

# How Do You Rate As A Board Member/Trustee?

Camp Board Members/Trustees often spend many hours rating and evaluating the Camp Director and Counselors, but how often do they take the time to rate themselves?

We believe that it is helpful for Board Members/Trustees to rate themselves. Here is a list of items to consider. Do you....

- know the full history of the camp background for all major policies since the formation of the camp
- know staff members by name and responsibility
- make on-the-job evaluation of the needs and problems before approving or denying any phase of the camp program
- make every effort to insure that you can be present at meetings
- visit the camp site while sessions are in progress and see first hand what is happening with the campers
- contribute according to your financial ability towards the needs of the camp. In some cases this may be the contribution of some skill such as an electrician, carpenter, or administrator.
- give a minimum of eight hours of your time per month promoting the camp and/or recruiting staff
- pray regularly for the campers, staff, program and the spiritual goals of the camp
- give at least 24 hours per year toward your own camp education by: attending a camp workshop, convention, lectureship, or visiting other camps to learn what others are doing
- regularly read a Christian Camping oriented publication or book
- when assigned to a special camp committee, or hold some office, seek to carry out the responsibility promptly
- recognize the spiritual values of the camp first, but seek to conduct the camp's business in a business-like manner

*Other areas to think about:*

- Are you always looking for ways to improve your camp from a positive perspective?
- When blessed with the resources to give, do you give unconditionally?
- Do you "give honor to whom honor is due" when others deserve recognition?
- Do you take constructive criticism in stride and focus on the **what** and not get up-set over the **who**?
- Do you really believe deep in your heart that camp is for the kids?
- Do you really believe that your position as a Board Member/Trustee is **NOT** an honorarium but a real opportunity to minister?