

Shehaqua Family Values

- Be the first to serve
- Serve with joy
- Cultivate a grateful heart
- See others as God sees them
- Respect parental figures
- Build team unity
- Pray for others



Prayer Tips

- God is always with you. Talk to Him
- Find God in nature
- Talk to God out loud—He is listening
- Assume a humble position
- Be sincere
- Make a condition
- Pray unselfishly

Shehaqua Family Camp

Group Leader Manual

Name: _____

Group: _____

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OUR GOALS

In the summer of 1995, a group of parents in Pennsylvania initiated this camp because they wanted their children educated in the Unification Principle with these three goals in mind.

1. To hear and understand Divine Principle from start to finish at least once a year at an age-appropriate level so that children can gradually take ownership of the Principle, using it to guide their choices in life as they grow and mature in their understanding.
2. To facilitate for each child a personal experience with God: to help each child make his or her own special connection to God in order to initiate or strengthen a lifelong communication with Heavenly Father.
3. To have each child and every family experience what it means to have a community of faith, and to give everyone a taste of living in that community of love that, in its perfection, is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Daily Schedule

You must be with your group and on time for the morning lectures and the afternoon group activities.

- 7:00 Group Leader Meeting at the Flag Pole
- 7:30 Morning Service back at your Unit
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Lectures begin for Supernovas and Comets
- 12:00 Lunch with your group
- 1:30 Group Activity 1
- 2:45 Group Activity 2
- 3:45 Free Time/Swim
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:30 Evening Activity
- 9:30 or after evening activity: Group Leader Meeting

Your Group's Afternoon Activities - First Day

1. _____
2. _____

Your Group's Afternoon Activities - Second Day

1. _____
2. _____

Your Group's Afternoon Activities - Third Day

1. _____
2. _____

Your Group's Afternoon Activities - Fourth Day

1. _____
2. _____

Building Team Spirit and Team Unity

And... ICEBREAKERS!

Another great way to build team unity is through heart-warming and/or ice-breaking activities. Throughout this leadership retreat we'll be doing several. Feel free to write down the ones you'd like to use here.

Building Team Spirit and Team Unity

Most campers are here with their parents. This makes your job as group leader both easier and harder. You don't have to deal with homesickness or other emotional issues that may arise because Mom and/or Dad is readily available. However, it can be harder to develop a sense of unity in your group. Some ways to encourage that to happen include:

1. Be with your group members as much as possible. Your group can go to the pool together and spend free time together.
2. Plan a skit for talent night all week long. Let everyone get involved, make costumes and props together, rehearse, etc.
3. Have a team ritual, song, or cheer that you do at closing or various times throughout the day.
4. Create a team slogan or name.
5. Stake out the same table at meals every day and sit together as a team.

What other suggestions can you come up with?

Daily Checklist

For each of the four days of camp, make one check for each item you complete.

1. ___ ___ ___ ___ Did you pray by name for each member of your group today?
2. ___ ___ ___ ___ Did you have some personal give and take with each member of your group?
3. ___ ___ ___ ___ Did you keep your group more or less together and on time for lectures, meals, crafts, sports, the hike, etc.?
4. ___ ___ ___ ___ Did you provide an opportunity for each member to share something in discussion with the group today?
5. ___ ___ ___ ___ Did you connect your group discussion with the lectures/DP as much as possible?
6. ___ ___ ___ ___ Were you available and sympathetic if a member of your group came to you with a problem? If you were unable to help find a solution, did you refer your member to a group advisor or parent?
7. ___ ___ ___ ___ Did you connect with or report to your central figure (lecturer, education director, camp director) today?
8. ___ ___ ___ ___ Did you laugh and have fun with your group today?
9. ___ ___ ___ ___ _____
_____?
10. ___ ___ ___ ___ _____
_____?

Heart of a Leader

How can you embody the heart of a parent while being a leader?

Dynamic of a Group Leader & Assistant

1. Father/Mother
2. Jesus/John the Baptist
3. Co-Leaders

Responsibilities of a Group Leader & Assistant

Unity

Our Family Camps have the same theme every year: JOY!

To really create a joyful experience, there has to be UNITY! As group leaders, you are KEY in creating the spirit of unity within your group, within your lecture group, and within the camp as a whole. If YOU unite with your Group Advisor, the Lecturer, the Education Director, and the Camp Director, then your group members have a much better chance of having a great experience. There are clear, practical ways to demonstrate unity. It is easy to unite with someone you genuinely like and respect. However, unity is not a feeling or willingness to cooperate, it is a CHOICE. What are some ways to demonstrate unity?