

2016



### CAMPER BROCHURE

A free week of overnight camp for VT children ages 8-11 who have had a parent or caregiver in prison



Sun, August 7—Fri, August 12

At *Bethany Birches Camp*  
In Plymouth, Vermont

An ecumenical ministry of  
The United Methodist Church  
The Episcopal Church  
The United Church of Christ  
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#### CONTACT US

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### STORIES FROM CAMP

"I loved cooking breakfast at the campfire. I don't usually eat breakfast, but it was so good here."

"I loved the water trampoline"

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

On the first night at a campfire, a counselor asked: "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.

A counselor and a camper were talking about smoking. The camper said: "I'm not going to smoke because I want to be a Camp Agape counselor someday."

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

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



Campers having fun with dress-up clothes

### **Yes! I want to come to Camp Agape Vermont**

Camper Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: Male/Female

Camper date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

To receive a registration packet—MAIL THIS FORM TO:

Beth Ann Maier, Registrar, 36 Randall St #1, Waterbury, VT 05676  
Phone: 802-793-4234

Note: Campers are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis when all of their registration forms are complete.

Questions? Call  
Camp Agape  
Board Members:  
802-793-4234  
802-985-3028  
802-439-5773



# The Details

## HOW MUCH DOES CAMP COST?

There is no cost to camper or family.  
There is no obligation to the family.

## WHERE WILL THE CAMPERS EAT AND SLEEP?

Separate boys and girls cabins will provide a safe and fun environment for the campers. Up to five children and three adult counselors will be in each cabin.

In good weather, meals are provided by the camp kitchen and prepared by counselors and campers at their campsite. When it rains, meals are eaten in the Pavillion.

## WHAT DO WE DO AT CAMP?

Make new friends... fishing, boating, games (gaga pit, nine-square-in-the-air, basketball), crafts...make new friends... swimming, choose new books, star-gazing, campfires, archery, water trampoline, make new friends...

## WHAT IS OUR RELIGIOUS AGENDA?

Our only mission is for each camper to have an experience of being unconditionally loved and accepted as they are. We believe that this is the way that God loves us, and that it is best shown by the way we care for and treat each other.

# WHAT IS CAMP LIKE?



# What it's all about

Our mission is to share *agape*. The word *agape* is a Greek word. It means the kind of love God has for everyone 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.

Our purpose is to provide a free week of camping for children who have had a parent or caregiver under the supervision of the Department of Corrections.

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

Children may participate whether or not they have any religious affiliation. At Camp Agape, we do not require campers to participate in religious activities.

Camp Agape offered its first camp in August, 2006 for 28 children. Since then, we have offered a week of camp each summer. Vermont children with a parent in prison have enjoyed over 530 free weeks of camp through Camp Agape. Since 2010, we have offered Older Kid camps for children that have attended our 8-11 year old program. Some former campers have gone on to be Counselors-In-Training.