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Church of God of Prophecy**

**Camping Ministries**

**Policy Manual**

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## Mission Statement

Camping Ministry will:

- Provide a camping experience where Christ is the center of all.
- Effectively present the Gospel message of salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost as taught by the Church of God of Prophecy.
- Help young people to grow and mature spiritually.
- Offer the opportunity to be in a Christian atmosphere without distraction from the world.
- Provide opportunity to build lasting relationships with other Christian youth.
- Provide adventure and fun.

## Youth Camp Board

The Youth Camp Board includes the Regional Bishop, Youth Camp Coordinators, all Youth Camp Directors, Campground Manager, the Regional Youth Director, Children's Ministries Directors. The Youth Camp Board establishes the youth camp policy.

## Staff Conduct and Dress

The tone for summer camp is set by the leadership of camp. As the leadership goes, so goes the camp. It is important to remember that all staff including Staff in Training (SITs) are part of each camp's leadership. Therefore, it is imperative that the staff of each camp conduct themselves in a manner that will only bring honor and glory to Christ and the camping ministry.

For this reason, **single and married** staff should be careful concerning their conduct. There will be No Dating (kissing, hugging, sitting in laps, etc) among **married or single** staff in the presence of the campers. Staff personnel should be at camp for the sole purpose of ministering to the campers.

Staff (excluding College and Career Camp Staff) must refrain from dating or asking any camper to the banquet. This must be enforced without regard to the age difference or camp (e.g. 1 year, 20 years, Senior Campers, Pee Campers, etc.) Additionally, Staff must agree not to pursue a new dating type relationship with any camper met at camp for at least 6 months.

We have the following dress code for campers

Care should be given in choosing of one's apparel. We are a Christian camp and campers clothing should reflect Christian principles of modesty. Shorts and dresses must be at a decent length. **Shorts must be at least fingertip length.** Back and midriffs must remain covered when standing or seated. Halter tops are not allowed. Shirts must not fall below the cleavage line. Apparel that symbolizes tobacco, drugs, alcohol, violence, or profanity is not allowed.

Since camp is often a place where campers are able to receive wonderful experience from Jesus Christ, staff are highly esteemed by the campers. So, we should use special care to be examples in conduct and dress. We often have outreach campers who may or may not have information or even enough clothes, but staff have access to the dress code and are required to adhere to it. To help alleviate any confusion about what is expected. **In addition to** the camper dress code, the following types of clothing must not to be worn: midriff shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops or tank tubes, shorts shorter than 3 inches above the knee. And, dress straps should be at least 2 inches wide.

## **Camp Principles**

### **DISCRIMINATION**

No camper shall be denied the benefits of the camping ministry on the grounds of race, religion, or national origin.

### **PERSONNEL**

1. All staff are considered volunteers (no remuneration for services).
2. The youth camp coordinators will be selected by the Regional Bishop.
3. Camp directors will be selected by the Camp Coordinator(s) in consultation with the Regional Bishop. They should be Church of God of Prophecy members that are faithful to their church in tithing and church attendance.
4. Camp directors will select the staff for their particular camp in consultation with their coordinator.
5. Staff must have regularly attended their local church for the last 6 months.
6. Staff must be Saved.
7. Staff is expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which would be a credit to the camp.
8. Staff must be 18 years old. SITs (Staff in Training) must be 16 years old. SITs must pay \$40 tuition.

9. Whenever possible, Staff selected to work in Senior Camp should be at least 21 years old. Staff at least 25 years old are encouraged.
10. With permission from the Bishop and Coordinator(s), exemptions may be received for Nurses, Lifeguards, and ServSafe Certified staff.

