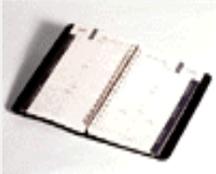




# CAMPTALK

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**2000  
National  
Christian  
Camping  
Workshop**

**Michigan  
Christian  
Youth  
Camp**

**March  
21 - 24**

**Theme  
"Maxamizing  
Your Camp's  
Potential"**

- Make**
- your plans**
- to be**
- there!**

## '99 Workshop Well Attended

### Camp Blue Haven Hosts Ninety-one Christian Camping Workers

Camp Blue Haven, Las Vegas, NM, provided beautiful mountain scenery as a backdrop for the 1999 National Christian Camping Workshop last April 13-16. Ninety-One Christian camp workers, representing 31 camps from around the nation met for the 31st annual workshop.

Speakers covered a wide variety of subjects that encouraged and motivated all present.

Sessions focused on:

- Faithful Stewardship with the Word
- Faithful Stewardship with our Finances

- Faithful Stewardship with our Campers
- Faithful Stewardship with our Facilities

Special sessions on Ropes Courses and Resources for camps gave unique insight into how camp workers could use this information in their home camps.

Our sincere thanks to Vance and Amy Crowe for their many hours of preparation and organizing of an outstanding workshop and to the Camp Blue Haven organization for hosting the 1999 workshop.

### CAMPTALK GOING ON-LINE



If you wish to receive future issues of CAMPTALK via an e-mail attachment, do the following:

- Send an e-mail to [camptalk@se-iowa.net](mailto:camptalk@se-iowa.net)
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## Things I Have Learned At Camp

- ☺ **I have learned:**  
That you don't make rules that you would not enforce for your own children.
- ☺ **I have learned:**  
That many of my closest friendships have been forged at camp.
- ☺ **I have learned:**  
That most kids cannot get enough hugs.
- ☺ **I have learned**  
That even the most hyper or mischievous kids will sleep well if tired enough.
- ☺ **I have learned:**  
That as soon as a child makes a friend, they are no longer homesick.
- ☺ **I have learned:**  
That often times kids who "grew up" at camp, make your best staff people.

- ☺ **I have learned:**  
That one "rotten apple" can indeed spoil the whole barrel.
- ☺ **I have learned:**  
That there are always broken children at camp.
- ☺ **I have learned:**  
That God uses Christian camping to help mend broken children.
- ☺ **I have learned:**  
That singing God's praises opens the heart.
- ☺ **I have learned:**  
That an open heart can be touched by God's Word.

Bill Collins

*Christian Camping...  
a learning experience  
for both campers  
AND staff!*



## Can You Help?

### Development Director Needed

Copper Basin Bible Camp, located in the cool pines of Prescott Arizona is looking for a fulltime person primarily to raise money for the camp, to promote its summer camp programs and year-round events, to recruit campers and staff, and to represent the camp at various events throughout Arizona and surrounding areas. Copper Basin Bible Camp is supported by churches of Christ in Arizona and has been operating since 1976.

Please send resume or letter of interest to:

Copper Basin Bible Camp  
-Search Committee  
c/o Church of Christ  
5225 E. Camelback Road  
Phoenix, Arizona 85018

For more information on the camp visit our web site at:

<http://home.att.net~cbbc>

## CAMP Profile

### Central Florida Bible Camp "The Camp With a Purpose" Serving Youth Since 1956



Central Florida Bible Camp's purpose is the spiritual, physical, social and mental development of youth and others through our Summer Camp program and through special retreats.

The 80-acre camp is located 9 miles east of Eustis, Florida on County Road 44-A. Twelve air conditioned cabins (each with shower and restroom), a beautiful gazebo, 4 shelters, a large screened pavilion, a crafts building, air conditioned dining hall, an office, and infirmary are located there. In addition, the facilities include a swimming pool, bathhouse, and plenty of outdoor space for hiking and group games.

# 2000 National Christian Camping Workshop

## March 21 - 24

Michigan Christian Youth Camp ~ Attica, Michigan  
**Theme: Maximizing Your Camp's Potential**

*"From the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." Luke 12:48*

**Cost: \$25.00 per person ~ \$40.00 per couple ~ All facilities are heated.**

### Schedule

Workshop Songleader - Bill Collins

#### **Tuesday March 21**

- 3:00-6:00pm Arrive, Registration, Set up displays
- 6:00-6:30pm Welcome - Jerry Brackney
- 6:30-7:00pm Dinner
- 7:30-8:00pm Theme: Maximizing Your Camp's Potential - Don Wright - MCYC
- 8:15-8:45pm Maximizing Potential through NACC - Hal James
- 9:00-9:30pm Devotional - Philip Brackney
- 9:30pm Star Gazing with telescope (1st clear night) David Brackney

