

1998

National
Christian
Camping
Workshop

Rolling Hills
Christian
Camp

Mt. Sterling
Kentucky

March 31 -
April 2

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National Association Formed

It's official! Incorporation papers were filed in the state of Texas and approved in early July '97. The National Association of Christian Camps among churches of Christ in America now exists. Our intent is to

NACC is now
official...
Charter
Membership
available

benefit Christians who are involved in every type of Christian camping by providing a variety of member services. Charter Membership is now available (see page 3).

Participants of the 1997 Workshop held at Gulf Coast Bible Camp in Mississippi appointed the following slate of officers:

President - Bill Collins, Gulf Coast Bible Camp, MS; Vice President - Tom Burdett, Camp Blue Haven, NV; Secretary - Keith Williams, Florida Bible Camp; Treasurer & Newsletter Editor - Hal James, Midwest Bible Camp, IA; Executive Secretary - Al Ogren, Camp Blue Haven, NV. Trustees are: Charles Grinnel - Central Florida Bible Camp; Jeff Goff - Maywood Christian Camp, AL, and Mark Christie - Lake Cisco Christian Camp, TX.

The stated purpose of the association is to: *"Establish an association through which Christian Camps operated by members of the church of Christ, their leaders and members, may freely associate themselves to promote Christian camping throughout the United States and the world. In addition, the purpose of*

the corporation shall be to publish newsletters and informative materials about Christian camping, hold conferences and workshops to inform and train leaders of Christian Camps, and to provide a formal network for the exchange of ideas."

We sincerely solicit your ideas for membership benefits. You can help the association grow by telling us about the needs in your camp organization. We will strive to add these services and benefits to our membership package as resources become available.

The association's first annual meeting will be held during the 1998 Workshop at Rolling Hills Christian Camp, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. Brethren interested in assisting the further development of the association and its services to member camps are urged to attend.

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National Camping Workshop

Rolling Hills Christian Camp, Mt. Sterling, KY, will be the host camp for this year's workshop. The camp is located 35 miles east of Lexington, KY and is only 1/4 mile north of I-64 (exit #110) on US 460.

The theme of the workshop is "TEACH ME" and will focus on our responsibility to teach God and His truth.

Workshop class sessions will include:

- ◆ *Enthusiasm in our teaching at camp*
- ◆ *Unique teaching opportunities at camp*
- ◆ *The challenge of teaching at camp*
- ◆ *Staffing and organization of teachers*
- ◆ *Rules and discipline that teach at camp*
- ◆ *How computers can help us teach at camp*

Workshop sharing sessions will include:

Learning.....

- new songs
- group games
- skits

While most workshop participants will have Christian Camping experience, no one claims to know all the answers. This is why we come together — to learn and grow — to take back home ideas and concepts that we can adapt in our home camps. By spending three days with brethren from across the country you WILL come away from the workshop filled with ideas and encouragement.

The workshop fee is only \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. For more information contact:

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The Corner

Sharing

(Send us ideas you would like to share with fellow camp leaders)



Camps on the WWW

Midwest Bible Camp
www.angelfire.com/ia/mwbchome

Michigan Christian Youth Camp
www.mcy.org

Nebraska Youth Camp
www.tcgcs.com



Camp Recipe

(Send us your favorite)

Cheddar Bread

16 lbs of yeast bread dough
2 1/2 lbs cheddar cheese

4 sheet pans - cut bread
6 x 6 = 144 servings

Heat together butter mixture:

1 lb butter
6 tbs dry onion
1 tbs dry mustard
2 tsp Worcestershire sauce

Pat dough out in pan. Spread butter mixture over dough. Sprinkle cheese on top. Bake @ 350° for 20 minutes.

