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The Mission of Camp Agape

To provide a free summer camping experience, in a setting of *agape* (the kind of unconditional love God has for each of us) for Vermont children who have experienced the incarceration of a parent or caregiver

2020 Camp Dates

One Camp Only!
August 2—August 7
For campers
Ages 11-17

Camp held at:
**Bethany Birches
Camp, Plymouth, VT**

THERE WILL BE

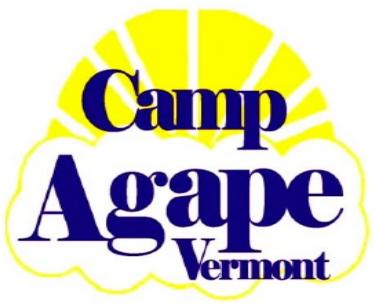
- ◆ Friends
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Hiking
- ◆ Boating
- ◆ Great Food
- ◆ Nature
- ◆ God

WHAT CAMP WILL FEEL LIKE



THERE WON'T BE

- ◆ Contact Games
- ◆ Hugs
- ◆ Singing
- ◆ Crowding
- ◆ Indoor Activity
- ◆ Boredom
- ◆ Loneliness



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WHY DOES CAMP MATTER SO MUCH THIS YEAR?

At 10:00pm, on the Sunday night of the most distressing weekend of clashes between protestors and police across the country, I received a text on my phone. It was from a 16 year old young person of color who has been a Camp Agape camper for

nine years. The text read: "Hey Beth Ann this is J. I was wondering if there was a spot for me at camp this year?" What must he have been feeling that led him to reach out like that? Camp Agape may very well be the only place in his life he can trust he will be fully accepted, as he struggles to make sense of his relationship with the world, and with God. All of our older campers are struggling more than ever to find truth and love they can trust. That is why camp matters.

Beth Ann Maier



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- ◆ PRAY