



WHAT IS . . . YMCA CAMP GRADY SPRUCE?

In the 1940s YMCA Camp Crocket was relocated to beautiful Possum Kingdom Lake and renamed YMCA Camp Grady Spruce.

In 1949, the first structures were built at what is now called Main Camp.

Frontier Camp was added in the 1960s to meet increased demand for summer and off-season programming.

The addition of Ray Bean Camp in the 1970s increased opportunities for both families and YMCA groups in summer and year-round camping.

Coed camping, introduced in the 1970s, provided the opportunity for girls to attend camp all summer. International exchanges in the 1970s became part of the Grady Spruce experience and expanded the Grady Spruce family worldwide.

In the 1980s, the challenge course was introduced as a new state-of-the-art outdoor activity that helps campers develop self-confidence, leadership, and trust in others through individual and group activities.

The “newest” program addition is the Outdoor Environmental Education Program. Through this program students are taught and experience the relationship between humans and their environment.

With new developments through the years and changes still to come, one thing remains constant at Camp Grady Spruce: the atmosphere of Christian living enables campers to grow in self-esteem through their relationship with others, and in personal faith (perhaps the basis for the tradition for Camp Grady Spruce).

YMCA Camp Grady Spruce is a tradition representative of excellence: Excellence in atmosphere, in staff, and in programs. Each year a better, stronger camp will be built so the first-time camper becomes a part of the Grady Spruce “family” and continues the tradition for the next 50 years.