

"SHOULD YOUTH ATTEND CHURCH CAMP?"

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Church Camps are a beautiful place to spend a week of one's life. **THE SCHEDULE** is very busy with the following: 1) Sleeping in the dorm (bunks) 2) Flag Pole exercises 3) Team Devotions 4) Chow Lines (Great food) 5) Morning Bible Classes 6) Missionary Talks 7) Chapel Period 8) Singing & Specials 9) Bible Dramas 10) Team Meetings 11) Recreation Period (All kinds including swimming) 12) Rest Period 13) Flag Raisings & Lowerings 14) Memory Verses & Team Points 15) Evening Vespers 16) Surprise Period 17) Evening Activity Period 18) Canteens 19) Campfire nightly 20) Dorm Devotions

A week of camp is the most reasonable (cost wise) of all camps (sports, band, cheerleading, 4-H, Scouts, etc.) that I am aware. The reasonable amount is for **120 hours of spiritual training**. This is more than a young person receives in a year at church (Sunday School/Church on Sunday mornings (104 hours) and VBS (12 hours). It includes; sixteen meals, sleeping accommodations, a multitude of prayers, countless hours of Bible instruction, as well as a tremendous amount of fun. Then, for those youth who normally attend a specific congregation regularly, the church will pay 50% of this - leaving a very low balance to pay. Then, as a bonus if one registers another camper who did not attend camp last year - many camps will give one an additional financial break. **That is a great deal...** for parents to send youth off for a spirit filled week. If this is still a financial problem, most churches will see to it that - where there is a will to attend church camp, there is a way!

Of course youth will need some money for canteen and the Missionary Offerings. If you **have any questions** pertaining to attending a week of camp, please feel free to call your church office for details.

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