

Program Goals & Objectives

The United Methodist Church
Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference
Camp and Retreat Ministries

Opportunities for teaching and learning

- Opportunities through camp activities to learn at least 2 new skills or take previous skills to a new level.
Examples: archery, boating, fishing, hiking, outdoor cooking
- Opportunities to learn new songs, games, skits, and fun play.
Examples: participation at campfire, morning watch, free time, all-camp programs

Self-esteem development

- Opportunities to discover and grow independently.
Examples: daily activities, choosing new activities
- Opportunities to learn from camp leaders.
Examples: how to make new friends, how to perform a specific task, encouraging campers to try something new

Interdependence with persons

- Daily participation in group decision-making and problem solving.
Examples: daily living groups, small groups, challenge course, initiative games
- Community life participation—daily rotation of group living requirements.
Examples: meal set up and clean up, bathroom cleaning, cabin cleaning, grounds crew
- Making new friendships.
Examples: cabin leaders encourage campers to make at least 2 new friends each week

Interdependence with creation

- Focus on "outdoor ministry" and setting programs outside of camp buildings.
Examples: morning watch, sitting in the grass or under trees, going to the beach, observing the stars
- Use of sensory awareness activities—touching, listening, seeing, smelling.
Examples: ecology games for all-camp programs, cabin group activities, self-guided nature trails, tidepool trips

Expanding faith in God

- Practice praying—at least 3 different varieties.
Examples: aloud, in group, private quiet times, walking labyrinth, prayer partners, grace before meals
- Supporting each other in Christian discipleship.
Examples: call attention to, articulate in words, times of separation, forgiveness, reconciliation, listening
- Sense of Christian life as journey.
Examples: affirm questions, encourage exploration in discussions, use your own stories, use of Biblical stories, use of stories from other people in faith tradition, use skits to actively involve campers in interpreting the tradition

Opportunities for service

- Weekly service projects at camp or in local community.
Examples: trail maintenance, removing invasive species, set up and clean up for meals
- Sharing money with children and youth around the world—learning about their needs.
Examples: UMCOR, Habitat for Humanity, UNICEF, Heifer Project International