



Promote YOUR Camps

Helpful Suggestions to Get You Started

Celebrate Faith Formation through

Outdoor Ministries in March and April!

Recruit a planning team to brainstorm a list of creative possibilities for **Your Camp Sunday**. Then turn them loose to implement the best ideas.

Personally invite young people and their families

to participate in the summer camp program at N-Sid-Sen and Pilgrim Firs. When pastors and key lay leaders speak, people listen. Your passion for church camp can be infectious.

Sharing personal testimonies, special camp stories, games and songs are especially effective. Involve experienced campers, volunteers and your staff in the Children's Message or a special Sunday School event.

Focus on the goals and values of Christian camping during worship on Sunday. Music, responsive readings and sermons can all be effective tools for this.

Encourage grandparents to send their grandchildren to camp.

Invite a guest from N-Sid-Sen, Pilgrim Firs or the Outdoor Ministries Committee (OMC) to join you for worship and Sunday School. They can share a sermon, extended mission moment, PowerPoint and/or camp activities.

Post the camp schedule and flyers throughout your church. (PDF and JPEG versions are available to download on our websites.)

Community Outreach: Consider how your congregation might partner with N-Sid-Sen and Pilgrim Firs to send children from families in your community with lower incomes to camp. Special funds are available to assist.

Plan something special for Coffee Hour.

Try s'mores or "ants on a log" instead of cookies. Set up a BBQ pit and roast hot dogs, burgers or marshmallows. Have camp alumni available to answer questions.

Use our bulletin inserts: After February 20, check our websites for ready-to-print PDF files. If printing is a challenge for your congregation, contact our offices. We can help.

On a couple Sundays, promote **a special offering** to provide financial assistance for your church's youth to attend camp. Insert offering envelopes in your Sunday bulletins and create a special category in your online giving profile.

Host a **Chili and S-mores Cook-off** and use the funds raised to help send kids to camp.

Ask the Sunday School or mid-week program to **make a special camp banner**. Hang it in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall from March - July.



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