

Camp Gravatt

Goals and Objectives for Camper Development

Camp Gravatt exists to provide an outdoor ministry of Christian education in the Episcopal tradition and recreation for youth and children. Through this ministry the camp and staff devote themselves to developing the following goals:

Spiritual growth & development

- Campers will participate in a camp-wide morning devotion daily.
- Campers will participate in a tent / cabin evening devotion daily.
- Campers will actively prepare for and participate in a camp-wide Eucharist.
- Campers will participate in a Christian formation activity period each day, with the possible exception of the day of Eucharist.
- Campers will participate in the camp-wide Shalom Circle and prayer at the close of each day.
- The entire camp will pray before each meal.
- A lay chaplain will plan with the director for Christian formation, assist in its infusion throughout all aspects of the day, and be available for spiritual counseling for campers and staff.

Human relationships

- Campers will live in tent / cabin groups according to age level.
- Tent / cabin groups will participate in daily activities and evening programs that will foster communication, problem-solving, friendship and teamwork.
- Campers will eat together family style.
- Counselors will work to develop positive relationships with each of their campers.

Health & safety

- Campers will be oriented to health and safety rules on the first day of each session.
- Campers will be required to practice proper hygiene (i.e. bathing, brushing teeth, washing hands, etc.).
- Campers will be oriented to safety rules in each program area before the start of those programs.

Fun & adventure

- Campers will participate in the Adventure & Discovery Center challenge by choice programs.
- Campers will participate in other program activities to include swim, art, archery and canoe.
- Campers will be offered opportunities to choose their own activities.
- Campers will participate in a variety of evening programs such as carnival, luau, talent show, scavenger hunt, mystery night, dance, game night and more.

Fulfillment of each camper's potential

- Campers will be challenged to try new activities and develop new skills that stretch but do not break their comfort zones.
- Counselors and other staff members will provide constructive feedback and encouragement to their campers.

Knowledge and appreciation of the natural world

- Campers will live in the outdoors.
- Campers will participate in at least one campfire each session.
- Campers will be oriented to proper care of the environment at the beginning of each session (i.e. don't litter, don't graffiti tents and cabins, conserve water, etc.).
- Campers will take part in cleaning up the camp each day.
- Campers may choose to take nature hikes as a tent / cabin group activity.