

Why is a Christian Camp such a powerful tool of evangelism and discipleship?

Christian camping is a very powerful tool to influence the camper. This influence is based on redemptive relationships modeled by all camp leaders. Jesus came to restore mankind's broken relationship with God our Creator. This restoration occurs when we accept Christ's forgiveness and serve one another in love. The Bible describes redemptive relationships in one short sentence: Love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 19:19)

When camp leaders who are devoted to Jesus and motivated by His love live with youth day and night for the whole duration of the camp session – loving them as much as they love themselves – the youth are impacted by the person of Jesus. The ratio of five to ten campers to one counselor greatly facilitates relationship building. Counselors are trained to work with their campers as a group as well as individually. The programs are age appropriate and designed for total participation of each camper at all times. Each program segment from rising in the morning to retiring at night is designed to help achieve the overall camp purpose of "growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52) The methodology is modeled after Deuteronomy 6:1-9, God's educational strategy for Israel's faithfulness to the third and fourth generation.