



ALLEGANY BOYS CAMP

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Groupwork

“Groupwork is a form of voluntary association of members benefiting from cooperative learning, which enhances the total output of the activity than when done individually”. When God Almighty decided to create man He put it like this, “.....Let us make mankind in our image.....” Gen. 1:26. This is the first time that we see in scriptures the idea of a cooperative effort. God was operating as the Godhead, the Three in One, and the Trinity. For groupwork to work, there has to be a singleness of heart and purpose. The way we establish that culture here at Camp is that the boys in the woods do everything together, and do everything in a good attitude. In Jeremiah 32:39, God talks about the importance of having a singleness of heart. When a staff member or boy comes to Camp, they come for many reasons. However, the only two reasons that are legit are: 1. To help oneself, and 2. To help others. The other reasons may be great reasons, but they do not embody the level of groupwork that we need at Camp.

How can you make groupwork a part of your experience? This is obviously not a concept that is exclusive to Camp. One of the foundations of group work here at Camp is what we call the ABC's of

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Camp. The ABC's of Camp are clean camper, clean tent, and clean campsite. We have found that these three basic concepts are paramount for the function of a group at Camp. These three concepts can be customized to fit you personally. My father always said, “Cleanliness is Godliness”. When we do things “righteously” there is peace. Isaiah 32:17. Group work is most affective when we do things with each other not to or for each other. A group is only as strong as its ability to live righteously while engaging negative influences. Problems will arise in a group and it is necessary for a group to be able to solve those problems. “We are at WAR!” The problem is that we often war against each other rather than battling the real enemy, Satan. There are many enemies to a Christian's group. A few of these enemies are: Pride, Selfishness, Sexual Sins, Envy, Exclu-



sivism, Technology, Disagreements, Fear, Dishonesty, and Gossip.

Last but not least, everyone needs a group. Every group needs to empower its members to serve and have impact outside of itself. What is your group empowering you to do? People that are passionate about what they are doing have the potential to be more effective in God's work. What are you passionate about? Do you have a calling on your life?

Andrew Barnhart
Family Worker



The heavens declare the glory of God, the firmament showeth His handiwork. Psalm 19:1. This session we've been taking a look at some of the wonders of the universe. To get a visual of the solar system we shrunk it small enough to fit in chuckwagon. But to get it small enough to spread the planets out from the sun to scale the sun became 1/16" in diameter, the size of a sprinkle on a Christmas cookie and the planets were too small to see. That gave earth a diameter of 50 thousandth of an inch at 6 3/4" away from our cookie sprinkle sun while Pluto was 22 feet away. Jupiter, the largest planet was 5" in diameter. So we enlarged the planets to where you could see them, giving the sun a 48" diameter which gave the earth a diameter of just under 1/2", and Pluto, the smallest planet, or dwarf planet as it has been labeled, became 1/16th of an inch, the size of our cookie sprinkle. But to find Pluto you would need to drive over 3 miles which puts it down in Oldtown. Earth would be within walking distance of 429 feet and Jupiter would be 4/10 of a mile away.

We measure time by the sun. One complete orbit of earth around the sun is a year. One complete rotation on earth's axis is called a day. And because of the way the earth is tilted on its axis we have the four seasons. There is no place in the universe where time can even be measured as it is on earth. Every other planet rotates and spins at a different speed. Mercury






spins slow enough that one earth day would last for 2 years while Jupiter spins so fast that a day would be less than 11 hours. This puts a different perspective on 2 Peter 3:8 which says to God one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years are as one day. Only on earth is a day measured as a 24 hour period. These are but a few of the many amazing facts and wonders of our universe and Creator Who holds all things together (Col. 1:17). What a mighty God we serve!!!

Kevin Maust - Supervisor

Camp Kindling

... small pieces of camp news and needs

-  We are working on plans to build a house for off-duty chiefs. We would like to start the building project this spring. We will be needing materials, funds, and labor to complete this project. Look for more details in future newsletters if you are interested in helping with this project.
-  Please pray with us that families looking for help for their son would find camp. Pray that these are families who live within a couple of hours of camp.
-  Staff and boys have been fervently working on carving and painting derby cars this session. Excitement was mounting as race night neared. It was a great community event. Check out our Facebook page for pictures.