers return year after year. Illahee is a warm, caring community where each camper is encouraged to BE A GREAT GIRL!
BE CREATIVE

AT CAMP ILLAHEE IMAGINATION ABOUNDS!

"Bailey looks forward to camp each year. She has made great friends from all over the world during her four years there. It is a time for her and her friends to express themselves in creative ways and just simply be GREAT girls!"

-Debbie, Bailey’s mom
Let Your Creative Self Shine in arts & crafts, ceramics, sewing, woodworking, watercolor painting and fiber arts. Create characters and costumes in drama and puppetry or during an evening program skit and perform on stage with your cabinmates!
A session at camp offers a great opportunity to try new activities and build skills. Your adventure may be sleeping in a cabin, meeting new friends, or enjoying your first time away from home. Camping out at the farm, tubing the French Broad river, swinging off the Tarzan rope, sliding down the Streak, rolling a kayak or riding a horse...sound like fun? You can do them all at Illahee!
“I admire my daughter so much - she packs up and heads off to North Carolina, where she does not know a soul and THRIVES in every possible way while she is there. It is not by chance that these girls are guided to grow into GREAT GIRLS.”

-Siri, Camille’s mom
“Arden felt immediately welcomed, which is very important for a new camper. She felt camp to be a nurturing, encouraging environment, and she loved the girls she met. It was a total ‘home-run’...across the board.” - Amelia, Arden’s mom

Our nurturing environment encourages individual growth. A small camper to counselor ratio (3:1), extensive activities, and the involved leadership of year-round directors help to foster a dynamic community where each camper is noticed and encouraged. Many counselors are former campers who can’t wait to pass along the Illahee spirit and experience that they enjoyed to the next generation.
Enjoy hearing the sounds of the crickets and the bullfrogs and catching tadpoles in the lake as you walk to activities. Cabins are like tree houses nestled in the woods, and outdoor experiences abound both at camp and right outside our back door. Ilhae is set in the land of waterfalls, and is minutes from Pisgah National Forest and Dupont State Park.
Day hikes, rock climbing and kayaking all take part in the forests surrounding our beautiful campus. Illahee’s outpost at Hannah Ford Farm is a great setting for picnics, overnights and camp-wide activities.

“Upon setting foot on your beautiful camp, we knew that our girls were going to have the time of their lives. It is such a nurturing environment that encourages girls to be the best version of themselves. We are so thankful that our girls get to be Illahee girls!”

-Mandy, Lucy and Anna’s mom
The Illahee family embraces a spirit of love and acceptance for each girl in a Christian community. Illahee is the Cherokee word for heavenly world, a theme carried throughout camp.

“Camp Illahee fills the gaps of my parenting and overflows with abundant grace and love that cannot be experienced in the real world”!
- Cassie, Carter's mom
Sundays are special days at camp.
Campers and counselors plan our worship services that are set in the beautiful Woodland Chapel. Our Christian service inspires campers with scripture, song, skits and stories that invite reflection and spiritual growth.
“I am always amazed at the amount of personal growth that my daughter experiences in such a short time. Illahee is a wonderful place for girls to be girls. My daughter is able to re-charge and get a boost before her academic school year.”

- Dawn, Kendall’s mom

Camp is a great place to grow and discover your BEST self. Taking a break from the pressure to fit in socially and from school allows a fresh perspective. Camp life promotes friendships and community, and enables girls to try on new identities in a wholesome and safe setting.
You will feel a part of the Illahee family from your very first visit to camp. Your parents are part of our family too! Daily website updates written by the camp director, along with hundreds of photos allow parents to enjoy the camp day as well.

“At camp, my daughter has the chance to do things she cannot do at home. She grows in character, through friendships and independence. The best part is the joy and happiness I see on her face in the pictures.”  - Caroline, Eliza’s mom