



35 Ways TO PROMOTE CAMPING IN YOUR CHURCH

CELEBRATE CAMP SUNDAY

- Have fun promoting this life-transforming ministry.
- Invite a camp director, site management board member, or NUMC board member to share the story of United Methodist camping in Nebraska.
- Involve past campers!
 - Select one or two enthusiastic campers from past summers to share their experiences at camp with your congregation.
 - Campers could wear their camp t-shirts to church.
 - Campers could create posters, collages, banners, etc.
- Make a special appeal for individuals who would be willing to volunteer as camp counselors, deans, or nurses, those who could transport campers, and those who would help with other projects at camp.

BULLETIN BOARD DISPLAYS

- If your church had children, youth or adults participating last year, get photos from them to add use for your display. You might also add notes, pictures, or craft projects, etc.
- Post a list of those who have registered for camp. Invite members of the church to keep these persons in their prayers.
- Use the brochures to make copies of camping opportunities available by grade.

DISPLAY THE CAMP BROCHURES IN PROMINENT PLACES

- Make additional camping brochures available (Extras can be requested from the conference office or any of the camps).

USE YOUR CHURCH'S WEEKLY BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTERS

- Give the 2010 Camp Bulletin Blips to the person in charge of the Sunday bulletin.
- Give the 2010 Newsletter Articles to your newsletter editor.
- Have past campers write short articles to describe what a week of camp means to them.
- Promote camp opportunities to a different age-group each week.
- Provide information about scholarships and how to request or how to provide support.
- Ask returning campers to make a picture or share a story about their camping experience--"what going to camp was like for me."
- Develop your own promotional display.



3 Amazing Places to Grow with God!

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PROMOTE CAMP WEBSITES

- Register online at www.umcneb.org/register
- Comeca: www.campcomeca.com
- Camp Fontanelle: www.campfontanelle.com
- Camp Norwesca: www.norwesca.org
- Find each of the camps on Facebook or Twitter!

TALK TO PEOPLE

- Person-to-person is best! Talk with a prospective camper and/or parent. They tend to delay acting. Continue to remind them!
- Visit your church's groups such as Sunday school classes, youth groups, etc.
- Ask your pastor for a few minutes for you or a camper to speak during one or more Sunday worship services.

FUN(d) RAISING

- Provide information about scholarships and how to request or how to provide support.
- Consider planning a meal for your church to share on Camp Sunday to raise money for camp scholarships
- Consider taking a special offering on Camp Sunday for camp asking dollars or to help with travel costs for Camp Sunday visitors.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Plan a camp sign-up day. Invite parents and possible campers.
- Set a goal of how many campers you want your church to send to camp this summer – make a "thermometer" to show the progress being made toward your goal of camper sign-ups.
- Pick a week (or weeks) for children and youth in your church to attend camp at the same time.
- Organize a trip to a campsite for a meal or worship service.
- Plan a family camp weekend at a campsite to help acquaint the people in your church with the camps.

VIDEO

- Set up a television set and run the 2008 camping video. Use the video during worship or to share apportionment dollars at work. This is an excellent way to share the camping story.
- Videos were distributed to each church at the January 2008 Special Session. (Direct requests for the camping video to the Conference Office at 402-464-5994 or 800-435-6107).

Summer Camp
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