

# Discover Camp Agape Vermont 2010

For Vermont children ages 7-11 who have experienced a parent's incarceration



TWO ONE-WEEK SESSIONS  
 Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> -Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> -Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

An ecumenical ministry of  
 The New England Conference of The United Methodist Church  
 The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont  
 The Vermont Conference of 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](mailto:campagapevermont@yahoo.com)
- \* log on to [www.campagapevermont.org](http://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](http://www.campagapevermont.org) or e-mail us at [campagapevermont@yahoo.com](mailto:campagapevermont@yahoo.com)

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 05445

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 802-793-4234  
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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, 80 campers joined us.

Our purpose is to provide a free week of Christian camping for children 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 like me 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

