



RECIPE

The WinShape Camps Recipe The WinShape Camps Recipe is our process for cooking up the best camp experience around! These 6 ingredients, when combined, are what set the stage for the Christ-centered transformation we hope every camper experiences when they spend time with us in the summer. While this recipe is pretty great, it is only as good as the hands and hearts that cook it. That's you! We hope these elements become so ingrained in your way of thinking and engaging, you don't even need to look the recipe up anymore. Learn it. Love it. Cook it.



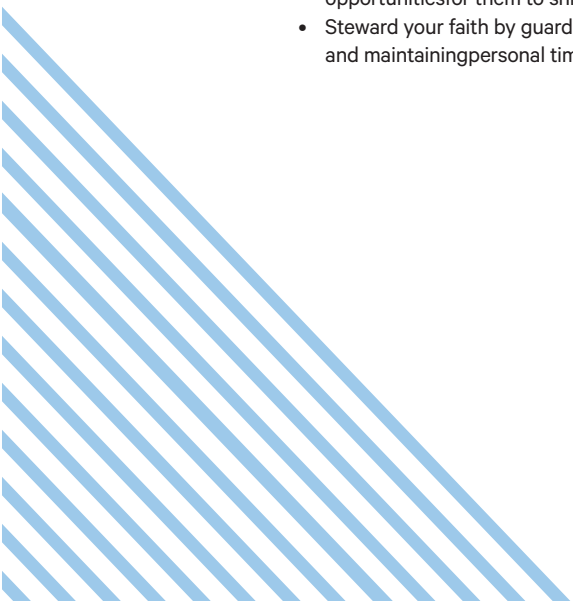
RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP:

We take good care of all things

ANCHOR VERSE: "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

OUR PHILOSOPHY: Stewardship is important for more than just dome cones and flags. We want to steward equipment, but also our money, people, talents, time and even our faith. All of these should be incorporated with the same level of intentionality and care as if they were our personal resources, and with an open-handed desire to make the biggest impact for the Kingdom with what we have.

PRACTICALITY:

- Clean equipment and store it properly
 - Replace equipment when it is broken
 - Make the most of the time we have with campers and families
 - Make budgets and stick to them
 - Leaders should gain an understanding of their teams' gifts and create opportunities for them to shine
 - Steward your faith by guarding your heart and mind in your off time and maintaining personal time with Jesus
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ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE:

We create wonder through attention to detail

ANCHOR VERSE: “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.” Romans 1:20

OUR PHILOSOPHY: God is the creator of the universe, and nothing is more spectacular than His creation. As reflections of the Creator, we will pursue excellence in the environments we create, aimed at reflecting the glory and divine nature of God. Our attention to detail, precision in setup, and visually appealing environments should inspire wonder and help our campers know they have been considered in advance with excitement and love.

PRACTICALITY:

- Both audience-facing and behind-the-scenes spaces should be kept tidy and clean.
- Utilize available equipment in creative ways to create vibrant environments that capture the attention and excitement of campers.
- Setup in all spaces should be complete before campers and families arrive in them.
- Utilize music to enhance camp environments and build the atmosphere.



CHRIST-CENTERED TRUTH:

We influence generations by retelling God’s Truth

ANCHOR VERSE: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

OUR PHILOSOPHY: We believe we can influence a generation to be grounded in their faith by helping them hide Christ-Centered truths deep in their hearts. This is why the truth of the Gospel is repetitively woven into every aspect of every day at camp: Skills, recreation, auditorium elements, small group moments. Every moment is a chance to intentionally point to the truth of who Jesus is.

PRACTICALITY:-

- When leading a small group time, read from your physical Bible when referencing scripture.
- Guard the time allotted in Skillsto share the Skill Huddle.
- Take time yourself to reflect on where you saw God moving in the camp day.
- Don’t neglect your own spiritual nourishment during the summer.



INTENTIONAL CULTURE:

We create community through moments of belonging

ANCHOR VERSE: “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27

OUR PHILOSOPHY: Winsome community comes from feeling like you’re a part of something bigger. Silly songs, camp names, face paint, and other long-standing traditions create common language and epic memories that can connect people who might not have anything else in common. Experiencing the belonging found in the temporary camp community gives us an opportunity to point to the ultimate belonging we can experience as children in God’s Kingdom.

PRACTICALITY:

- Sing camp songs while transitioning in between activities.
- Staff should incorporate camp culture pride in the spaces they are charged with decorating.
- Staff should buy into the intentional culture just as much, if not more, than campers and be the primary drivers of the culture.
- Embrace face paint and rep your group’s gear and colors throughout the week.



PEOPLE FIRST:

We care generously for every person

ANCHOR VERSE: “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” Hebrews 10:24

OUR PHILOSOPHY: Relationships are the building block of transformation. Relationships are formed when we truly see and engage with those around us. Whether it’s our peers, campers, community leaders or volunteers, we take advantage of every moment to leave a positive impact on every new encounter.

PRACTICALITY:

- Practice 2nd mile service every chance you get.
- Make the most of moments with families at Chick-fil-A Friday Family Fun Day by offering to take pictures, positively affirming campers in front of their families, and making connections with parents.
- Think about how you can have a positive impact while running errands off campus or on your off time. For example, how can you be kind to restaurant servers, Walmart workers, and hotel clerks?





ENGAGING FUN:

We make camp fun by taking play seriously

ANCHOR VERSE: "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Proverbs 17:22

OUR PHILOSOPHY: Fun is a universal language measured in smiles. Every element of camp should be overflowing with fun for every kid involved. Fun turns everyday moments into lifelong memories and opens the door to making a forever impact.

PRACTICALITY:

- Make mundane moments, like waiting in line, fun by incorporating a game or a song.
- See the campers who might be struggling with an activity or standing off to the side and intentionally engage them.
- Evaluate the F.L.O. of every activity—Are campers having fun? Does the activity feel like it is the right length? Great activities should end before the games lose their moment and should leave everyone wanting more. Does every camper, regardless of ability or aptitude, have an opportunity to participate?
- Have fun yourself! If campers see you having fun, they will feel the freedom to do so themselves!

