

# CAMP A-GA-PE



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## CAMP'S PURPOSE

Camp will provide opportunity for inner-city children, ages 6-12, to participate in a well organized Christian Summer Day Camp. They will experience Bible teaching, crafts, singing, special speakers, Chapel, trips to special places, and swimming. They will be loved, feel secure, and experience a sense of caring by the camp staff.

Further, it is our intention to help the children to learn to get along with each other, to value friendships: to discover that people of all races can get along with each other; to develop their abilities to communicate with one another, to develop their ability to use their hands, and to learn and use a Biblical code of morality.

Our highest goal is to introduce the children to: Biblical truth as it relates to all aspects of personal and social life; to a Knowledge and appreciation of the life and work of Jesus Christ, with the hope and prayer that they will recognize Him as Saviour and the Lord of their life, and/or adopt a biblical lifestyle. This will be done without pressure or deceit.

## WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHO

The Regular Day Camp season starts in early July and ends around the second week in August. Teen Day and Overnight Camp begins the Monday after Regular Camp ends. Its duration is two weeks. The second week is spent at Milford Park Campgrounds in the foothills of the Poconos.

The primary location of Camp A-GA-PE is Geiger Memorial Brethren Church, located at 2543 West Lehigh Avenue in (North) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19132-3207.

Each week campers will have Bible lessons, assemblies, crafts, Chapel swimming, educational and fabulous trips, and special guests. In addition, lunch and snacks are provided. No camper is permitted to bring food from home.

Contests with some instant and some long-term winners will be a part of both camps.

Children ages 6 through 12 are eligible to attend five weeks of Junior Day Camp. Teens have an opportunity to be apart of our overnight camp the second week of their experience with Camp Agape. Some 12year olds who have attended 5 weeks of junior camp are eligible to attend Teen Camp if they have carried themselves in a manner that shows our leaders that they are capable of handling Teen Camp.

We advise our parents to register early since many parents registered their children for both camps at the same time and registration for Teen Camp is limited.

## DATES AND TIMES

Regular Camp (junior camp), begins in early July, usually the Monday after July 4<sup>th</sup>, and ends the first or second week in August. Teen Camp immediately follows, beginning the Monday after regular camp ends.

Arrival begins at 8:45am and dismissal is

at 3:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Thursdays, which is our trip day, camp begins at 8:30am and ends at 4:00pm.

### TRIP DAY

Each year we choose new and exciting places to take our campers. Sometimes these trips may involve an extra fee, which we have tried to include in the cost. Whenever there is a trip planned that is more than we can absorb, we make sure our parents are made aware of it at the time of registration.

Campers especially need to be on time on trip days so that we can reach our destinations on time. Most trips are some distance from camp, chartered buses are used, and we need to allow for travel time. Also, please make sure your camper brings a jacket or sweater, even on warm days. You never know how cool its going to be, or whether there will be a change from sunshine to rain!

### FOOD

Snacks and lunches are provided by the Camp. Please, DO NOT SEND any food or candy with your child. Lunch is served at 11:45am and a snack at 2:30pm. Beverages are served throughout the day, especially when it's hot. Every camper is expected to eat the food that is provided for them.

### STAFF

Our Camp Home Staff is made up of folks who are Christians dedicated to working with children. Each person will be

involved in training sessions before camp begins. Younger staff members (helpers, CITs - counselors in training) will not have total responsibility for any group of campers. They are under the supervision of senior counselors at all times. The staff meets twice daily for prayer; once before camp begins and after the campers have gone for the day. All staff is encouraged to share with the director, pastor, and other staff members their joys, concerns, and problems at the afternoon session.

Our director, Mrs. Bev Liken, has been a counselor in overnight camping programs in the church, has taught in Christian schools for 13 years, and is presently teaching in the Philadelphia Public School system. Miss Bey has a Masters Degree in Elementary Education, and is the mother of three sons.

Pastor Ben (Rev. Anthony DiBenedetto, Jr.) has been involved with youth as pastor of the church for 36 years; scout leader for 15 years, director of an overnight camping program, former administrator of a Christian school, K-10, and is the father of three sons, and grandfather of seven children, five boys and two girls. Pastor Ben is also part of the 39<sup>th</sup> District Police Clergy.

Our treasurer/registrar, Mrs. Joan DiBenedetto, has had many years of experience working in financing. She formerly worked as a bank teller, purchasing agent, bookkeeper for a Christian school, and currently oversees several accounts in the church. Miss Joan is the dedicated wife of Pastor Ben.

## DISCIPLINE AT CAMP

It goes without saying that where there is no order, confusion rules. Confusion can only cause unhappiness in your child's life as well as ours. Therefore, campers will abide by a code of acceptable behavior. We will expect our campers to be obedient, respectful, kind, and polite. A camper who determines to go against these guidelines on a regular occurring basis will be asked to leave camp without reimbursement of any fees. An unruly youngster will spoil the fun for all. The staff will deal lovingly but firmly with each child. It is our desire that none will be asked to leave. A code of behavior will be given to each camper.

## AUTHORITY AND OVERSIGHT

Camp A-GA-PE is a ministry of Campers in Christ, Inc. and Geiger Memorial Brethren Church. Our staff is under the supervision of the Camp Director who has been chosen by the Pastor and Elders of the church. Pastor DiBenedetto exercises final authority while camp is in session, with the Elders of the church as a court of final appeal.

## COST

A non-refundable registration fee of \$10 per week is required before the beginning of camp to reserve a place for each child. The balance of \$17 per week is due on Monday each week unless special arrangements have been made. Under no circumstances will a camper be permitted to start an additional week with the previous week's bill unpaid. All payments must be made in cash or by money order.

A receipt will be given upon receipt of all monies.

## DRESS CODE

All clothing should be clean and neat and not suggestive. Halter tops for girls are not acceptable. Nothing should be too tight or too loose. No part of the stomach should be visible on boys or girls. Boys do need to wear tops, no muscle shirts. Shorts are to be of a respectable length. Sneakers should be worn, as they provide the best protection for camp activities.

Swimming is a fun time to enjoy the water. Bathing suits should be of respectable design without exposing excessive amounts of the body - one piece for girls; **NO bikinis**. Water shoes that cover the entire foot are acceptable; no flip flops, please. It is too easy to stub your toes in them. Your camper will also need a towel. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are Swim Days.

## TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION

Every camper must have a current application on file before they can attend. This must be complete with permission given for trips and permission given for emergency medical care.

If any further information is needed please contact:

Miss Joan or Miss Ruby at  
215-229-2967 (Church)

Miss Joan at home - 215-223-8746

Miss Ruby at home - 215-226-5134

## CAMP A-GA-PE'S BELIEFS FROM GOD'S WORD

We believe in.....

- \* the inerrancy of the Word of God
- \* the eternal existence of the Trinitarian Godhead
- \* the sovereignty of God in all matters
- \* the deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sacrificial death, and bodily Resurrection
- \* the substitutionary atonement
  
- \* the imminent return of Jesus Christ
- \* the existence, personality, and work of satan today
- \* the fall of man through sin unto God's wrath and condemnation
- \* man's salvation by grace through faith
- \* the eternal security of the Believer
  
- \* the sanctification of all Believers
- \* the priesthood of all Believers
- \* the careful definition of spiritual gifts for Believers
- \* the resurrection of all the dead
- \* the autonomy of the local church
  
- \* the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper
- \* the reality of good and bad angels
- \* the grace of giving to the local church
- \* the evangelization of the world

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