#### **Wednesday March 22**

- 8:00-8:30am Breakfast
- 8:45-9:15am Salting our Staff and Campers - Vance Crow
- 9:30-10:00am A Well Maintained Camp - Tom Courneya
- 10:00-11:00am High Ropes Demonstration - Peggy Stockard
- 11:00-12:00am Classes
  - Challenge Course - Low Rope Elements and introduction to High Ropes - Peggy Stockard (Prerequisite for High Ropes)
  - Maximizing Nature Potential - April Tummins
  - Map & Compass - Anita Eddings (Prerequisite for Orienteering)
- 12:15-12:45pm Lunch
- 1:00-4:00pm Classes
  - Challenge Course - High Rope Elements - Peggy Stockard
  - Adventure Challenge - Jerry Brackney & Jim Lavrack
  - Orienteering - Anita Eddings
- 1:00-2:00pm
  - Maximizing Nature Potential (repeat) April Tummins
  - Hands on Crafts with Spiritual Application - Virginia Ebeling
- 2:00-4:00pm Dealing With Problem Kids - Panel Discussion
- 2:00-4:00pm Free Time/Sharing Time
- 4:00-6:00pm Maximum Cooking - Kathy Baker
- 4:00-6:00pm Free Time/Sharing Time
- 6:00-6:30pm Supper
- 7:30-8:00pm Entertainment - "Autumn" from Rochester College
- 8:15-9:00pm In Session Policies and Enforcement - Joe Eddings
- 9:15-10:00pm Object Lesson Devotionals - Gayle Raynes

#### **Thursday March 23**

- 8:00-8:30pm Breakfast
- 8:45-9:15am A Clean Camp - Lois Wright
- 9:15-10:15am Annual Meeting - National Association of Christian Camps
- 10:30-11:00am Program Development to Maximize Camp Potentials - John Grinnell
- 11:15-12:00am Reducing the Risk (Sexual Abuse) - Jerry Brackney
- 12:15-12:45pm Lunch

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## Building A Proper Camp Staff



It's simple. If you have a good staff, you will have a good camp. If you do not, you will not.

Saying that is the easy part. What is hard is to build the proper staff. The following suggestions will

help make camp a spiritual feast and an enjoyable experience.

**Start your search early.** Start searching for next year's staff as soon as possible after camp is over. If you wait, you often end up with "whoever" is available. This weakens your camp staff.

**Select sound Christians.** If one of your staff is outstanding in some skill, your campers will be open to anything he/she says. It is essential, therefore, that you select staff very carefully. Campers deserve solid teaching and direction when they go to camp, not just recreation, crafts and good camp food.

**Clarify staff responsibilities.** There needs to be specific information outlining all expectations from each staff member. It should be in their hands well ahead of camp time.

**Conduct staff meetings before and during camp.** If possible, meet with your staff before camp. Many details about the camp program can be worked out, increasing the effectiveness of camp. **During** the camp session, staff meetings are essential. Not only does the daily routine need to be discussed, but special problems can be brought up and dealt with on a daily basis. Staff meetings help increase morale and strengthen staff ties. *{Prayer should always be on the agenda! ~ Editor}*

**Select your staff with a "camp situation" in mind.** Camp is not church. Camp is not school. Camp is not like anything else. Those you ask to serve must have a love for the camper and a desire to serve them. There must be enthusiasm toward all camp activities, and, in addition to their ability to teach, counsel or whatever, the ability to have fun and interact with the camper.

There is no other part of camp planning as important as selecting and training the right staff. These guidelines will serve you well toward having a good camp that builds spirituality and causing campers to want to return next year.

*Excerpts from article by Warren Wilcox, Denver, CO  
Christian Bible Teacher ~ May 1988*

## The Business End of Camping



Conducting a Christian camp necessarily involves money and the proper use of it. There are many expenses required for conducting camp. Here are some suggestions that will insure a good business arrangement for camp.

**1. Be sure to have a good treasurer.** This person will need to be honest and dependable, make all deposits, take care of legal matters and pay all bills in a timely way. This requires many hours of bookkeeping. Doing a good job as treasurer makes the business end of camping run smoothly.

**2. Keep good records of the campers and the fees paid.** This will show what each camper owes at registration. The person who keeps the camp's registration records has many hours of record keeping that must be done. This work will help the camp operate efficiently and economically.

