



**Camp Helps
Community of Christ**

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ABBREVIATIONS USED

HS—*Hymns of the Saints*, Herald House, 1981

NS—*Sing a New Song*, Herald House, 1999

SCR—*Songs for Camps and Reunions*, Herald House, 1986

SP—*Sing for Peace*, Herald House, 1994

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Outdoor ministry for youth in the Community of Christ is an invaluable resource around the world. Many young people have come to understand their personal calling to discipleship while participating in a camping experience. The power of camping was expressed quite well by those who worked to bring together that first youth camp in 1928 at Camp Nauvoo.

In camp, as perhaps in no other place, our boys and girls may learn to give and take—in order that as a group they may successfully live together. The value of out-of-door life can hardly be overestimated.

Away from the everyday life to which they are accustomed, in the new surroundings with new interests, and in different company, most boys and girls are usually sensitive to the finer things in life. Under these conditions a leader is able to get closer to the boys and girls than at almost any other time.

A summer camp brims with realities. Artificialities seem to just drop away. Social barriers dissolve. Distinctions in dress, in financial status, and in personal importance cease to exist. There are real and satisfying experiences and sensations which soothe tired nerves and awaken new and unthought-of-interests.—*Community of Christ Archives*

The theme, "It's a God Thing," focuses on those moments and places in our everyday life that can only be explained as "a God thing." It will focus campers on

- the Spirit that guides and comforts;
- the God of wonder and awe and the undeniable testimony of God that is deeply present in the creation surrounding them in the camp setting;
- the God that is reflected and present in them;
- the God of little things, song, clouds, joy, friends, family; and
- the God we know but cannot explain.

Throughout the week make constant, repetitive references to the "God things." The positive and encouraging actions of the camp staff can make an amazing difference as campers venture into a deeper understanding of their personal relationship with God.

May the Spirit that has touched and changed the lives of young people throughout the history of camping touch your experiences this year.

Introduction "It's a God Thing"



Sample Camp Schedule

Opening Day

- 3:00 p.m. camp registration
cabin assignments and move-in
free time activities
- 4:30 p.m. sister/brother cabins meet
small group mixers
- 6:00 p.m. dinner
- 7:00 p.m. all-camp opening
- 8:30 p.m. campfire
- 9:30 p.m. late night swim
- 10:15 p.m. CABIN DEVOTIONS
- 11:00 p.m. lights out

See page 6 for additional resources on camp management and planning.



Full Day Schedule (days 1-5)

- 7:00 a.m. early risers swim, run, or fishing
- 7:45 a.m. KP report for duty
- 8:15 a.m. breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. BREATHE . . . JUST BREATHE
- 9:45 a.m. LEADERSHIP CLASSES
- 11:00 a.m. AWESOME . . . GOD CLASSES
- Noon KP report for duty
- 12:30 p.m. prayer for peace
- 12:35 p.m. lunch
- 1:15 p.m. cabin rest time
- 2:30 p.m. free time options: swimming,
boating, fishing, crafts,
camp projects, recreation,
AWESOME . . . GOD ADVENTURES
- 4:30 p.m. KP report for duty
- 5:00 p.m. dinner
- 6:00 p.m. CHAOS CLASS
- 7:30 p.m. all-camp events
- 9:15 p.m. campfire
- 10:15 p.m. CABIN DEVOTIONS
- 10:45 p.m. lights out

Closing Day

- 7:00 a.m. early risers swim, run, fishing
- 7:45 a.m. KP report for duty
- 8:15 a.m. breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. cabin and camp clean-up
- 10:15 a.m. closing assembly
- 11:30 a.m. camper pick-up