



DEAR PARENTS,

Thank you for encouraging your teen to be a part of a summer full of transformation! God is going to do some amazing things in the lives of the campers and guests that step foot on this property. We trust that if your son or daughter is open to His leading, God will do amazing things in his or her life, too!

WHAT ARE LEADERSHIP CAMPS?

Leadership Camps are designed as discipleship programs that help Christian high school students in grades 9-12 grow stronger in their walk with Christ, learn servant leadership skills, and gain other spiritual and personal benefits. We believe the best way to do this is through serving in a life-changing ministry. The key facets of this leadership program are personal spiritual growth, mentoring, hands-on service, and high-energy activities.

New this year, we are requiring applications for Leadership Camps. Each application will be reviewed by our team, and if accepted, you will receive a link to register. There is also now an option to serve a one-week session or a two-week session (consecutive weeks). There are two types of Leadership Camps: CREW and Wrangler In Training (WIT).

WHAT IS CREW?

Crew is a leadership team designed to give a broad experience of Camp Carl with a specific serving emphasis of your choice:

- Maintenance (Property care, miscellaneous projects, outdoor work)
- Guest Services (Camp store, snack shop, waffle hut)
- Administration (Mail delivery, office work)
- Day Camp Shadowing (Serving at day camp alongside littles)

The specific serving emphasis you choose will be part of one activity session each day. More information for each area is included on the application.

WHAT IS WRANGLER IN TRAINING (WIT)?

WIT is a specialized team that is part of the overall Crew Leadership Camp, but has all of their hands-on training located at Silver Creek Ranch in the equine program. However, the WIT team will engage in community and small groups throughout the week with all of the Crew team.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM CREW OR WIT

Through the unique components of our leadership programs, we trust God will begin to help shape and mold teens into the person He created them to be. Why do we wholeheartedly believe this? Each teen will experience the following:

- **Quiet Time:** Each morning your teen will have a guided, personal time alone with God. This will be an opportunity to read, pray, and reflect.
- **Personal Accountability:** Crew Leaders will pour into your teen and will encourage them, challenge them, assist in setting goals, and continually pray for them.
- **Hard Work:** Your teen will serve in the kitchen, saddle up horses, support our counselors, help run evening programs, and more. All this work will help accomplish the mission of seeing kids come to know Jesus.
- **Fun:** Each day, there will be multiple opportunities to experience fun group activities around camp, as well as assist in the running of camp programs.
- **Personal Responsibility:** We want to empower your teen to take ownership of their day-to-day tasks. All of this happens while focusing on loving and respecting those around them.
- **Deep Relationships:** Your teen will have an opportunity to serve in a community of like-minded believers. This group will work, laugh, pray, and grow with each other.
- **Purposeful Community:** Here at camp, we skip the surface-level relationships. We want to genuinely know and care for your teen within a caring, Christ-centered community.
- **Love:** We love because He first loved us. In a world where love can be lacking, we wholeheartedly believe that camp is a place where love can be exemplified in its purest form through the teaching and understanding of God's love toward us.

DISCIPLESHIP MODEL

CREW and WIT will utilize a personal discipleship model. Each team will be assigned a Crew Leader who is trained and equipped to lead your teen in day-to-day activities. They will serve alongside of them, lead small group meetings and devotions, and foster an environment where each teen is encouraged to spend time alone with God. In addition to this, the Year-Round Staff and other leadership groups will be serving and ensuring that this community is growing and serving effectively.

FINANCIAL COSTS & BENEFITS

The cost of this program is \$400 for a one-week session or \$600 for a two-week session (consecutive weeks). Along with this life-changing experience, members will be provided housing, meals, a Camp Carl Quiet Time journal, Crew or WIT T-shirt, and other discipleship material, which is all included in the cost.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Job Skill Development
- Certificate of Completion
- College Application Builder / Resume Builder
- Potential for a Letter of Recommendation for Future Pursuits
- Help Meeting High School Service Hour Requirements
- Deep and Meaningful Relationships
- Invaluable Spiritual Growth
- Potential to Become Future Summer Staff
- Experience Working Together with Year-Round Staff
- Servant Leadership Development
- Ministry in a Christ-Centered, Relationally Focused, Incredibly Fun Environment

Would you join us in praying for your teen as they consider applying for this program? Pray that God would begin to prepare their hearts for a summer full of discipleship and service. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns about the program, or if you are wondering if your teen is a good fit for this experience. We are here to help!

In His Gracious Love,

Tom Sullivan
Executive Director

“Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, ‘Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.’” Mark 9:35 (NIV)