**3. Limit the number of people who may purchase for the camp operation.** Appoint specific individuals for specific areas where buying is needed. Buying in large quantities makes economic sense. *{Consider free or low cost resources such as commodities, food banks, and business contributions ~ Editor}*.

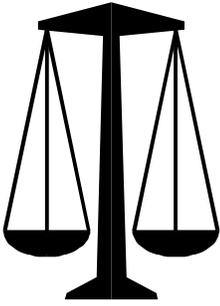
**4. When feasible, store what is left for the following year.** This includes awards, athletic equipment, kitchen supplies and utensils, craft supplies and, some non-perishable food items.

**5. Raise fees when necessary.** By having a good treasurer who keeps the books accurately it is possible to decide if the fee needs to be raised. It is essential that the camp be operated in such a way that it can pay its debts. It is better to raise the fees and spread the cost among all the campers than go in the red.

**6. Keep paid staff to a minimum.** Some camps pay most of their staff. Others only pay a few. Of course the fewer paid staff the lower your costs to operate the camp will be. Always be fair and consistent in the financial dealings with your staff members.

The business end of Christian Camping is an important area to consider. *"...Provide all things honest in the sight of men" (Romans 12:17).*

*Excerpts from an article by Arthur Pigman, Knoxville, TN  
Christian Bible Teacher ~ May 1988*



## Legal Issues Page

*Second article in a series on the subject of Child Abuse in America. This a significant problem and camp leaders are increasingly finding themselves faced with difficult decisions in dealing with this issue. We share with you here information submitted by Ed Ditto {West of Heaven Christian Camp in Oklahoma} in hopes that it will guide other camps in their preparation to deal with this issue. Although adopted for a church youth group in a local congregation, we hope portions can find application in a youth camp setting. PLEASE consult your local and state authorities before placing policies into effect.*

### Touching Policy

We live in a society where child abuse is a reality. One way the church deals with this issue is by taking steps to protect the teens in our care. The church has implemented a policy on touching and affection that will safeguard our teens while promoting a positive, nurturing environment for ministry to them. The guidelines below are to be carefully followed by anyone working with our teens.

A general guideline is **WWJT: What/Where/Who/When/Why Would Jesus Touch?** Conscientious application of this general guideline should insure a healthy environment. Some specific guidelines are given followed by several examples.

- Touching and other forms of appropriate physical affection between workers and teens are important for a teen's development and may under the appropriate circumstances be suitable in our church setting.
- Physical affection should be appropriate to the age of the child or teen. (For example, it may be appropriate for a four-year-old to sit in a nursery worker's lap and give a kiss on the cheek, but it is not appropriate for a teenager and youth leader to behave this way.)
- Appropriate touching should be initiated by the teen. It should be a response to the teen's need for comforting, encouragement, or affection. It must **not** be based upon the adult's emotional need.
- Touching and affection should only be given when in the presence of other youth ministry workers. It is much less likely that touches will be inappropriate or misconstrued as such when two adult workers are present and the touching is open to observation.
- Touching behavior should not give even the appearance of wrongdoing. As ministry workers our behavior must foster trust at all times; it should be above reproach.
- A teen's preference not to be touched must be respected. Do not force touch or affection upon a reluctant teen.
- Church workers are responsible to protect teens under their supervision from inappropriate touching by others.
- Church workers must promptly discuss inappropriate touching or other questionable behavior by other workers with their ministry leader.

Some examples (not an exhaustive list) are: "High Fives" are almost always appropriate. Holding hands except at prayer time is usually not appropriate. A pat on the top or back of the shoulder is usually appropriate. "Shoulder-to-shoulder" hugs may be appropriate. "Full-on, front-to-front" hugs are seldom appropriate. Opposite sex back rubs are rarely appropriate. A teen girl playfully feeling a male youth worker's cleanly shaven face may rarely be appropriate. A male youth worker playfully feeling a teen girl's shaved leg is never appropriate. Opposite sexes sitting on each-other's laps, shoulders, or anywhere else is seldom appropriate. Opposite sex wrestling or play fighting is seldom appropriate.

***{If you would like to share information you have on this or other Legal Issues, please submit to the editor}***

## Unique Christian Camping Ministry Opportunity...

**Editor's Note:** I subscribe to an e-mail List Service of the Christian Educators Association. The following is an e-mail about Christian Camping for Abused Children that I thought worthy of sharing with our readers. This is not an endorsement by the NACC, but information you may want to consider.



Dear CEA Brothers and Sisters:

READY FOR A REAL CHALLENGE?

We've found a wonderful way a church can address the needs of abused children, challenge its members to new levels of ministry and draw them into powerful mission work within their own community.

