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#### STORIES FROM CAMP

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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



Campers having fun with dress up clothes

2015



#### CAMPER BROCHURE

A week long camp for Vermont Children ages 8 - 11 who have experienced a parent or Caregiver's incarceration

Camp Agape is offered free of charge to all qualified and approved Campers





#### Sunday, August 2nd - Friday, August 7th

at Covenant Hills Christian Camp in Cabot, Vermont

An ecumenical ministry of
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## The Details

#### HOW MUCH DOES CAMP COST?

There is no cost to the 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.

Our dining hall, Faith Lodge, is large enough so all the Campers and adults can eat together.

### 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. At Camp Agape, we do not require campers to participate in religious activities.

#### WHAT CAMP IS LIKE









# What it's all about

The word <u>agape</u> is a Greek word. It means the kind of love God has for every one of us -- free, unconditional, nostrings-attached. We don't have to -- in fact, we can't -- earn that love. It's already here for <u>every one</u> 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 <u>agape</u>. Come! Join us!

Camp Agape offered its first camp for 28 children -in August, 2006. Since then, we have offered a camp week each year, and over 532 children have attended. In 2010, we began to offer scholarships for former campers who have reached the age of 12 to attend other Covenant Hills Christian Camp sessions.

Our <u>purpose</u> is to provide a <u>free</u> week of camping for children who have 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.

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