

Promoting Camp @ the Local Church

- Have Camp Sunday(s) *after* kids return from camp
 - Use music campers learned
 - Involve campers in worship leadership
 - Use scripture(s) from camp curriculum
- Bring camp to church
 - Make Camp Sunday(s) more casual in terms of dress, music, etc.
 - Change 'traditional' elements of worship to be more like camp worship
 - Have a picnic/BBQ after worship

Benefits of post-camp season Camp Sunday(s):

- Campers are still enthusiastic and eager to share
- Churches who provided camperships can see that their dollars were well-spent
- Good attraction for late-summer worship
- Can serve as kick-off for fall programming at the local church

An Example from Burley UMC

In August 2009, Burley UMC celebrated camps with a version of "camp meeting" style worship throughout the month. We sang the good ole hymns that appealed to our oldest members as well as camp songs that our young people brought home with them from camp. Each Sunday in August we used a scripture from the camp curriculum. Communion came out of a picnic basket on an altar draped with a red and white checked tablecloth. By the last week of the service, we had a potluck picnic after worship. Families, Sunday school classes, etc. ate lunch in bunches on blankets on the church lawn, followed by intergenerational outdoor games. (Sack races, egg tosses, and three-legged races were enjoyed by disciples of all ages, and those who were not physically able to participate cheered from the sidelines...a safe distance from eggs and water balloons, of course!)