

SHARE THE STORY

Steps to hosting a Campfire for Camp

1

Download the available materials. Tell us that you are hosting an event by emailing Kate Sullivan at ksullivan@coyfc.org so we can be praying!

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Pick a date/time and invite your friends!
Let your guests know if you will be providing s'mores, drinks, or other snacks.

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Take attendance and get everyone's name, email, and phone number that will provide it

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Once the fire is started and everyone is gathered around, take the opportunity to begin sharing some stories from camp)

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Provide your guests with options for giving - online via the QR code on the handouts, or give you a check or cash to mail to us

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Mail us any checks or cash (or arrange to drop it off at our office), and email or mail your attendance sheet to us!



Instructions for Evening of Event



Get your fire started before guests arrive so you don't have to worry about it as guests are arriving - then welcome people to come in.



When guests arrive, ask them to put their names down on a sign-in sheet, along with their email addresses (and an option to opt in or out of emails from COYFC). Provide them with snacks and drinks on their way to the campfire



Once people are settled, give a short introduction about COYFC, and why you felt called to host this event! This is your chance to share your story, and why you care about these students' stories



Following the introduction, you will go ahead and read aloud the testimonies and stories from students who attended camp, and the positive impact that camp had



At the end, offer an opportunity for guests to get involved with the cause. Campfire for Camp is more about raising money to send a kid to camp, so offer an opportunity to get on the site and give that way, or with check or cash by mail



Have a great time hanging out with your guests for the rest of the night! It is smart to put out a table that has a box or receptacle on it to collect envelopes with cash or checks, and some handouts with the QR code to give to camp



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Send a Kid to Camp

- \$200 to send 1 kid to camp
- \$400 to send 2 kids to camp
- \$1000 to send 5 kids to camp

Send part of a kid to camp

- \$ _____ towards 1 kid going to camp

Donation Method

- My **check** is enclosed (Payable to: COYFC)
- Electronic Funds Transfer (enclose a voided check)
- Cash

Please contact me:

- I would like to volunteer
- I have additional thoughts I'd like to share
- My company has a matching gift program

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Student Stories

leaders accounts of students' weeks

YZ- Before leaving for camp he felt stressed that we would be there for an entire week, but as we were leaving he mentioned that next year should be two weeks long. He experienced what it was like living in full communication and where Jesus was at the center of our days. He learned about relating with people in a healthy way and building new friends. He mentioned wanting to be able to learn with his peers about God and how to support them as they grow in their knowledge of God alongside of him.

FA- He felt very frustrated as we left camps. He was able to ask questions about God's ability and power and felt encouraged that God is willing to come alongside him as he grows closer to God. He was willing and unashamed to talk about his confusions and his wants from God. He has an excitement to continue to learn about God and share God's love with his friends!

KE- was committed to vulnerability in every conversation, shared honestly about her doubts, accepted that Jesus' story in the Bible actually happened, set a goal to do her own personal research of the content she is taught while attending church with one of her DTQ leaders, methodically worked through her questions and doubts about Jesus' divinity, was challenged to receive forgiveness and currently has nothing left keeping her from starting a relationship with God!

RL- started out not certain that God is real, quickly and fully understood and accepted every concept of the gospel through the club talks and discussion groups, was very open about deep and personal struggles, was blown away by the concept of the Trinity, picked up her first Action Bible and couldn't put it down, set a goal to learn something new about God from the Bible. RL prayed with a leader to receive salvation yesterday! Pray for her to grow in knowledge about God through reading His Word.



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PM- took risks in pursuing friendship with the other girls, struggled deeply to recognize her own need for change/growth but was willing to admit to Lauren some of her doubts and fears, experienced challenge from the Lord about her next steps, and is moving towards developing spiritual friendships. Pray for her to recognize her role in her relationships with God and others so that she can experience growth and joy. PM recognized the need to take ownership of her relationship with Jesus, committed to pursuing spiritual friendships, felt the presence of God with her as she took risks, and set a goal to seek out answers to her questions about God instead of remaining confused! Pray for her to experience joy in discovering more and more about God.

AK- He was able to see that God cares about him where he is at but encourages him to grow closer to God. He mentioned a desire to continue to watch God's word and try to understand it for himself. He took on the role for himself to help two of our other students understand the harder concepts of God and was willing to stand in front of the entire camp to send praise and thanksgiving to God before a few of our meals. He is excited to learn how to serve the community and continue to learn how to interpret God's word for himself!

GD- Throughout the week of camp, God brought many character issues to his mind. He noticed that God is able to come alongside us and convince our hearts of change. This was very reassuring. He was able to see how his attitude can impact those around him and he asked God for help in his life to be kind to others and to think more about how he makes others feel! He was willing to have prayers of intercession for others, that God will come alongside them as well. He noticed the power of prayer and the power that God has to change lives!



Student Say-so

short expressions from students about camp

Student 1 - (Westside) Met lots of great people. Shout out to God for helping me become an open person who can get along with people I might not normally.

Student 2 - (Westside) First time coming to camp-it was scary to come, but I learned a lot.

Student 3 - (Westside) I was planning on not coming because he has been depressed, but I'm thankful that I came - I prayed to God and felt a lot better.

Student 4 - (East) Met some nice people-glad I could come and make new friends.

Student 5 - (West) Wasn't going to come, but happy I did. I learned that I'm not the biggest person in my life - I'm used to thinking that I can fix everything...control everything, but I'm not and I'm glad I learned that.

Student 6 - (Westside) Didn't want to come but glad I did. I learned that God is understanding and caring and gives a lot of chances. I "turned to Christ" during camp.

Student 7 - (Work crew) Realized how good and gracious God is. I has been "drifting" the last few months and doing work crew at camp helped me in my faith.



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Student 8 - (Work crew) This year I learned that it's okay to mess up and it's okay if you're not who you want to be. God is going to work. I'm learning to understand God's patience.

Student 9 - (East) I was doing bad things and regretting it, but this camp taught me that all my sins are forgiven. I've been through a lot and always felt alone but this camp helped me to realize I'm not.

Student 10 - (Westside) Was excited to come to camp-I like the environment at camp. Camp motivated me to learn more about God.

Student 11 - (Work crew) Realized this weekend that I has a lot of anger from the family I grew up in. My parents choosing things over me instead of being a parent. Forgiveness takes a long time but I'm trying.

Student 12 - -(Westside) Accepted Christ at JV camp in 2018 but I've been out of Christian fellowship and gotten further from God during the pandemic. I'm mad at my mom for letting my siblings die in a fire and I wonders why God let that happen. I'm slowly getting back on track with God.

Student 13 - (Westside) I'm thankful to have this chance to learn about God. I'm not a Christian yet, but want to learn more.