

# 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

Mealtime 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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