

The
Mission
and
Values
of



The Mission of
Drift Creek Camp:
Sharing God's Love in
Harmony with His Creation



Foreword

This booklet is intended as a common reference for all camp staff and volunteers. It has been created to state the values we support. It describes Drift Creek Camp's unique contribution as an organization. It attempts to clarify to others what we strive to be. These values set the standards for our camp practices and policies so that our mission can become a day by day reality.

The booklet contains our values related to:

- Serving guests and participants in camp activities.
- Touching the lives of children entrusted to our care.
- Encouraging the best in camp staff, supporters, and volunteers.
- Caring for the camp environment.

Sharing God's love in service to guests at Camp

- We believe that Jesus Christ is our model for sharing God's love.
- We believe that camp exists to serve others in providing a special environment where guests are welcome and can feel God's presence.
- We believe that camp is to provide a place where caring for and sharing with each other in daily life can be practiced.
- We believe camp is to be a family setting where care, nurture and support for each individual is encouraged.
- We strive to make camp an enjoyable and inviting place where meals and accommodations are satisfying and comfortable.

Touching the lives of children at Camp

- We value children and show them respect by listening to them and treating them with courtesy.
- We strive to make the camp experience positive for children by helping them feel safe, cared for and supported.
- We respect each child's faith. Even though he or she may have been taught views that are different than ours, we will do what we can to make the child feel accepted.
- We encourage faith by modeling caring relationships and reverence for God's creation.
- We look after each child's personal well-being while at camp as if they were part of our own family.
- Children's families are welcome at camp and we listen to their suggestions and ideas for improving the camp experience.

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Encouraging the best in staff and volunteers

- We strive to be open and caring.
- We strive to make decisions with as much consultation as possible. We invite staff to participate in decisions that affect them.
- We encourage creativity and enthusiasm.
- We support staff in carrying out their responsibilities at camp, listening to their concerns, and responding to their needs.
- We nurture relationships between staff and campers to foster growth and understanding.

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Caring for the Camp environment

- We believe that Camp is to be a place where guests can be inspired by God's creation.
- We strive to care for and protect its natural beauty so that it can be enjoyed by everyone who enters its borders.
- We strive to preserve its wildlife and plants so they can delight and educate us.

**Sharing God's Love
in Harmony with His Creation**

Just as Drift Creek is part of a larger waterway seeking its way toward the ocean, so Drift Creek Camp is part of a larger body seeking its way toward the Creator.

Drift Creek Camp provides a special ministry in a unique setting. As a part of the church removed from the traditional surroundings, it provides a context in which Christian values of caring for and sharing with each other in daily life can be learned and lived. In a rain forest setting that speaks eloquently of God's handiwork, it also provides a context for teaching Christian attitudes of stewardship, and harmony with the created world.

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