

Discover Camp Agape Vermont 2009

for children 7-11 who have
experienced a parent's incarceration



TWO ONE-WEEK SESSIONS
Sunday, August 9th -Friday, August 14th
Sunday, August 16th -Friday, August 21st

An ecumenical ministry of
The Troy Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church
The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont
The Vermont Conference, The United Church of Christ

Covenant Hills Christian Camp
Cabot, Vermont

DIRECTIONS TO COVENANT HILLS

From Champlain Valley and East

- I-89 south – take Exit 8 Montpelier.
- * Route 2 through Montpelier, East Montpelier, Plainfield and Marshfield.
- Go up big hill (Marshfield dam on your right)
- Continue 2 miles past dam to official state sign for Covenant Hills Camp.
- Turn right on Houghton Road
- Go 0.8 mile to granite sign marking camp entrance on right.
- Proceed to large building.

From Southern Vermont

- Take I-91 North to I-89 at White River Junction.
- Follow I-89 North to Exit 8 – Montpelier.
- Follow directions from * above.

From Northeast Kingdom

Morrisville Hardwick Area

- Take Route 15 to Route 2 west.

St. Johnsbury Area

- Take Route 2 west.
- Come down off Danville Hill past Goodrich's Sugar House.
- Look for official state sign for Covenant Hills Camp.
- Turn left on Houghton Road.
- Go 0.8 mile to granite sign marking camp entrance on right.
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CONTACT US

- * snail mail the attached card
- * e-mail campagapevermont@yahoo.com
- * log on to www.campagapevermont.org

Yes! I want to come to Camp Agape Vermont

Please fill out this application request and send it to the address on the right.

(Please give the information of the person legally able to give permission and vital information for the child.)

Name _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

Camper/Campers' names _____

Number of Packets requested _____

More information at www.campagapevermont.org or e-mail us at campagapevermont@yahoo.com

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CAMP AGAPE

P.O. BOX 596

CHARLOTTE, VT

05445

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802-862-4174

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What It's All About

The word agape is a Greek word. It means the kind of love God has for every one of us -- free, unconditional, no-strings-attached. We don't have to -- in fact, we can't -- earn that love. It's already here for every one of us.

All we have to do is to open our hands, our minds, our hearts to that love and receive it.

That's what Camp Agape is all about -- receiving God's great love -- from the beauty of creation, from the love of counselors and staff, from our fellow campers, and, yes, from ourselves.

New friends, great food, games, chapel times, crafts, swimming, hikes, fishing, star-gazing -- and agape. Come! Join us!

Camp Agape offered its first camp -- for 28 children -- in August, 2006. In August, 2007 we had 49 campers from 22 Vermont towns, part of a growing network of similar camps throughout the United States. In 2008 we had 75 campers. In 2009, we are planning for 80 campers.

Our purpose is to provide a free week of Christian camping for children ages 7-11 who have a parent under the supervision of the Department of Corrections.

Our goal is to help campers discover deep within themselves their essence and core of goodness.

Notes and Stories from Camp

"I loved the food and the swimming and the magician and the fishing."

Many campers

"This is the first time in two years that I have felt safe."

8 year old camper

At a Sunday night campfire, the first night, a counselor asked, "Why are you here, what brought you here?" A girl answered: "My mom's in prison and I want to be with other kids who are in the same situation so I am not alone." Other children agreed.

"I'm so glad I could come back for a second year."

A camper

"Thank you for all the books I get to take home."

A camper

"I can't believe this; when I heard about Camp Agape and what Agape meant, I didn't believe that someone could love me without even knowing me. Then I came here and its true!"

A camper

"The Camp is well named. Agape is all we have going for us, and it is enough."

A returning counselor

"I want to stay here forever. I wish I could clone myself and send my clone home."

A camper

What Camp is Like

