

Some Suggestions to Promote Camp at Your Church

--Name a contact person. The contact person (sometimes known as the Camp Coordinator) should bring camping to the congregation's attention in March and several more times throughout the spring. It is proven that the more personal the invitation, the more likely families are to send their children to camp.

--Make photo copies. Please feel free to copy anything the Camping Office produces, especially forms. We do suggest that, when making copies, you use white or light colored paper. Please do not use bright or neon paper when making copies.

--Contact the Registrar or Camping Office. Our Camping Office (staffed by Susan and Geneva, the Registrar) is a treasure trove of information. They can answer nearly any question you have. They also have forms and promotional supplies. Email them at Susan@umoi.org or Geneva@umoi.org or call 1-800-JWESLEY x46 for Susan and x43 for Geneva.

--Use the website. Our website, www.gocamping.org, has up-to-the-minute information and calendars. The website is fast, convenient and secure. It also has more forms and accepts online registration.

--Churches registering together. Some churches have a tradition of all campers registering together and sending one check for everyone. While it works best for the Camping Office to receive individual camp registrations and payments, if your church insists on registering campers as a group, please do the following things: 1) make a clear note of which account we are to apply all money. 2) Encourage your church treasurer to send a check immediately. This helps the Camping Office and our camps to match income with expenses. Our suppliers ask for payment for food, our staff needs salaries paid, and our electricity bills come every month, not just at the end of the summer. 3) Make sure there is only one person handling registration. Please coordinate your church so that there is only one contact person.

--Money Matters. A \$50 deposit is required at the time of registration. The remainder of payment is due 14 days before camps starts. The Camping Office is able to receive a combination of check and credit cards to help you pay for camp.

--Getting ready for camp. Our camps are ACA (American Camp Association) accredited for health, safety and child protection. This is a high national standard that our camps work hard to maintain. We believe that all children need a safe and healthy environment, and our camps strive to provide such a place.

If your child has not gone to camp before, you might look at www.familyfun.com or www.aca-camps.org, websites which offer tips and summer camp strategies to ease your child into the first camp experience.