



Promising Camp Strategies

THAT INFLUENCE FAMILY FAITH PRACTICES

CAMP PHILOSOPHY

STRATEGIES FLOW DIRECTLY FROM MINISTRY PHILOSOPHY

Faith Integration

Ground your strategies in the core philosophical priorities of Christian summer camp, particularly the integration of faith into all aspects of camp.

Temporary Community

Emphasize the nature of camp as a temporary experience within a larger ecology of faith formation that includes the home and church.

PROMISING STRATEGIES

CONSIDER STRATEGIES THAT FIT YOUR CONTEXT AND ENGAGE MULTIPLE AUDIENCES.

WHILE AT
CAMP

CAMPERS

Mealtimes Prayers
Bible Study
Devotions
Leadership & Agency

PARENTS

Curriculum During the Week
On-camp Programming
Closing Programs
Parent Training

CHURCHES

Engaging in Program
Church Program at Camp
Supplemental Programs
Church Practices

AWAY FROM
CAMP

CAMPERS

Touchpoints
Take-home Resources
Devotional Resources

PARENTS

Take-home Resources
Family Devotionals
Supplemental Programs
Targeted Communication

CHURCHES

Deploy Camp Leaders
Deploy Camp Programs
Resource Churches

LEADERSHIP POSTURE

Practice *Adaptive* Leadership

The leadership capacity to respond and adapt to challenges, actively learn, and stay open to new ideas makes a difference.



These promising strategies come from surveys of 75 camp directors and follow-up interviews with 20 directors affiliated with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministries, and Christian Camp and Conference Association.

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