

Reach your church's ministry goals. Let camping ministries help!



Camp & Retreat Ministries have consistently been effective in transforming individual lives. Why not let camping ministries transform your congregation by focusing on the lives of small groups in your congregation? Here are some ideas:

- ❖ **Jumpstart new small groups --**
 - Bring an **emerging group** to a conference event... where we provide a program as well as warm hospitality! Or take advantage of our wonderful facilities and create your own program. Our site directors are trained and ready to help you with suggestions of retreat leaders and/or resources to help you plan a successful retreat.
 - Send a **group of children** to a camp where they can find an inviting place to explore their relationship with God and each other.
 - Fall & Winter **youth retreats** can be a wonderful bonding and strengthening activity for youth groups.
 - Day camps –use experienced camp leaders to help your congregation **reach out into the community** by hosting a weeklong day camp in your church.
 - Gather people around **particular interests** and invite them to participate in events that combine Christian friendship and special interests like Flyfishing, Choir camps, Shakespeare, Backpacking, Needlework & Craft camps, and cultural focus camps on Native Americans.
 - Promote **older adult ministries** through participation in Intergenerational Family camps like Grand Camp.
- ❖ **Develop leadership:** *Serving at camp is a leadership lab that provides leadership experience and increased energy for ministry that come from serving God in a spirit-filled place.*
 - Camps provide several training opportunities each year for youth & adult leaders.
 - Help support the spiritual renewal of pastors & other leadership who shape your congregation's spiritual growth.
- ❖ **Strengthen Family Ministries** *by supporting and encouraging families to attend family camps and events where they can develop stronger bonds to each other in a Christian setting. They will return with a renewed commitment and refreshed spirits.*
- ❖ **Transform your congregation** *by recovering your heritage of Wesleyan outreach to the poor through involvement in Creation Vacation camps (a special ministry to families in poverty.)*

PROMOTE CAMP MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ **Support and encourage** *pastors and lay persons to attend and help at camps as deans, counselors or resource persons. Commission them to be missionaries from your congregation to make a difference in the lives of campers.*
- ❖ **Use & request** *the materials that the camping office can provide such as*
 - **Certificates for new members:** *An incentive campership of \$25 is available to new members or those who have attended confirmation or other membership classes.*
- ❖ **Encourage campers of all ages** *to attend*
 - *Provide materials to get them registered*
 - *Get the word out that camp is for everyone! Encourage adults and families to see what we have to offer as well as encouraging children and youth to attend camp.*
 - *Provide scholarship support for those who otherwise cannot afford to attend. For those who need support beyond what the local church is able to provide, we turn to the Joy Fund (donated campership funds). Contact Geneva for more info on the Joy Fund.*