

Camp Lakeside Ambassador Help Sheet – SUNDAY SCHOOL

Before Sunday school begins make sure:

- You've had a chance to visit with the pastor and/or Church education staff
- You know how much the church will help to pay for each camper to attend camp
- You know at what point you'll visit with Sunday School children (i.e. travel to different classrooms, one large group, etc.)
- You know how long you have to share with children
- You have enough copies of the current Camps Sheet and Camp Fontanelle info to hand out to EVERY child!

1. Introduce yourself –

"Good Morning, my name is _____"

(Who you are - what you've done/are doing at/for camp - what you currently do at camp - how long you've been associated with the camping ministry - etc.)

2. Share about Camp Sunday -

"Today in Sunday school, we'll be sharing about camp!"

"First, I need you to share with me"

"What is your favorite thing to do in the summer time?"

(wait for everyone to share things like swimming, boating, camping, sleeping in, staying up late, sleep-over's with friends, etc.)

"Well, there is a place where you can do ALL these things...at camp!"

Ask...

"Who has been to camp before?"

"What can you share with everyone about camp?"

"What were your favorite parts?"

"What are you looking forward to again for next summer?"

3. Share why camp is important to you -

"Camp is important to me because..."

"I've always enjoyed camp because..."

"I can't wait to get back to camp because..."

"One of the most important things I learned at camp was..."

(You'll want to share some of the specific things they'll get to experience at camp: where campers sleep, activities they may get to participate in, the great food, their camp counselors and junior staff, etc. Watch their eyes light up!)

Camp is important for all kids because:

- You'll meet lots of other kids from all over!
- Campers get to try new and exciting activities like swimming, archery, riding horses, jumping pillow, laser tag, tree climbing on rope, zip line, and so much more!
- Campers get to spend time with super fun adults who really care about them!
- Campers learn that they are loved, right now, by a God who knows them and accepts them!

4. Pass out Camps Sheet & Brochures *-(ask for a helper to pass them out)*

- 6 different camps to choose from – ALL GREAT/SAFE CAMPS!
- Full of 100's of camping events, each event is designed to help campers grow in faith!
- We even have specialty camps where kids get to stay overnight in the zoo, tube the Elkhorn (older kids), go to a water park, climb a tree on rope, etc.
- Camping events for ALL AGE LEVELS, Pre-Kindergarten to high school, even family camps! Pre-K through 2nd bring an adult.
- 1 day through week long events

5. Find their age level section and share about which camps THAT class can attend

- read through a selection of events for the age of Sunday school you're working with – take time to share what makes this event special/unique. Grade level in grade in as of January or grade before summer
- Make sure that children know that NO MATTER WHICH EVENT THEY CHOOSE – ALL EVENTS INCLUDE: swimming, crafts, great food, campfires, music, etc.

6. Mention that there is money to help families afford to send all their children to camp – (talk to pastor ahead of time)

- Let children know that their church understands that attending camp is important! So important that the church has money to help everyone go to camp. *"This year, each child can receive \$_____ to go to camp"*
- "If the rest that is left after the church helps is still too much for your family to pay – PLEASE LET your Sunday school teacher, pastor _____ or someone at church know. WE WANT YOU TO GO TO CAMP AND WE'LL FIND A WAY!"
- If return campers sign up a new FIRST TIME CAMPER, then the return camper can come at 25% off and FIRST TIME FRIEND ALSO CAN COME AT 25% off!
- All preschool through 2nd grade campers AND their shepherd/adult can sign up at ½ price through March 31st!
- *Camperships* - Money may be available through the church, camp scholarships, etc. to those who can't afford to go to camp. Please take a catalog, talk to pastor _____ and call a camp with any questions. Hope & Promise Scholarship for First timers.

We have never told a child that they couldn't go to camp because they didn't have enough money to pay. If you want to go to camp – we'll make sure you go!

7. Make time to answer their questions!

8. Remind children to take their camping information home to show their parents

See you this summer at camp!

Make sure you:

- Have enough catalogs/brochures for EVERYONE in Sunday School
- Have visited with someone at church who knows what you're doing
- Know how much the church will help to pay for each child's camp fees