

# LEADING AT WEEKEND CAMP

TRUST IN CHRIST AND LISTEN TO HIM EVERY SINGLE MOMENT (JOHN 15:5)

## THE BUS

Camp starts when we show up to get on the bus. You get to serve, be inclusive, learn names, meet parents... treat it like the first event of camp.

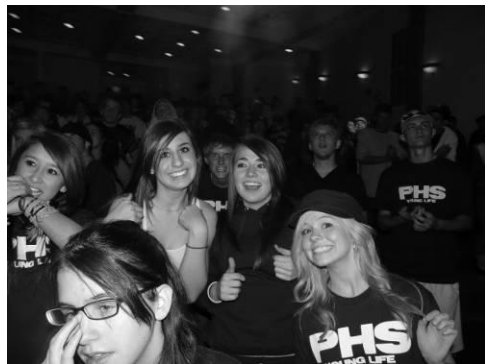
- Greet the parents, introduce yourself
- Learn names
- Load their, your luggage
- Take the worst seat, take a strategic seat
- Bring a VCR/DVD movie (animated are best)
- Group games
- Magazines w/ quizzes
- Sit and get to know a kid ask about family especially, interests, hopes, past life



- Trivia games
- Brainteasers
- Video bingo

## CLUB

- Try to be first in line so you can get them in the front, especially for the first club.
- Sing loud, sing crazy, it has nothing to do with your voice
- Dance like a maniac
- Keep your group somewhat together
- Sit next to the most needy kid (whether he's quiet or the center of attention)
- Pray for your kids, especially during the talk
- Don't let them lay down ... laying down = tuning out



- Don't let them talk during the message. Stop it before the message.

## FREE TIME = LEADING TIME



- Plan it ... "let's all play Frisbee golf, let's go to the Sugar Barrel, etc."
- Clean your area in the cabin, kids will hang out there

## MEALS

- Leaders take the worst seats
- Leaders take the last helping
- Welcome other kids warmly
- Include all kids in conversation
- Be at meals 10 minutes early to grab tables
- Know all their names
- This might be their first real family meal
- Don't start or encourage the annoying chants, if you do – do it on the last day
- YOU are the leader

## DISCIPLINE

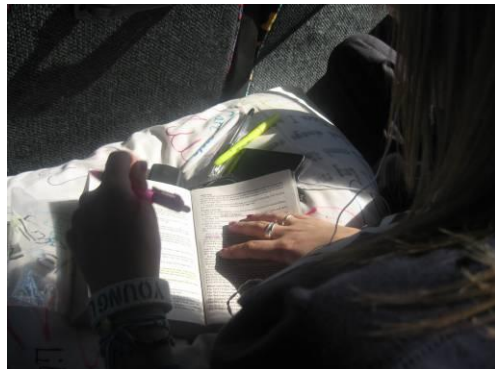
- When choosing between friendship and respect, choose respect
- YOU are the leader, you make the decision what is best for them
- Don't allow sneaking out (schedule a Head Leader "Bust")
- Don't allow practical jokes
- Don't let kids talk or sleep in club
- Don't tell kids the schedule
- Be at everything, including breakfast
- Go to bed, lights out, wear them out...
- Guys to guys – girls to girls leaders too... hugs ... cabin stuff... don't hit on summer staff

## LEADING A PERSON TO CHRIST

- One verse evangelism: Rom 6:23
- "Compared to what sin and everything life has to offer you, following Christ is BETTER (BTR... Belief. Trust. Repentance.) Acts 13:38, Rom 9:30, Acts 2:37
- Pray with them.
- Have them tell someone at camp
- Tell them about Say-So and New Christian walk
- Make a plan for home

## FOLLOW-UP

- Call them within 24 hours
- Meet individually within a week
- Campaigners
- Church



# CABIN TIME

WE ARE NOT PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS; WE ARE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE  
COUNSELOR (JOHN 16:7-8)

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## YOUR ROLE

- Create a safe place
- You are not the Holy Spirit
- You communicate info, understanding plus passion ... not forcing faith or conviction

## PRACTICAL STUFF (ESPECIALLY 1<sup>ST</sup> CABIN TIME)

- Set and enforce ground rules
  - Sit in a circle on the floor (no lying down)
  - Confidentiality (unless someone is in danger)
  - Only one person talks at a time
  - Respect, don't make fun
  - Open ended questions
  - Close in prayer

\*\*\*(Be VERY careful not to discuss what is said in front of any campers)

## QUESTIONS

- Open the discussion (sometimes a transition is needed to focus, a real easy questions, or a brief prayer)
- Ask quality questions, clarifying questions
  - Repeat what they said in your own words
  - Ask kids to tell you more
  - Identify the feelings behind the words
- Draw everyone into the discussion
  - Affirm kids constantly
  - Model vulnerability
  - Answer questions with questions
- Listen twice as much as we speak

### Main goals for each night:

- 1. (Intro)** Everyone talks
- 2. (Sin)** That they know what sin is, what it's consequences are and that they have it.
- 3. (Cross)** What is your response for what Christ did?
- 3. (Resurrection / Appropriation)** Where do you stand with Christ?

1<sup>st</sup> Ask them about the content of the talk (What did he/she talk about?)

2<sup>nd</sup> Ask them about their feelings (How did you feel when he/she said...)

### What if?

- They don't settle down?
- They interrupt each other, or some kids dominate the discussion?
- They are falling asleep?
- I have some campaigner kids?
- Kids ask tough questions?

- Draw out silent types, tone down talkers
- Recruit the help of Christians beforehand