## **STAFF POLICIES**

1. All staff members are required to complete a Staff Application, have a background check completed before camp, and be approved by the coordinator at least two weeks prior to the specific camp.
2. The coordinator will organize staff training for the development of staff each camping season for their respective state.
3. Directors are to submit a list of proposed staff members to the coordinator before staff training.
4. Directors are to submit a proposed schedule to the coordinator at least 1 month before their specific camp.
5. A copy of each lesson taught in summer camp is to be submitted to the coordinator before each camp begins.
6. Directors should be careful with purchases. A budget amount will be provided to the directors (\$700-\$1000) in advance. Receipts must be kept and sent along with any unused funds to the Regional Office.
7. The camp evangelist will receive a \$100 offering and/or any offerings received during worship services. Any additional offering or expense reimbursement from State Funds must be approved in advance by the Coordinator and Regional Bishop.
8. The director and campground manager will perform a walk-through before and after the camp for all areas to be used for their camp. The director will arrange grounds clean-up to be completed at the end of camp. The Director may not leave the campground until after camp walk-through has been completed with the campground manager, and all areas have been approved.
9. Prayerful consideration is important in selecting camp staff. Each director should adhere to the following principles:
  - a. Individuals who are eligible to attend camp as a camper should be encouraged to attend camp as a camper. They should not be used as staff if it prevents them from attending camp as a camper.
  - b. Individuals are encouraged to prayerfully consider the physical, emotional, and spiritual demands before applying to work in multiple camps. Directors are encouraged to use caution when asking individuals to work in a 3<sup>rd</sup> camp especially consecutive camps.
  - c. Unless staff live farther than 60 miles from camp, they should go home between camps to rest and prepare for the next camp.

10. Permission must be received by the Director for a staff member to leave camp at any time. All staff including the evangelist or worship team should stay at camp and not travel back and forth. This provides an opportunity to interact and establish rapport with the campers.
11. Arrival time of staff is to be determined by the director.
12. Staff (including kitchen staff) should not bring children or others to help. In an extreme situation, the expressed permission of the Coordinator must be obtained well in advance of camp. If children are brought, even if they are outside of the camp ages, the parent must complete and sign a camp application and pay tuition for them.
13. Directors should meet together with the coordinator at least twice a year to plan administrative decisions for each camp.
14. All staff except Directors, Deans, and Night Watchmen should be in their respective cabins after lights out unless they have been asked to help and are helping in a specific task. Anyone in violation of this policy may be sent home.
15. As Staff for camp, we are required to abide by The State of Mississippi reporting requirements for allegations of molestation or abuse. If any camper makes an allegation that they have been abused or molested before or at camp, it must be reported within 24 hours. The staff member should inform the Directors who then must either report it using DHS website or give the information to the Coordinators, who will report it.

## **Camper Policy**

1. An application must be completed and signed for all campers with a \$20 nonrefundable deposit.
2. Campers should attend the appropriate camp for their age group. Exceptions must be approved by the director and should be based upon circumstance and in keeping, as closely as possible, to the set age group. No camper over the age of 19 can attend Pee Wee, Sub-teen, Senior, or Junior camp (No exceptions) and No camper under 18 can attend College and Career camp (No Exceptions).
3. Televisions, electronic games, laptops and non-Christian music should not be brought to camp.

4. The use of tobacco, marijuana, drugs, alcohol, profanity, or any unprescribed substances is prohibited along with the possession of weapons, firearms or fireworks. This includes nicotine delivery devices (e.g. vapes, juuls, etc) All prescribed and over-the-counter medicines (substances) are to be kept by the nurse. The MS camping ministry reserves the right to search camper, luggage or room. A violation may result in dismissal from camp and notification to proper authorities if applicable.
5. Golf Carts and UTVs are to be used by designated staff only.
6. Care should be given in choosing of one's apparel. We are a Christian camp and campers clothing should reflect Christian principles of modesty. Shorts and dresses must be at a decent length. Shorts must be at least fingertip length. Back and midriffs must remain covered when standing or seated. Halter tops are not allowed. Shirts must not fall below the cleavage line. Apparel that symbolizes tobacco, drugs, alcohol, violence, or profanity is not allowed.
7. Young men should not be in the ladies' cabins at any time nor should ladies be in the men's cabins.
8. No swimming or water activity is to be done without a certified lifeguard present.
9. No camper should be at the lake, at any time, without staff supervision.
10. If a problem develops, one should confer with his/her cabin leader. If further attention is needed, the Deans should be notified. If further attention is needed, the Deans will notify the Directors.
11. Telephone calls must be approved by the directors. Charges must be reversed on long distance calls.
12. Campers are not allowed to leave camp without the permission of the director. Violation of this policy may result in dismissal from camp.
13. Campers are not allowed to leave the cabin after "lights out" without the permission of the cabin leader. Violation of this policy may result in dismissal from camp.
14. Campers are to sign out, with their cabin leader, before leaving for home.
15. No one is to be allowed to register for camp after 2 full days of camp.
16. The use of cell phones during camp is strongly discouraged. Camper cell phones may be checked in upon arrival. Scheduled times to make calls will be designated.
17. Visitors are not allowed during camp without the director's permission. Church of God of Prophecy Pastors have permission and are encouraged to visit our summer camps. Only the Pastor and spouse should visit. All visitors should register with the Director or Deans as soon as they arrive at camp.



