

Camp Conquest

Ministry Goals and Outcomes

"Our mission is to provide a simple, fun, and distraction free camp experience where lives are changed through a deeper connection with God and each other!"

Philosophy of Ministry - It is our goal to provide an environment free from distraction so that our volunteers may walk alongside our campers as together they increase in their relationships with Jesus Christ.

Program Goals

1. To provide educational opportunities and learning experiences that exposes campers to, and expands the camper knowledge of the saving power of Jesus Christ.
 - A. - Through personal devotions and Scripture memory.
 - B. - Through practical application during activities.
 - C. - Through challenges during chapel, campfire, small group activities, and cabin devotions.
 - D. - By witnessing how the staff and volunteers imitate Christ and give of themselves.

Goal Outcome – Camper would leave with an understanding of a need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, of how to come to salvation, and steps to grow in their faith.

2. To provide the experience of living in genuine Christian community and fellowship.
 - A. through diverse group living and activities
 - B. by practicing biblical principles
 - C. by accepting opportunities for leadership

Goal Outcome – develop confidence in being part of a group and developing positive relationships and social skills.

3. Provide Campers with a secure and safety minded atmosphere that is free from worldly influences allowing the Holy Spirit the best opportunity to work in young hearts and lives.
 - A. Providing a safe space for open spiritual conversation
 - B. Creating an opportunity to experience God in a natural environment
 - C. Promoting security and trust through safety practices throughout the camp setting.

Goal Outcome – develop recognition of a secure environment so the camper can focus on fun, self-discipline, increased skill, and spiritual confidence

4. Enhance the camper experience by engaging volunteers and staff through training and empowerment to serve others, and honor the core values of Camp Conquest.
 - A. To create a multigenerational atmosphere.
 - B. To provide discipleship through fellowship.
 - C. To pass the philosophy of ministry onto the next generation.

Goal Outcome – Create a spirit of mentorship that bridges individuals from camper to counselor, forming the leaders of the future.

Grace Brethren Retreat Center: Camp Conquest – Core Values

Engaging Volunteers in Ministry – Of our ten core values, this one is at the top of the list because it is intensely powerful. Yes, volunteers have a significant positive impact on the lives of the campers with whom they interact. However, the personal impact that occurs in their own lives is the true value. In addition, the overflow of involvement at camp runs directly into the local church as volunteers carry their transformative experience home and into their community.

Honoring our Grace Brethren Heritage – The Grace Brethren churches have passed on to us a devotion to scripture, a commitment to servanthood, and a passion for leadership development all within the framework of authentic relationship. No matter what expression our programs and facilitates may take in any given moment, we can march with confidence into the future knowing that upon such a foundation we will find solid ground and sure footing as we seek to impact lives for eternity.

Sound Biblical Teaching and Quality Creation Oriented Education – There is something uniquely inspiring about a simple campfire. When you bring God’s Word truly spoken by God’s man in the midst of God’s creation – you cannot help but experience ‘life change’ in God’s children. And we get to be a part of it!

Well Maintained and Clean Facilities and Grounds– Deb Newton has been keeping our facility clean for many years. She does a great job. Tim is our Maintenance Coordinator, managing our grounds and coordinating volunteer help to continue enhancing our facilities and grounds. Our facilities and grounds have greatly improved since he came on full-time.

Quality Programs Emphasizing a Distraction Free Environment: What makes camp special and unique amidst the myriad of choices vying for our children’s attention is the focus on removing all the obstacles that would hinder a deeper relationship God and with one another. Our campers enjoy a well-planned program alongside caring counselors and staff in an outdoor distraction free environment.

Evangelism via Personal Relationships and Outdoor Experiences: Doug sits with a camper during morning devotions on Friday morning and they are talking about campfire the night before. He is new to camp and has been asking many questions throughout the week about what they are learning in chapel and at campfire. This camper is not a Christian, but because of a week at camp with Doug, he knows about the love of Christ and may be one step closer to a relationship with the Savior.

Discipleship via Mentoring and Coaching in the Camp Setting- We talk to many people who tell us they love camp because of the difference it has made in their life. Discipleship happens best in community. By living with a mentor for the week, life lessons are learned in a way that rarely happens elsewhere. Intentional discipleship in the temporary community of camp leads to life-altering decisions in both campers and volunteers.

Fun and Safe Environment Focused on Children and Teens: At Camp Conquest, one of our biggest concerns is creating a safe, fun environment. We take time to train volunteers who spend a week at camp to provide each child with a safe, nurturing environment where they can learn new skills and enjoy new friendships.

Ongoing Growth and Learning at Every Level in the Organization: Ongoing education in every area of the camp ministry is essential for all staff and volunteers to increase our capacity for ministry effectiveness.

Increasingly Positive Impact and Relationship with our Community and Church Fellowship:

Ministry Theme Verse: Ephesians 4:12

“To equip his people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up.”