



A Few Helpful Suggestions

Celebrate Faith Formation through Outdoor Ministries in April and May. Recruit a planning team to brainstorm a list of creative possibilities for a **Lakeshore Sunday**. Turn them loose to implement the best ideas. (You can even have a Lakeshore representative come and speak at your service)

Personally invite young people and their families to participate in the summer camp programs at Lakeshore. When pastors and key lay leaders speak, people listen; your passion for camp can be infectious.

Involve experienced campers, volunteers, and summer staff in the Children's Message or a special Sunday School event. **Sharing personal testimonies**, special camp stories, games, and songs is especially helpful.

Focus on the **goals and values of Christian camping during worship on Sunday**. Music, responsive readings, and sermons can all be effective tools for this.

Encourage grandparents to send their grandchildren to camp.

Invite a guest from Lakeshore to join you for worship to share a message, extended mission moment, powerpoint, and/or for activities during Sunday School.

Community Outreach: Consider how your congregation might partner with Lakeshore to send children from families with lower incomes in your community to camp. Special funds are available to assist.

Add summer camp slides to your video announcements and show the series as a part of your pre-service. These slides are available in two different aspect ratios for download at Lakeshorecamp.org.

Post the camp schedule, posters, and flyers throughout your church. Color PDF versions are available for download online at Lakeshorecamp.org.

Plan something special for Coffee Hour. Try s'mores or "ants on a log" instead of cookies. Set up a BBQ pit and roast hot dogs, hamburgers, or marshmallows. Have Lakeshore alumni available to answer questions.

Use Lakeshore bulletin inserts - just copy, cut, and insert. (Also available to download online at Lakeshorecamp.org)

On two or more Sundays, advertise **a special offering to provide financial assistance for your church's youth** to attend camp. Insert offering envelopes in your Sunday bulletins.

Host a **Chili Cook-off** and use the funds raised to help send kids to camp.

Ask the Sunday School or mid-week program to **make a special camp banner**, then hang it in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.

Printable flyers, inserts, slides, and other materials can be downloaded at: Lakeshorecamp.org.

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