18. For Senior, Junior, Sub-teen and Pee Wee camps, all campers and staff will receive a private screening for head lice upon arrival at camp. No one will be allowed to attend camp with head lice or nits. Therefore, those checking in campers are asked to remain at camp until the registration process has been completed.
19. No Married, Divorced, or Pregnant individuals will be allowed to attend as a camper in Senior, Junior, Sub-teen or Pee Wee camp.
20. Hazing or bullying is prohibited at all camps.
21. Same sex flirting, dating or intimacy is prohibited at all camps.
22. Campers are required to use the bathroom and be housed according to their biological gender.

## **RULES FOR SPORTING EVENTS**

### **Softball Field**

1. Those not batting remain behind the backstop.
2. The person on deck is to be in the on-deck circle.
3. A Christian attitude is to prevail at all times.
4. Equipment is to be removed from the field after play.
5. All trash is to be removed before leaving the field.
6. No camper is to be at the softball field without staff supervision.
7. In case of an accident the medical staff is to be called at once.

### **Gym**

1. A Christian attitude should prevail at all times.
2. Profanity is not allowed.
3. Equipment is to be put away after play is finished.
4. Rough play is discouraged.
5. Trash is to be picked up after completion of each activity.
6. No camper is to be in the gym without staff supervision.
7. In case of an accident the medical staff is to be contacted at once.

### **Pool**

1. No rough play is allowed.
2. No one is to be at the pool unless a certified lifeguard is present.
3. In MS, by State Regulations, there must be 1 lifeguard for every 25 campers in the pool. In addition to the lifeguards, there must be 1 staff member for every 10 camper in the pool.
4. Instructions by the lifeguard are to be followed immediately.

5. Pushing, shoving, and dunking, are not allowed.
6. The buddy system is encouraged.
7. No one under 18 is allowed to swim without written permission from their guardians.
8. In case of an accident the medical staff is to be contacted immediately.

**Lake (If available)**

1. No swimming to take place unless a certified lifeguard is present.
2. No boating activity is to take place unless a certified lifeguard and boating director is present.
3. No rough play is allowed.
4. Life jackets must be worn during boating activities.
5. No camper is allowed at the lake at anytime without adult supervision.
6. In case of an accident the medical staff is to be called immediately.

## **Financial Structure for Summer Camps**

### **Receiving & Depositing Money:**

**Tuition and other Fees:**

1. All camper applications are received and processed by the Regional Office, prior to the beginning of the camp season and will be given to the director, of each camp, upon his/her arrival.
2. The camp director will give the camper applications to the financial director.
3. The director and financial director will receive tuition and other fees and give each camper a receipt for cash transactions. He/She will use startup money provided by the Regional Office.
4. Money from tuition and other fees will be kept in a secure place.
5. The same day tuition and other fees are received, the financial director will log the checks and currency on a bank deposit ticket which will be provided. Startup money will be returned to the Regional Office for the next camp.
6. The financial director will take the deposit to Bankcorp South bank on the next business day.
7. The financial director will give the deposit receipt for the money deposited and all receipts from tuition and other fees to the Regional Office.
8. If there are no business days during the camp, the financial director will give the deposit to the Regional Office.