(Submitted by Doloris James - Midwest Bible Camp)

For each pan:
4 lbs dough
2/3 cup butter mix
2 1/2 cups grated cheese

CAMP Profile

Lake Darling Youth Center

"Home of Midwest Bible Camp since 1969"

Midwest Bible Camp conducts its camping programs on the beautiful shores of Lake Darling, home of the Lake Darling Youth Center, near Brighton, Iowa. The campsite is located on a seven-acre lake shore tract that provides the most extensive view of the lake to be found along its shores. Also, several hundred acres of state-owned land adjacent to the camp are available for camping activities.

The Lake Darling Youth Center facility will host 100 campers plus staff. It has 13 cabins, (3 are staff cabins) a large dining hall and activity building, kitchen, bath house, first-aid and canteen buildings and athletic field. There is a basketball court, sand volleyball court, tether ball court, roped-off swimming beach on the lake and a separate boat dock for boating and canoeing. In addition, there is an open-air shelter house, campfire area, chapel area and plenty of wide open green spaces. MWBC offers 7 weeks of camp that spans all age groups.

Lake Darling Youth Center is owned by a non-profit group in Washington County, Iowa and governed by its own Board of Directors.



Become a Charter Member Camp

National Association of Christian Camps

Camp Name _____

Camp Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____
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Association Membership fee is \$25.00 per year plus 10¢ for each paid youth camper. Example: If your camp had a total of 500 campers in 1997 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
1413 North Iowa Avenue
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.

CAMPTALK will be one of the primary benefits of belonging to the association. Through this quarterly newsletter information will be shared on the many facets of Christian Camping (See page 4 for example article). 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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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
- Budgets
- Insurance
- Equipment suppliers

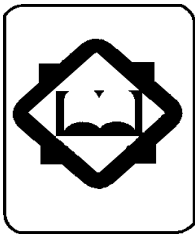
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A Bible Centered Schedule Is A MUST



For a camp to be a Christian camp, the Bible must be the center. Of course the Bible will direct us in all our activities and a study of the Bible is essential. What would a church camp, a Bible camp or a Christian camp be without the Bible? If we are not going to really emphasize the

Bible in our camps, then let the camper go to the 4-H or Scout camps.

With our objectives being to mold young lives for the Lord, to encourage obedience to the gospel, and to train campers for better service to God, the Bible is a necessity. Your philosophy of Christian Camping will determine the amount of emphasis that is placed on a Bible centered schedule.

The morning should be filled with Bible study. Minds are fresh and campers are ready to learn. With a good schedule of classes, youngsters can receive more Bible instruction in one week of camp than in twelve weeks of Sunday and Wednesday Bible Classes. Here is a sample schedule for the morning:

8:30 - 9:15 — First Class
9:20 - 10:05 — Second Class
Break
10:15 - 11:00 — Chapel
11:05 - 11:50 — Third Class

Add to the above sessions a forty-five minute evening chapel period and in five days you have twenty-five meetings where the Bible is taught. (NOTE: For younger children the class time can be shortened five or ten minutes with a longer break being given).

To have a Bible centered schedule does not mean there can be no variety. Areas of Bible study might include such broad categories as Christian living, Bible doctrine and missions. Use of resource persons and outside speakers in class and chapel is a good option. Segregated classes of boys and girls within the same age group is easy to arrange. Each group can study lessons of interest to them.

Such subjects as conversion, the church (establishment, organization, work and worship), the restoration, and the Great commission can be studied. Christian living at home, at school, and in the world are of interest. A resource person speaking about drugs would be valuable. Interest in missions can be encouraged by having a returned missionary as a teacher. His pictures and accounts of his work create excitement in camp studies. Many good filmstrips and videos are available. The Gospel of Luke from the Genesis Project has been used effectively. Bible bowl drills can increase knowledge and are certain to lend interest to the study of the Bible.

Find dedicated and godly Christian teachers. Have them stay at camp for best results. One good way of locating teachers is to have an education director who has knowledge of surrounding congregations on staff. He can recruit qualified teachers. Bible teachers should know the Bible, love the Lord, and be interested in young people.

Clifford Reel
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