**Notes from the Training Retreat May 15-May 17**

**Theme:**

**-**Our Theme name is “Power Up – Living in the Spirit!”

-There are lots of great things in the curriculum this year. Make sure you use it!

**Theme Song:**

-Our new theme song for the year is “Church on Fire” by Hillsong. We will still be using our all-time camp theme song of “Indescribable.”

**Worship/Morning Devotions:**

-We will be keeping our time of “Morning Devotions” where the theme for that day will be introduced along with a challenge or question for the day and we will sing “Indescribable.” This will only be about 10-15 minutes every morning and the song will take close to 5 minutes of that time so your part will be very brief.

* I will need your question/challenge for the day in advance so that I can include it on the signs with the day’s theme and verse which will be posted in all of the common areas next to the covenant and schedule.

-Worship and worship planning teams will stay the way they have been.

-We will have set “breakout spaces” for the time of small group discussions within worship groups to make it easier for conversation by keeping the general volume level down.

-One other addition to worship planning will be a “Worship Template” to serve as a guide in your planning. It will basically outline the different elements that should be included in worship so that you are better able to plan.

**Learning Centers**:

-Our learning center options for this year are Fun in the Sun, Drama, Art, Sports, Camp Healing, and Science.

**Brother/Sister Activities:**

-It was decided to stick with the rotation of centers and focus on partner activities.

-The activities for the three rotation days are: Fabric Squares, Power Experiment, and Giant Lawn Games.

-The fourth day will be relay games but only games that are partner games so it still keeps the brother/sister pairs doing something together.

-The three groups will rotate through the different activities Monday-Wednesday. The relays will be on Thursday.

-As in previous years:

-make sure you are involved and are participating in activities and interacting with the campers

-encourage campers to be more involved and excited

-avoid lots of down time

**Meals:**

-We decided to keep our mixed up seating arrangements for dinner time

-CIT’s will still help with trotters and be responsible for picking and leading the graces at meal time.

**Other Activities:**

-We will continue to offer arts and crafts during afternoon activity time along with high ropes, archery, pond, creek walk, and nature hike. We are also going to have sports out on the sports field during afternoon activity time.

-Be more intentional during “Cabin Time with Worship in Mind.” When you need to planning your worship still, use this time to do so. However, once your worship is done or you are done planning, use this time to do something with your worship planning cabin group. Do an activity, have a discussion, etc. Just don’t make this another free time.

-The theme for the Dance this year is “Neon.” Glow sticks will be provided for all the campers. The cost of decorations will be covered by camp program dollars. If you want to give them anything additional for your cabin, the money will have to come out of pocket.

-It was decided to do a “Staff Act” for the talent show. Michael is going to work on finding something/putting something together.

**Misc.**

-MAKE SURE YOU SET RULES EARLY ON. The more we enforce the rules early on, the better they will be followed throughout the week.

-Blessing Boxes will continue. However, we need to try even harder than last year to teach campers what a blessing is and make sure that only blessings are being put in the boxes.

-There will be a list given to counselors to talk about the first night with their cabins and remind cabins of throughout the week. The list will include things such as rules for the blessing box, respect, and hygiene.

-We will be keeping the resource room again in upper conference.

-Clean cabin awards will remain the same.

**Logo Design Contest:**

-We will be having a Logo Design Contest. It is open to all campers and staff. You may work alone or with a partner.

-All pre-camp submissions are due July 1st. Voting will occur during camp.

**Social Media/Camp Promotion:**

-Promote camp in any way you can—in your home churches, on social media, etc.

-Join the Facebook event. Like and share posts. Make your own posts and tag the camp page.

-Follow camp on Twitter--@WorshipWonder. Retweet our tweets!

-Use the camp hashtag on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc. #WorshipWonder2015

**Program Dollars/Camp Expenses**

-If you need to buy supplies for your learning center or activity you are leading, keep your receipts and you should hopefully be able to be reimbursed for the expenses.

-DON’T GO OVERBOARD. Funds are limited. If you are not sure if something is too expensive, just ask before buying if you want to make sure you get reimbursed.

-Anything you want to buy for cabin decorations or anything like that you will not be reimbursed for.