### **Concession & Other Money Received**

1. A responsible concession operator will be in charge of all concessions and any other items sold.
2. Money received each day from concessions will be kept in a secure place and be given to the financial director at the end of camp.
3. The financial director will count concession money and give the concession operator a receipt for money received.
4. For camps with concession cards, merchandise will be given in the amount of the remaining card value instead of a cash refund.
5. For camps without concession cards, the financial director will log concession money received on a deposit ticket (provided by the camp manager) and take the deposit to Bankcorp South bank on the next business day. He/She will return any startup money to the camp manager.
6. The financial director will give the deposit receipt to the Regional Office.
7. If there are no business days during the camp, the financial director will give the deposit to the camp manager.

### **Camper Inventory**

1. A count of campers is to be taken by the cabin leader each night. The count is to be given to the camp director.
2. The camp director is to verify all campers are accounted for.

### **Moving Vehicles**

1. No vehicle is to be driven at a speed exceeding posted speed limit or 15 mph (whichever is lesser) while on campground properties.
2. Upon arrival at the campground, vehicles will park in designated areas.
3. The director of activities will designate parking for vehicles arriving on the campgrounds.

### **Health Procedure**

1. Health and emergency information must be completed on each camper and staff application.

2. The medical staff will complete a screening process for each camper and staff on the first day of each camp.
3. All medicines are to be given to the medical staff at the time of registration.
4. The Director will obtain the contact information for the local hospital or medical facility, and a local physician (each campground usually secures a relationship with a local hospital or medical facility and a local physician for the campground) to consult with for any injuries or illnesses of a serious nature that may occur during our camps.
  - a. Special diligence should be used when treating a camper or staff for head, neck or back injuries.
  - b. Special diligence should be used when treating a camper or staff when an accident or injury has occurred during any rigorous activity (e.g. tubing, rock-climbing, etc.)
  - c. If there is any question whether a camper/staff needs additional treatment, parents should be contacted and additional treatment should be sought using the local hospital, medical facility or consulting physician obtained.
5. Proper records of treatment will be kept by the camp medical staff.
6. Emergency phone numbers will be posted close to the camp telephone.

## **Severe Weather Procedures**

1. Three long blasts of the siren will be sounded in the event of a tornado or severe weather.
2. All campers and staff are advised to follow the following emergency procedures with staff helping and directing campers:
  - a. Remain in the building (e.g cabin, chapel, etc. ). Occupants should not attempt to vacate the premise, drive, or seek shelter in cars.
  - b. Seek shelter immediately in interior rooms on the lowest level.
  - c. Move to interior areas (such as classrooms, halls, restrooms, storage areas). Every attempt should be made to put as many walls as possible between occupants and the outside.
  - d. Squat down and lie low with hands covering the back of your head to reduce injury.
  - e. Wait for an “all clear” signal before resuming activity.
3. Assistant directors account for everyone as soon as possible and report findings to the director.

4. Directors should take whatever steps are needed to insure the safety and well being of campers and staff. The camp coordinator and/or Bishop should be contacted as soon as possible in the event of a critical situation.
5. In case of a tornado causing damage to the camping facilities, an assessment of the damage is to be taken by the directors. The directors are to take the necessary action needed that will insure that the injured are cared for.
6. Communication is to be established with local authorities to aid in the care of any injured persons as well as to secure the safety of the grounds.
7. A statement should be prepared for release to the public and press by the directors.
8. Each state will have Severe weather instructions for all buildings and areas posted in the area used for registration and a Tornado/Severe Weather drill will be done within the first 24 hours of camp

## **Fire Safety Procedures**

1. Five short blasts of the siren will be sounded in the event of a fire in buildings other than the cabins.
2. Campers should be lined up in cabin groups outside the buildings and taken to their designated area by their cabin leader.
3. Cabin leaders should check their list of campers and be sure all campers are accounted for.
4. All other staff members are to go to their designated areas.
5. Deans should account for all campers and staff as soon as possible. The director is to be informed of the count by the dean.
6. If a fire develops inside a cabin, the cabin leader should see that the door is opened and campers exit as quickly as possible.
7. Cabin leaders are to make sure all campers are accounted for and take them to their designated areas.
8. Deans are to account for all campers and report findings to the director.
9. Staff members are to exit their cabins as soon as a fire is discovered and assemble at their designate areas.
10. The Dean is to account for all staff members and report findings to the director.
11. Fire Safety Procedures Designated areas are:
  - a. For LA, staff and campers will use the areas designated by the campground rented for camp.
  - b. For MS, Kamp Kumbaya designated areas are:

- i. Staff and campers in or around the dining hall, chapel, nurse's cabin, director's cabin or girl's cabins should report to the field between the chapel and dining hall.
  - ii. Staff and campers in or around the gym, ball field, kitchen staff cabin or boy's cabins should report to the ball field.
- 12. Each state will have Fire Safety procedures posted in the area used for registration and a fire safety drill will be done within the first 24 hours of camp

## **Job Descriptions**

### **Camping Ministry Coordinator**

Responsible to the Regional Bishop

1. The coordinator has the total oversight of the summer camping ministry.
2. Sets the dates for each camp.
3. Create Menu for summer camps
4. Promotes summer youth camps.
5. Works with the Regional Bishop in selecting the directors for each camp.
6. Provides proper training for all staff members.
7. Approves Staff for each camp.
8. Approves lessons taught in youth camps.

Additionally in Louisiana (for rented campground)

1. Order Food for meals
2. Purchase all concession supplies.
3. Maintain current insurance coverage.

### **Directors**

Responsible to the Camp Coordinator

1. Selects the staff for his/her camp.
2. Provides a daily schedule for each day's activities.
3. Responsible for seeing that all facilities used for camping activities are properly cleaned at the close of each camp.
4. Responsible for conducting daily staff meetings.
5. Gets approval (by coordinator) of lessons that are taught in camp.

6. Provides an ending report to coordinator concerning the total number of campers, staff, and spiritual experiences in their camps along with a 1 or 2 paragraph report for the Magnolia Messenger
7. Conduct a fire drill and tornado drill within 24 hours from the start of camp.
8. When dealing with an accident:
  - a. Obtains the name, address and phone number of the doctor and local medical facility retained by the campground.
  - b. Makes sure a responsible adult accompanies camper or staff to the facility.
9. Notifies the campground manager when an accident occurs.
10. At the end of each camp, the camp manager or coordinator is to be given all medical records, i.e. medications administered and accident report form/s.

### **Deans**

Responsible to the Director

1. Assist with camper orientation on first day of camp.
2. Responsible for supervision of cabin leaders and SIT's (staff in training).
3. In charge of daily cabin inspection.
4. Responsible for duty roster for staff member.
5. Conducts a cabin leader and SIT meeting each day.
6. Responsible for developing a clean up schedule for the last day of camp.
7. Assist in checking for lights out each night.

### **Financial Director**

Responsible to the Director

1. Receives tuition fees and gives receipts to each camper.
2. Receives money from concession and camp store.
3. Follows Financial Structure Procedure for receiving and depositing money.
4. Assist in secretarial duties.

### **Evangelist/Evening Speaker**

Responsible to the Director

1. Plans messages for evening services.
2. During camp finds opportunities to interact with the campers to help build rapport.
3. Assist in water baptism service.
4. Assist in other areas as called on by the director.

### **Evening Program Director**

Responsible to the Director

1. Plans diversified, spiritual services for evening service.
2. Uses campers in programs as much as possible.
3. Assist in other areas as called on by director.

### **Music/Worship Director**

Responsible to the Director

1. Conducts music class as specified by director.
2. Conducts talent search and organize special singing.
3. Works with evening program director and evangelist as needed.
4. Maintains proper discipline in music class.
5. Organizes camp choir/chorale as requested by director.

### **Medical Staff/Nurse**

Responsible to the Director

1. Administers an appropriate screening process of campers and staff applications the first day of camp.
2. Keeps accurate records of any medical attention administered during camp.
3. Replenishes first aid supplies when needed.
4. Leaves note on door of nurse's station as to where he/she may be found in case of emergency.
5. Keeps and administers all medications.
6. Give all records of medications administered to director at the end of camp.
7. Fills out accident report form/s and gives to camp director. Camp director will leave accident report form/forms and records of medications given with the camp manager.

### **Cabin Leader**

Responsible to the Director

1. Arrives at campsite by the time specified by director on opening day of camp.
2. Keeps a daily count of campers in your cabin. This is to be turned in to the director or dean each morning.