I heartily recommend this to you.

In June we hosted our first annual week-long camp for abused, neglected, or abandoned children. It was one of the most fulfilling, significant events of which I have ever been a part, and I cannot express how enriching it has been to see God transform both the children and the adults who participated.

We followed the plan of:

Royal Family Kid's Camps, Inc.  
1068 Salinas Avenue  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
Phone: 714-548-6828  
e-mail: RFKCInc@aol.com

This well-organized, non-profit ministry teaches churches exactly what to do.

RFKC, Inc.'s dream is to find a church in every county of the United States to host one of these summer camps. This year, 58 churches across the U.S. hosted a Royal Family Kid's Camp. Ours was the first Church of Christ to do so.

If you are interested, I suggest you:

- (1) Contact me or the Royal Family people to get more information about these camps. Their brief video and other free material can help you introduce the idea to your church.
- (2) Consider prayerfully if your church can become the first in its area to host such a camp. It could become known as a church that cares about abused children.
- (3) Start looking now for people in your church who could lead this. Believe me, you cannot take this on alone (you barely have time to read your email). You will bless whomever you involve.
- (4) Allocate money now in your church budget to send people to train next summer at one of the training locations. This training is excellent, and vital.
- (5) Plan to host your own first Royal Family Kid's Camp in the summer of 2001. I guarantee: if you do this right, it will change many lives - young and old - and become one of your church's most powerful annual events. To God be the glory.

Contact me and I'll tell you more.

Gary Williams  
Grapevine, Texas  
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## Become a Member Camp

### National Association of Christian Camps

Camp Name \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Association Membership for Camps:** The annual fee is \$25.00 per year plus 10¢ for each paid youth camper. Example: If your camp had a total of 500 campers this past summer your fee would be \$50.00 plus the \$25.00 base fee - Total \$75.00. Checks should be made out to NACC and mailed to:

National Association of Christian Camps  
1101 East Taylor  
Washington IA 52353

Each Member Camp will receive a handsome Charter Member Certificate and active workers in each camp will be placed on the CAMPTALK mailing list. Send your list as soon as possible. This list should include your Board Members, Trustees, Managers, Caretakers, and key staff workers.

**Association membership for individuals:** An Associate Membership is \$25 per year. This category is for those whose home camp is not a member of the association. You will receive CAMPTALK and other Association benefits as they become available.

## CAMPTALK

will be one of the primary benefits of belonging to the association. Through this newsletter, information will be shared on the many facets of Christian Camping. CAMPTALK will be **your** newsletter. With reader contributed articles, CAMPTALK will be a resource for information and ideas that you can use in your home camp. Articles may be submitted in any form, paper or electronic to:

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camptalk@se-iowa.net

Here is a short list of some of the subjects that are planned for CAMPTALK:

- Bible Class themes
- Craft projects
- Fund-raisers
- Camp Profiles
- Counselor Training
- New songs
- Food service
- Camp safety
- Camp games
- Camp traditions
- First Aid
- Board of Directors
- Camp Directors
- Renting vs owning
- Legal issues
- Liability issues
- Specialty camps
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1:00-5:00pm Classes - Staff  
1:00-1:45pm Recruiting Best Possible Staff - Jeff Goff  
2:00-2:45pm Pre-camp Training - Bob Manasco  
3:00-3:45pm Round Table Discussion  
4:00-4:45pm Capitol Campaigns - Do's & Don'ts - Reginald Best  
1:00-5:00pm Adventure Challenge/High Ropes  
Horse Program - Anita Eddings  
6:00-6:30pm Supper  
7:30-8:00pm Value of Camping to Society - Lapeer County Probate Judge Preisel  
8:15-8:45pm Maximizing the Spiritual Atmosphere - Gayle Raynes  
9:00- Song Sharing-Bill Collins  
Devotional-Jerry Brackney

## **Friday March 24**

7:30-8:00am Breakfast  
8:15am Closing Remarks - Departure

### **Workshop Registration ~ 2000 National Christian Camping Workshop at Michigan Christian Youth Camp**

Mail to: Michigan Christian Youth Camp  
820 N. Lake George Road ~ Attica, MI 48412

**Notes: All buildings are heated. Bring warm clothing.  
Bring items for silent auction - proceeds to NACC**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, and Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check for \_\_\_\$25 per person, or \_\_\_\$40 per couple  
(Men & women in separate dorms)  
Private Room - \_\_\_\$60 per couple (9 rooms available on 1st come 1st served basis)  
RV hook-up (elect. & water., dumping station) upon advance request (no extra charge)

Updated Information on Web Page  
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