

Woody Woodpecker Goes to Camp

Woody Woodpecker Goes to Camp is a 2024 live-action/animated slapstick comedy film directed by Jon Rosenbaum, based on the cartoon character of the same name and serving as a standalone sequel to the 2017 film Woody Woodpecker and the second installment of the Woody Woodpecker live action film series. It is written by Stephen Mazur and Cory Edwards and produced by Jon Kuyper. The film is produced by Universal 1440 Entertainment in co-production with Universal Animation Studios and distributed by Netflix.

The film was released on April 12, 2024 on Netflix, to mostly negative reviews from critics.

Plot

After getting kicked out of the forest for tormenting an influencer camper until he can redeem himself, Woody decides that he can redeem by learning about teamwork in the nearby Camp Woo Hoo, but after arriving, an escaped convict named Buzz Buzzard arrives shortly and then poses as the chef of rival camp Camp Hoo Rah, to rob a hidden treasure.

After Woody arrives, he befriends Angie the camp director, and her daughter, Maggie, and causes chaos at the camp but after Buzz's failed attempts to destroy the camp and after Woody gets to know the campers and helps the campers train for an annual camp game event known as the Wilderness Games, he gets framed for causing chaos again after meeting and fighting Buzz. Inspector Wally Walrus arrives and threatens to shut down the camp. Woody convinces the inspector to give the camp one more chance by letting them participate in the Wilderness Games, but Camp Woo Hoo has a history of losing endlessly to Camp Hoo Rah, since they are creative artists and the Hoo Rahs are tough soldiers, thus leaving the campers with low self-esteem. However, after taking a few losses, the Woo Hoos begin to turn their talents into their most effective weapons. As the Games proceed, Buzz observes with dismay and tries to sabotage Woo Hoo's chances of winning.

Before the final challenge, Woody finally discovers Buzz's evil plot to backmail the Camp Hoo Rah director, Maggie's uncle, into sell him the two camps and gets locked in the freezer, but later inadvertadly freed by the mailman, who delivers all of Buzz's arsenal shopping. As Woody is about to leave Buzz catches sight

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Release poster

Directed by	Jon Rosenbaum
Screenplay by	Cory Edwards Jim Martin Stephen Mazur
Based on	Woody Woodpecker by Universal Pictures & Walter Lantz
Produced by	Jon Kuyper
Starring	Eric Bauza Kevin Michael Richardson Tom Kenny Mary-Louise Parker Josh Lawson
Cinematography	Ross Emery
Edited by	Jonathan Tappin
Music by	Michael Lira

of Woody and they start to fight again. The campers of Camp Woo Hoo discover that their fort was destroyed, but despite having no fortifications, Maggie manages to hatch a plan, that eliminates almost all of the Hoo Rahs, leaving only one to defend the flag. Woody is overpowered, but manages to fire a flare gun and rallies both camps back to the main grounds, where Woody exploits Buzz's illegal arsenal purchasing and plans to steal the treasure. Buzz traps Woody and the campers in the kitchen, but they manage to escape. The camps then try to save the chest that Buzz has stolen, but Maggie's belt gets caught and Woody sacrifices his attempt to defeat Buzz and saves Maggie from falling before rendering himself unconscious.

Afterwards, the camps reconcile when they discover their statue had been the treasure all along, and Woody is filled with emotion when he discovers he has a long-forgotten ancestor on the land. The two camps then unite into one camp, with the name Camp Woo Hoo Rah, and even put Woody on their camp flag. Before Woody flies back to the forest with his newfound redemption, he hugs Maggie goodbye, saying he'll be back the following summer.

In a post-credits scene, after accidentally crash-landing their helicopter upon realizing the crest had nothing but rocks, Buzz and his escaped cellmate find themselves at a police station, where officers have turned up to re-arrest him for their warrant.

Production companies	<u>Universal Animation Studios</u> <u>Universal 1440 Entertainment</u>
Distributed by	<u>Netflix</u>
Release date	April 12, 2024
Running time	98 minutes ^[1]
Countries	United States Australia
Language	English

Cast

- Eric Bauza as the voice of Woody Woodpecker
- Kevin Michael Richardson as the voice of Buzz Buzzard^[4]
- Tom Kenny as the voice of Wally Walrus/Inspector
- Mary-Louise Parker as Angie
- Chloe De Los Santos as Maggie
- Josh Lawson as Zane
- Savannah La Rain as J.J.
- Esther Son as Rose
- Evan Stanhope as Gus
- George Holahan-Cantwell as Orson
- Kershawn Theodore as Mikey
- CC Dewar as Devin
- Ras-Samuel Weld A'abzgi as Kyler

Production and release

In 2021, Universal Pictures and Universal 1440 Entertainment announced a sequel to the 2017 Woody Woodpecker film. It was shot in Melbourne and across regional areas of Victoria from September to December of that year.^{[5][6]}

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Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 17% of 6 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 4.2/10.^[8]

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