

# PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

## IT IS WAPO'S GOAL TO PROVIDE EACH CAMPER AND STAFF WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Experience the love of Jesus in a personal way
- Have a TON of fun through loads of games and the entire environment
- Participate in activities that will promote personal education in Scripture
- Participate in activities that will foster an understanding and appreciation of God's creation to include an environmental awareness and stewardship of God's creation
- Participate in activities that will encourage and inspire reflection and sharing of personal faith
- Participate in activities that will provide an experience of Christian living and community including respect for and appreciation of other ages, cultural backgrounds and personal beliefs
- Assume responsibility for daily living tasks within a Christian community including cleanliness, usage of equipment and fostering of caring and friendship for others
- Have some ownership in their experience while at camp through choice of activities and events
- Have a joyous, fun-filled experience
- Express personal faith and personality in a safe environment

## EMPOWERMENT OF STAFF TO ACHIEVE CAMP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Staff will be required to participate in two weeks of program oriented training prior to working with campers
- Bible study materials will be provided for small group studies
- Staff manual will provide opportunity for help in risk management issues and camper behavioral issues
- Regular staff meetings for the purpose of continuing education will be conducted during the Resident Camping season
- Spiritual support in prayer

## EXPECTATIONS AND OUTCOMES

We are called into this mission by God and it is He who will ultimately hold the outcome. It is for us to pray for strength to hold true to our calling as a servant to the Lutheran Church and to passionately proclaim the love of Jesus Christ equally to all who come to us. Expectations and evaluations are developed through regular church visits, staff meetings and deliberate conversations with Church Staff and their youth that are done by our Executive Director and Site Program Directors. Following are a few outcomes that you may observe in campers.

- More comfortable leading prayer
- Participate more in discussion during Bible Studies
- Willingness to share camp experiences with others
- Reversal of initial desire not to be at camp
- Desire to continue reading in the Bible