

Before Camp Sunday Worship 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 in the service you'll be speaking
- You know how long you have to speak
- Make it a fun day – wear Camp clothes, set up a tent, pretend campfire, serve camping food, etc.
- You have a copy of the current Summer Camp Schedule and Fontanelle Events Sheet to hold up when you share

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. Say Thank you -

"Thank you for taking time today in worship and throughout this spring to share about camping opportunities."

3. Share about Camp Sunday -

"Today in Worship and Sunday school, we'll be sharing about our Great Plains United Methodist Camping Program"

- Share that all children, family and youth will receive current camping information
- If there are people here who know of others who would like to attend camp (grandchildren, neighbors/co-workers with children, etc.), they can pick up materials after worship.

4. 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..."

Camp is important for all kids because:

- Everyone gets to meet lots of other kids from all over Nebraska!
- Campers get to try new and exciting activities like swimming, jumping pillow, archery, low ropes challenge courses, riding horses, laser tag, zip lines 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!

Our conference camping program is one of the most alive outreaches of OUR United Methodist Church! Great Plains summer camp ministries are always listening, adding and changing events and programming to meet the needs of today's children, youth and families! There are so many fun ways to get involved.

BOTTOM LINE - camp is changing lives – helping children, you and families to see God in new ways!

5. Wave (hold up) a current Catalog -

- 6 different camp sites to choose from – ALL GREAT/SAFE CAMPS!
- Camping events for ALL AGE LEVELS, Pre-Kindergarten through high school, pre-K through 2nd attend with an adult
- 1 night camps through 5 night events
- Lakeside is in the process of being accredited by the ACA -we take the safety of all campers very seriously!
- If you have any children in your family, YOU NEED to grab one before you leave church today
- If you don't have any kids in your family perhaps you know a boy or girl who would benefit with a camp experience
- MAKE SURE AND SHARE WHERE YOU WILL BE AFTER THE SERVICE -to answer questions and to pass out catalogs and brochures

6. Camps NEED YOUR HELP too!

- Volunteers needed to help in the kitchen, keep the grounds up, volunteer counselors & cabin leaders, etc. WE NEED YOU!
- Camp Lakeside needs your financial support!
- We need you to help families understand that camp changes lives – tell your neighbors/co-workers/ grandchildren/friends that camp will be one of the best experiences of their life!
- Think about sponsoring a child from your church or community to attend camp – you will change their lives!
- If you know any person who is 18 or older and is looking for a summer job that makes a difference – let us know!

7. Mention that there is money to help families afford to send all their children to camp - (talk to pastor ahead of time, also pastor and UMW can each send a 1st time camper @1/2 price!)

- Let families know how much the church can/will pay for all campers to attend camp
- If return campers bring a NEW FIRST TIME CAMPER then the return camper can register at 25% off and FIRST TIME CAMPER ATTENDS at 25% off!
- 1 and 2 days camps for preschool – 2nd grade are ½ price if you register by March 31st, a trusted adult also must attend with these younger campers (great for grandparents too!)
- Let your church know and they'll find someone who would LOVE to pay for you to go to camp
- Bottom-line – we've NEVER told someone that they couldn't come to camp because they could not afford it!
- Camperships - Money may be available through the church, camp scholarship, etc. for those who can't afford to go to camp. Please take a catalog, talk to pastor _____ and call a camp with any questions.

IF A CHILD OR FAMILY HAS AN INTEREST IN ATTENDING CAMP, THEY WILL ATTEND CAMP, THERE IS MONEY TO SEND EVERY CHILD TO CAMP!!

Make sure you:

- Have a current catalog and Camp Lakeside info to hold up during your announcement
- 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 registration fees