

August 3, 2016

Dear Beloved Parents of our Beloved Youth,

That marvelous time has come again - All-Church Camp. All-Church Camp is one of our Church's many traditions and I am so excited that your Family will be attending.

Cassie Carroll will be the youth speaker for this year's Church Camp. Cassie was our Youth Director from 2007-2011. She recently graduated from [The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology](#) with a Master's of Divinity. Her desire is to help people see God in the midst of life - especially when it feels as though God is not present.

As with most things in life, **clear expectations** are essential for all to enjoy another Church Camp experience.

The Youth Programming staff and volunteers will be responsible for students only after the students arrive to the scheduled Youth Programming events, and during those events. We will have the students sign in, if any parents are curious about their student's participation, and of course we will invite students to the Youth Programming as we interact with them throughout the weekend, but we won't be enforcing participation, or seeking out students who don't show up to scheduled events.

If parents expect students to participate in the Youth Programming, it will be up to the parents to communicate and enforce that decision. The Youth Programming will be excellent, so parents shouldn't have to employ much threatening/torture where participation is concerned.

Further, Youth Programming staff and volunteers are not responsible for students beyond the scheduled events. Please don't assume an adult will be present at anything save for scheduled events. Parents are responsible for students, as well as students for themselves, at all times aside from scheduled Youth Programming events.

All said, here are a few tips for having a fantastic time:

1. Discuss participation expectations, camp rules, and issues of respect before your family arrives.
2. Have a plan for when students should be reporting their plans and whereabouts to parents.
3. Remember, Youth Programming staff/volunteers and other families with youth would be happy to help/listen/introduce your student to other awesome students. Feel free to ask!

We are so excited about this year's Church Camp!

Thanks,

Kurt Miller