

The Great Adventure – Word of Life Summer Camp!

Yes, spring is here and, before we know it, it will be time to think about a week at Word of Life Ranch or the “Rock” – Island. Those of us leaders who have experienced a week of camp with a group of our youth consider these hours to be a tool for revival in our youth groups, and with other youth from our community. We will once again list some points of the value of a week at camp, or a snow camp weekend. Word of Life’s purpose for these camps is; “*To make the person of Jesus Christ, as presented in the Word of God, known to each camper.*” This is achieved in three important steps;

- **KNOW** – Each camper will be personally confronted with the plan of salvation in a clear, easily understood manner and given the opportunity to accept or reject God’s gift (John 20:31; John 1:13). Assurance of salvation will also be covered in meetings and by the counselor.
- **GROW** – Each camper who knows Christ should be given training necessary to begin growing toward spiritual maturity (Ephesians 4:14-15).
- **SHOW** – Each camper who knows Christ should be given the knowledge that they need to learn to lead someone to Christ, and be challenged to be God’s representative. (Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20)

Other Benefits of Camp;

Spiritual Growth

- Conviction from the Word has time to build!
- Less worldly distractions.
- Focus is on the Word every day.
- Opportunities to express faith in God to peers.
- Challenged by counselors, staff, and incredible speakers.
- Opportunities to make life-changing, spiritual decisions.
- Positive, spiritual peer pressure from building relationships with new friends

Preventive Ministry

- Only 1 in 5 youth claims to have a church affiliation; bringing youth to camp is a great first step in getting them involved in the church.
- 75% of all Christian teens do not read the Bible. Camp will begin to establish the importance of spending time in God’s Word.
- Meet and become familiar with Word of Life missionaries.
- Only 30% of teens know that Easter is about the resurrection of Christ. A week at camp helps in building their knowledge of God’s Word.

Yes, summer will soon be here, and we need to emphasize planning for camp for our youth and other youth from our community. **This Sunday is our 5th Sunday special youth fund offering**, which is designated for attendance at camps, and other activities where the gospel is presented with a clear opportunity to respond. We ask for your prayers, continuing financial sponsorship, and ideas for ways to raise more money for this year’s campers.