

A: Children arrive at camp and are welcomed warmly into an emotionally, physically and spiritually safe space. The camp staff is recruited, trained, and prepared.

B: Children are taken deeper into an authentic relationship with God through:

a. The development of authentic and caring relationships with the staff and other campers including taking responsibility for each other.

b. Learning and mastering new skills and trying new adventures.

c. Spending time in nature.

d. Quiet time of pondering and wonder.

e. Structure balanced with unhurried time.

f. Diversity of experiences and choices.

g. Expressing themselves and being heard and respected.

h. Being reminded and treated as the blessed child of God they truly are.

C: The elements above, lead to an authentic experience with God.

D: The listening and affirmation modeled and practiced by the staff and intentionally developed among the campers toward one another helps the children reflect on, articulate and internalize their experience with God.

E: They return home having had a spiritually transformative experience and spontaneously share the good news with others.

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God Centered Spiritual Formation Model

As applied to Camping Ministries