

Dear parents and campers near and far,

Each year we are blessed beyond measure by how God works in the lives of young people through the Spring Valley Youth Camp.

**To the parents:** As camp and church leadership we are privileged to have the responsibility of caring for your children who attend.

**To the young people:** We are so fortunate that you open your lives and hearts for God to work in you, and allow us to serve Him and you by putting on these camps.

**To everyone:** We are continually in prayer about ways in which we as leadership can improve and keep the channels clear for the Spirit of God to flow in an even greater way. We feel there are a couple of non-negotiable areas of standards which we need to present so that both parents and young people know what we expect and require before, during, and after youth camp. We hope and believe that these standards will already be found in everyone's heart as we join together to seek God.

### *RELATIONSHIPS*

We are in favour of boy/girl relationships in God's timing. We know that youth camp is a great way for young people from different church backgrounds and geographic locations to meet and get to know each other in a positive and uplifting environment, and we fully support that. We also know that where God is at work, the enemy is out to thwart and distract from that work. Because of that, we ask you to make camp a time for putting God first and foremost, and for being friendly and making friends with everyone. Youth camp is not the place for focusing on being noticed by members of the opposite sex, nor for splitting off as couples. If we see this happening, we will step in and assist you in redirecting your efforts into getting to know God better. This might involve changing your seat in service and/or changing your team. God has the right person at the right time for you if you put Him first.

### *PHYSICAL CONTACT*

Youth camp involves a lot of fun physical activity. This should not extend to physical activities such as holding hands, draping your arm around the back of your neighbour's chair, squeezing up alongside each other, play wrestling, secret whispering etc. We will notice this type of activity and will make sure that it does not continue. It should go without saying that other more intimate types of physical contact are also not permitted.

Let's remember that there is a wide range of ages in youth camp and that we are called to be examples to one another in our conduct and conversation. Let's take this time and opportunity to give God our all and follow Him in such a way that we could say with Paul "Be followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

There are other practical matters such as dress code and what to bring that are posted elsewhere. We look forward to seeing you at camp! Yours on behalf of the team,

Matthew Giles