

Camp Sawtooth Statement of Faith

Our Mission

The mission of Camp Sawtooth is to provide a safe environment for young people to come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ, to grow in the faith, and share the hope of the Gospel with the world. Our vision is to proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior, by faithfully teaching the Word of God, and demonstrating God's love and grace within the relationships formed through our camping ministry.

We believe:

Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation. He is the only Mediator between God and all human beings. Jesus Christ our Lord, God's eternal Son, fully God and fully human, took upon Himself the sin of all of us on the cross as the only perfect sacrifice for us.

This truth is proclaimed throughout the Bible -- which is the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, given by divine inspiration, and is the final and supreme authority in all matters of faith and life.

In the Scriptures, God is revealed as the one living and true God, Creator of all things, perfect in love and righteousness. This one God exists eternally as the Holy Trinity, The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

God made man and woman in the image of God to have fellowship with us. Being estranged from God by our disobedience, we are incapable of a right relationship with God apart from divine grace.

By death in our place, Jesus Christ revealed divine love and upheld divine justice, removing our guilt and reconciling us to God. Having risen bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven, Christ rules as Lord over all and intercedes for us as our Great High Priest.

Through the proclamation of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit renews our hearts, persuading us to repent of our sins and confess Jesus as Lord. By the same Spirit we are led to trust in divine mercy, whereby we are forgiven all our sins and justified by faith through Christ our Savior. We are adopted as children of God and enabled to live in the world so that all people may see God's grace at work in our lives. It is the Holy Spirit who equips us for ministry and mission.

God, by his Word and Spirit, calls us as sinful people into the fellowship of Christ's body. Thus he creates the one holy, catholic and apostolic church, united in the bonds of love, endowed with the gifts of the Spirit and summoned by Christ to preach the Gospel and to administer the sacraments, to carry on the ministry of reconciliation, to relieve human need and to strive for social justice.

The Scriptures promise that Christ will one day return to bring to fulfillment the Kingdom of God. Those who are alive in Christ will live and reign with him with Jesus forever while those who are apart from Christ shall be eternally separated from God's presence.

As we live together in the joyful presence of Christ, our greatest desire is to share with others the love of Christ that we experience.

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