



Faith Decisions Follow-up CAMP Connection GUIDE

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Church camp is a safe place where many young people make life-changing decisions. Each summer hundreds of youth make a first time commitment or rededicate their life to Jesus Christ while at Church Camp. 60% of Ordained Elders receive their call or have their call affirmed while at Church Camp. Our camp settings are vital spiritual places for our youth; but at the end of the week, campers return home and many times that camp support system drops. It is important that we communicate the faith decisions that are made at camp with parents and pastors.

This year, the process has changed to make it easier and more streamline. As Dean, it is your responsibility to understand the process and to communicate this process with your counselors. This camp, home, and church connection will not be successful without your active involvement.

Here's how it goes:

1. On the first day of your event you (the Dean) will be given enough CAMP Connection Sheets (sample located in Section C, take a look at it now so the rest of this makes more sense!) and sticker sheets for each of your counselors. You will also be given "First-time Commitment to Christ Cards". Distribute a connection sheet, a sticker sheet, and a few cards to each of your counselors.
2. As soon as the counselors receive these, you should instruct them to write the names of each of their campers (those who are in their cabin or however the Dean feels the campers should be divided among the counselors) on the stickers; one name per sticker.
3. Throughout the week the counselors are to keep track of the faith decisions that their campers make. By the end of the week, each sticker/name should be placed onto the CAMP Connections sheet in the box that best represents that camper's faith experience at camp.
 - Whenever a faith decision is made (A camper chooses to follow Christ for the first time, rededicate their life to Christ, or feels a call into the ministry) you or the counselor whom that camper confided in should pray with and for that camper and the decision they made. Then place their sticker in the appropriate "faith experience" box.
 - When a camper shares with you that they have never accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord but would like to make that commitment, first pray with and for them, then give that camper a "First-time Commitment to Christ Card" as a way to remind them of their faith decision and guide them through their walk.
4. At the end of the week, collect all the CAMP Connections Sheets from your counselors, make sure each camper's name is on a sticker and is placed somewhere on the sheet. Then give all the sheets to your Site Director.

OK ... Then What?:

The Site Directors will send those sheets to the Camping Office and a card will be sent to each parent and pastor of our campers that reflects the faith experience that their camper had while at camp (Samples are located in Section C).



CAMP Connections

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Directions —Along with this chart, you should have a sheet of stickers; write the names of your campers on these stickers (one name per sticker). Throughout the week, get to know and observe your campers. At the end of the week determine which “faith experience” each of your campers had this week and place their sticker in the box next to that category. After placing each of your campers’ names in a box, please give this sheet to the Dean of your event so this information can be shared with your campers’ parents and Pastors.

Faith Experiences	Names
<p>Made a first-time commitment to Christ: This is a camper who shared with you that they never accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord until this week of summer camp.</p>	
<p>Felt a Call to ministry: This is a camper who shared with you that they are feeling called to pursue a career in the Christian ministry.</p>	
<p>Rededicated their life to Christ: Someone who has shared with you that they already decided to follow Christ before this week, but at some point walked away from this commitment; and now has decided to once again follow Jesus because of their experiences at camp.</p>	
<p>Showed growth spiritually: This is a camper who showed signs of increased Christian maturity throughout the week, during Bible Studies, group activities, and other interactions.</p>	
<p>Was a joy getting to know: Every camper experiences camp differently but we are blessed by each camper we lead.</p>	