3. Responsible for daily cabin clean-up.
4. Never treats an injury which requires more than a kind word.
5. Encourages camper participation in camp activities.
6. Encourages campers to follow camp policies.
7. Tries to prayerfully handle your cabins problems.

### **Teacher**

Responsible to the Director

1. Prepares thoroughly to teach each lesson.
2. Provides director with a copy of lesson material before camp begins.
3. Maintains proper discipline during class.
4. Keeps lessons interesting through use of examples, class involvement, visual support and variety.

### **Recreation Director**

Responsible to the Director

1. Plans a well rounded, supervised program of recreation.
2. In charge of all recreational equipment.
3. Keeps play areas properly marked off for various sports.
4. Plans and organizes group participation. Keeps less active campers in mind.
5. Organizes for a tournament day if needed.
6. Sets up some type of check out system for equipment.
7. In charge of having all recreational equipment put up and a needs list turned into the director.

## **Head Cook**

Responsible to the Director

1. Responsible for the efficient operation of the kitchen including planning, preparation, serving, and clean-up.
2. Prepares and serve meals per schedule.
3. Keeps an accurate record of each item used in preparing camp meals.
4. Last day of camp, responsible for cleaning entire kitchen area.
5. Checks with camp manager about disposal of any leftover food.

## **Cooks**

Responsible to the Head Cook

1. Helps prepare and serve meals according to schedule.
2. Assist in keeping kitchen facilities neat and clean.
3. Helps in final clean-up on last day of camp.

## **Camp Store/Concessions Director**

Responsible to the Director

1. Keeps camp store/concessions well stocked with merchandise.
2. Opens camp store/concessions at scheduled time.
3. Only allows authorized helpers inside camp store/concessions area.
4. Keeps surrounding area picked up and clean.

## **Dining Room Hostess**

Responsible to the Director

1. Be in Dining Hall/Cafeteria 30 minutes before each meal ready to assist cooks with food and drink preparation in the eating area.
2. Assist in placing salt and pepper on tables.
3. Supervises KP workers.
4. Has dining room area ready for next meal.

## **Banquet Coordinator**

Responsible to the Director

1. Plans and prepare for camp banquet.
2. Assist in preparing for banquet meal.
3. Banquet supplies should be cleared with director.
4. Responsible for clean up after banquet.

## **Lifeguard**

Responsible to Directors

1. Must hold certified credentials.
2. Organizes and supervises pool and water activities.
3. Wears shorts and shirt when serving as a lifeguard for opposite gender.
4. Organizes and implements buddy system if needed.
5. Operates and enforces rules for pool and water activities.
6. Cares for pool equipment. Stores the pool equipment at conclusion of camp.
7. Keeps gate to pool locked at all times when not at the pool.

## **Staff in Training (SIT's)**

Responsible to the Director

1. Assist cabin leader in executing his/her duties.
2. Attends daily cabin leader/SIT meeting.

# LEADING A CAMPER TO CHRIST

It should be the desire of every Staff Member to win for the Lord those who are not saved, and to encourage those who are not sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost to seek these blessings. You will want to show the camper that God has provided these blessings for the spiritual enrichment of his life, and as a protection against the snares which he will inevitably encounter in the world. At every opportunity, you will want to become a personal evangelist to those unsaved. It will be to your advantage to have a sound scriptural basis for your reasoning with campers. In the question of salvation, you will want to:

1. Show him his need for salvation - Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23
2. Show him the way of salvation - Ephesians 2:8
3. Cause him to receive salvation - John 1:12
4. Show him that he can feel assured of salvation – John 3:26, 1 John 1:9
5. Show him that he must confess Christ publicly –Matthew 10:32
6. Inspire him to consecrate himself to the Lord for service – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
7. Discourage basing salvation on feelings -- base it on "Jesus said it; I believe it."

## Guiding a Camper Who Is Not Sanctified

In dealing with the camper who is not sanctified, it should be explained that sanctification is the cleansing or purifying of the heart of inbred sin. Also, explain that it is a definite experience, a work of grace.

You should make it clear to the camper who is saved that it is necessary for him to be sanctified. Sometimes it is easy for a person to feel that because they have received forgiveness, it is enough. Explain in detail this glorious experience of sanctification.

