



A **Word of Life** Ministry

DEAR PARENTS,

Thank you for encouraging your teen to join the most exciting, life-changing summer ministry team in the world! God is going to do some amazing things in the lives of our campers and guests. And, if your son or daughter is open to His leading, God will do amazing things in their life, too!

WHAT IS CAMP CREW?

Camp Crew is a ministry of the Word of Life Bible Institute. It is a 9-week discipleship program for Christian high school students who want to grow stronger in their walk with Christ and serve in a life-changing ministry. The key facets of Camp Crew are personal spiritual growth, life-on-life mentoring, hands-on service, and high-energy activities.

This summer, God will use the unique components of Camp Crew to help mold and shape your teen into the person He created and designed them to be. The best parts of our discipleship program include the spiritual and personal growth that is accomplished primarily through:

- 1. Quiet Time:** A guided, personal time alone with God each day, reading the Bible and praying to Him.
- 2. Personal Accountability:** Someone who cares about your teen individually, challenging them in their walk with Christ. A Bible Institute student, plus other leaders, helping them set goals and grow.
- 3. Great Teaching:** Multiple speakers from all over the world who will open up God's Word and teach its truth in both large-group and small-group instruction and discussion settings.
- 4. Hard Work:** Serving in various parts of the camp, helping to accomplish what is needed to make camp run in order to reach children, teens, and families for Christ.
- 5. Life Skill Training:** Hands-on instruction in life skills and work ethic that will help your teen stand out to future employers. Specific areas of job skills to be developed are: customer service, food service, property management, adventure sports, health and safety, lifeguarding, and creative youth ministry.
- 6. Activity Time:** Fun group activities as well as access to the cool features of the camp property and program.
- 7. Leadership Development:** Learning to be a person of influence, wherever God places them in life.
- 8. Personal Responsibility:** Enhanced focus on showing respect to both authority and peers while living a biblically-focused life.
- 9. Solid Friends:** Godly guys and girls like your teen who will work, laugh, pray, and grow with them.
- 10. Caring Community:** All of this within a caring, Christ-centered community with a common purpose of reaching others with the Gospel.

DISCIPLESHIP MODEL

As a ministry of the Bible Institute, Camp Crew utilizes the same life-on-life discipleship model. Each student is assigned to Bible Institute students who serve as their “supervisors” in the dorms (overseeing their life in community with others), around camp (serving side by side, modeling and mentoring good work ethic and life skills) and in multiple spiritual growth opportunities (Quiet Time, accountability, Bible study, Crew meetings, small-group discussion times, reading, etc.). In addition, the Camp Directors and other camp leadership, as well as other adult staff and volunteers, ensure that the entire staff community is growing and serving effectively.

SERVICE & GROWTH MODEL

The Camp Crew discipleship program is a comprehensive, 24/7 commitment comprised of work, rest, play, team-building, Bible study, time alone, and time with others.

In regards to hours of service, our program is an all-day endeavor. With summer camp life, inevitably there are early mornings and late nights. We work hard, play hard, learn and worship together, and also insist that our students get adequate rest. Days off are protected, and curfews are enforced. While sometimes our teens do not appreciate bedtime or ask to work beyond their shift, we are very careful to maintain a healthy balance, as we not only want to ensure a satisfying summer experience, but also want to train our teens to live an overall balanced and biblical lifestyle.

Camp Crew is a physically and spiritually demanding program. We encourage you to discuss this with your teen to be sure they understand that as a potential Crew member, they need to be physically and emotionally ready for a demanding, growing experience.

FINANCIAL COSTS & BENEFITS

Camp Crew participants are provided with dorm-style housing and all meals free of charge. They also receive a Word of Life Quiet Time Diary, staff t-shirt, and other discipleship and Bible study materials. Camp Crew participants will need to bring enough spending money for laundry, snacks, and any other personal items or souvenirs they wish to purchase throughout the summer.

Camp Crew participants are able to raise financial support each summer, should they choose to do so. The Camp Crew office is available to assist applicants in sending support-raising materials to potential donors, and all donations are tax-deductible. Currently, students may raise up to:

- **\$3,000**

Regardless of whether they raise support or simply volunteer their time, Camp Crew participants also earn scholarships to the Word of Life Bible Institute:

- **\$2,500** for serving in the summer after their Senior year
- **\$1,500** for serving in the summer after their Junior year

NEXT STEPS

Please continue to pray with and pray for your teen as they complete the application process and prepare for their summer of discipleship and service. And please reach out to us if you have any questions about the program or the process. Once accepted, they will receive additional information specific to their camp.

God bless you!