

What is CAMP? Fun, Faith, Community!

Camp is a special experience where we gather and learn how-to live-in community, growing as faithful disciples and responsible stewards, following Jesus' call to extravagantly love all God's children and creation.



CAMP = Fun Faith Community

Community (teamwork, cooperation)

1 Corinthians 12:14-20 *The body of Christ. Vs. ¹⁴ For the body is not made up of only one part, but of many parts...¹⁹ There would not be a body if it were all only one part!²⁰ As it is, there are many parts but one body.*

- **Cooperation** - Camper's ability to establish new relationships, maintain positive relationships and friendships, avoid social isolation, resolve conflicts, accept differences, be a contributing member of the group and camp as a whole, and work productively and collaboratively with others.

Acceptance (love, empathy, inclusive, kindness, caring)

Ephesians 4:2 *Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another.*

- **Love** – Campers' ability to see the need of others and respond to it, following Jesus' call to extravagantly love all God's children.
- **Empathy**- Camper's ability to "see into" (recognize, understand) another state of mind and emotions and be receptive to new ideas and perspectives; to appreciate and value differences and diversity in others.

Mindfulness (kindness, caring, responsibility, stewardship, self-control)

Galatians 5:22-23 *the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

- **Responsibility/stewardship**- Camper's ability to motivate themselves to take action and follow through on expectations; to define a problem, consider the consequences, and choose a positive solution for all involved; to stand up for their ideas without hurting or negating others; to become responsible stewards of creation.
- **Self-Control**- Campers' ability to pause and feel the energy of God; a deeper quiet to rest and listen; use what they hear to recognize and attend their thoughts, emotions, and behaviors in order to be lovingly faithful to the will and way of Jesus Christ.

Prayer (spirituality, faith formation, worship)

Philippians 4:6 *Don't worry about anything. Instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need. Thank him for all he has done.*

- **Learn it** – Campers learn more of the sacred story/texts.
- **Live it** - Campers model their behaviors after the positive examples of the message in the sacred texts.
- **Share it** – Campers reflect on what they learn, live and notice, sharing their reflection and discovery with others.
- **Loved by God** – Campers experience the energy of being close to God and grow in the depth of their understanding that they are loved unconditionally by God. That understanding is branded in them strong enough that it will not fade. A strong memory remains that no matter what, they know they are loved by God.

