

Why attend a Christian Camp?

"Prayer is a central factor in the camp experience because it occurs as a result of God moments. When campers and staff experience God, the natural response is prayer. The leadership at camp usually directs and nurtures the prayer experience. Campers learn to pray continuously while living in a supportive and nurturing environment. There are many opportunities for prayer, and campers learn how to pray with others and nurture their growing relationship with God." [Cheryl Gans, Columbia Theologian Seminary Student published with the American Camp Association]

Why an Episcopal Camp?

The purpose of this camp is to help young people of all backgrounds grow through the application of Christian Principles within the Episcopal Tradition. The campers learn a deeper appreciation for the Episcopal Church. We celebrate the Eucharist together daily, with the campers and staff taking on all of the roles. We also have a daily "formation" time, which is similar to Sunday School. For the younger campers we have a trained catechist and work with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The older campers have more of a youth group setting led by cabin counselors and other staff. For many campers "church" and the formation time are their favorite activities. They get to be participants in their own education.



Staff

Our Staff are given a unique opportunity. They are invited into the lives of children and youth. We form a Christian Community and the staff are able to model what it means to live as an adult Christian. Most are not trained in theology, but they are invited to walk with the children and be a companion on their faith journey.

Be a Part of it!

Cabin counselors, Nurses and Program staff serving at Senior Camp will be at least age 21 and at Junior Camp age 18 and up (and out of high school).

Day Staff is our invitation to clergy & lay people to serve for a day, if they cannot make the entire week. Our camp program depends on priests to join us to celebrate the Eucharist.



The Pumpkin Patch is for "staff children" who are too young to be campers. If you are interested in serving on staff, please ask about the Pumpkin Patch.

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Episcopal Youth Camp
2009



Senior Camp August 2-8
Junior Camp August 9-15

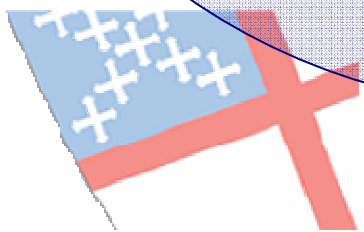
Senior Camp

August 2-8, 2009
Grades 9-12



Senior Camp is run as a leaders-in-training program along with being a traditional summer camp. We participate in the regular fun of camp (arts & crafts, swimming, archery, etc.), and we also work in teams to help plan and lead activities during the day.

Registrations due Wednesday, July 15
Camper Cost is \$310 [early bird special is \$280 if you register by May 1]
CIT cost is \$125
Financial assistance is available!
"Be a Part of it!" Adults are encouraged to apply to serve as staff – applications due May 15



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Junior Camp

August 9-15, 2009
Grades 3-8



Junior Camp is a traditional summer camp with swimming, canoeing, archery, hikes, music and arts & crafts.

It is a Christian Camp where cabin groups plan the daily Eucharist with the visiting clergy. We experience God in the woods, by the water, and with each other.

CITs, or Counselors in Training is our program for youth training to become leaders and counselors at camp. CITs are 16, 17 or 18 and not out of high school. It runs during Junior Camp & the CITs live in the tree-houses with their adult mentors and spend the days in training and with the young campers.