1. What is sanctification?
  - a. A cleansing - Exodus 19:10
  - b. It crucifies the old man (inbred sin, adamic nature) – Romans 6:6,7
  - c. It is the will of God - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4
  - d. It means death to carnality - Romans 8:7-8
  - e. A oneness with Jesus - Hebrews 2:11
2. How is sanctification obtained?
  - a. Through the blood of Christ - Hebrews 3:12
  - b. Who applies the blood? - Romans 15:16
  - c. Can be obtained - 1 Corinthians 1:2
3. Is it necessary to have this experience?

Yes, Jesus prayed that you might – John 17:16-19

How soon can a believer enter into this experience? It is an instantaneous work of grace. In BASIC BIBLE BELIEFS, Author, M.A. Tomlinson articulates: "Having renounced everything that is wrong (the salvation experience), and devoted everything that is good to the service of God, it only remains to believe that God according to promise does NOW cleanse and purify. Upon the exercise of this faith, the great transaction is done. The soul passes to a state of entire sanctification".

## **Leading the Camper to Receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost**

You should lead the sanctified camper into the knowledge of the baptism in and with the Holy Ghost. He should be made to realize the Holy Ghost is for him; and you should stress the need of this marvelous gift of God.

1. Who is the Holy Ghost?
  - A. The third person in the Trinity, initially received on the Day of Pentecost by believers who had obeyed Jesus - Acts 2:4
  - B. He is the Comforter - John 14:16
  - C. He is the Spirit of Truth - John 14:17
  
2. Who can have the Holy Ghost?
  - A. All that fully obey Jesus - Acts 5:32
  - B. All who are saved and sanctified - Acts 2:39
  
3. Instances where believer received the Holy Ghost
  - A. Day of Pentecost - Acts 2:4
  - B. Believers at Samaria - Acts 8:17
  - C. Saul, later called Paul - Acts 9:17
  - D. Household of Cornelius - Acts 10:44-48
  - E. Ephesians brethren - Acts 19:1-6
  
4. Why have the Holy Ghost?
  - A. He gives you the power for service, power to witness - Acts 1:8, Acts 10:38
  - B. Quickens you at the rapture - Romans 8:11
  - C. Guides you into all truth - John 16:13
  - D. A guarantee that you will never be left alone – John 14:16

## QUICK REFERENCES

Here are some other Scriptures that might be a blessing to the campers or staff member in need:

### **Afraid**

Psalm 34:4  
Matthew 10:28  
2 Timothy 1:7  
Hebrews 13:5-6

### **Bereaved**

Matthew 5:4

### **Depressed**

Psalm 34

### **Facing a Crisis**

Psalm 121  
Matthew 6:25-34

### **Lonely**

Psalm 23  
Hebrews 13:5-6

### **Sick or in Pain**

Psalm 38  
James 5:14-15  
Romans 8:28, 38-39  
2 Cor. 12:9-19

### **Anxious**

Psalm 46  
Matthew 6:19-34  
Philippians 4:6  
1 Peter 5:6-7

### **Bitter or Critical**

1 Corinthians 13

### **Discouraged**

Psalm 23  
Psalm 42:6-11  
Psalm 55:22  
Matthew 5:11-12  
2 Corinthians 4:8-18

### **Friends Fail**

Psalm 41:9-13  
Luke 17:3,4  
Romans 12:14-21  
2 Timothy 4:16-18

### **Needing Guidance**

Psalm 32:8  
Proverbs 3:5-6

### **Sorrowful**

Psalm 51  
Matthew 5:4  
John 14  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4  
1 Thes. 4:13-18

### **Backsliding**

Psalm 51  
1 John 1:4-9

### **Defeated**

Romans 8:31-39

### **Doubting**

Matthew 8:26  
Hebrews 11

### **Leaving Home**

Psalm 121  
Matt. 10:16-20

### **Overcome**

Psalm 6  
Romans 8:31-39

### **Tempted**

Psalm 1  
Psalm 139:23-24  
Matthew 26:41  
1 Cor. 10:12-14  
Philippians 4:8  
James 4:7  
2 Peter 2:9  
2 Peter 3:17

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