



## Our Mission

**Camps International seeks to provide camp settings in which trained leaders facilitate directed learning experiences that relate creation and Christ.**

In 2004, four couples, the Caldwells, the Milams, the Murphys and the Petrosinos, committed to begin Camps International. Their passion is to see the development of camp counselors and camp facilities with a Christ-focused program.

*We expect synergistic results as we seek to creatively engage God's people and God's creation through Christian camping according to God's Word.*

## Get Involved

**There are plenty of ways to connect with us.**

- Up to six week internships: camp, church and community opportunities
- Newsletter: receive, read and pray
- Construction teams: go and help build camps
- Donate funds for educational activities, scholarships and counselor training
- Give time and expertise toward projects from home or out of country
- From your home, turn ideas into kid-changing realities: act as a consultant, biblical curriculum developer, technical engineer or project manager
- To learn more, visit us at [campsinternational.org](http://campsinternational.org)

## Empowering Leaders to Influence Youth



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*Guiding, developing and challenging a future generation.*

# Why Camps?

## Camp Is Strategic

**Christian camps use the most effective means to reach the most receptive hearts.** When trained counselors minister to children in a distraction free zone, children have a greater chance of responding to God's truth. We think that the combination of camp and kids is a winner!

## Camp Creates Leaders

**A camp counselor is a leader in the making.** Camps are ideal environments to develop leaders for church and society.

A survey commissioned by CCI/USA found that **more than half of people in full-time Christian ministry today made life-changing decisions at camp.** Many not only gave their lives to Jesus Christ at camp, but learned their leadership and ministry skills there as well.

# Our Approach

## Community Involvement

Our grassroots camp model provides follow-up support for kids, continued learning and interaction for counselors, and ultimately encourages stronger, more closely knit church communities. Recruitment and training experiences also prepare the counselor for later leadership positions in the local church.

## Leadership Training

**An academic and practical approach.**

We provide a two-phase mastery learning system for Christian camp counselors. They can become certified in skills they will use to better represent Jesus to children.

Phase One includes online training in leading camp activities and in recognizing opportunities for spiritual and character building lessons with children.

Phase Two is hands-on at the camp facility. The responsibilities of counselors, including proper use of camp resources, are reinforced along with practical aspects of caring for children's needs in the camp setting.

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## Built-In Follow-Up

Our foundation is counselor selection from within the local church. The church helps counselor and co-counselor teams choose five children aged eight to fifteen from both the church and community to invite to camp. **Relationships forged between counselors and campers beforehand allow mentoring and discipling relationships to continue during and after camp.**

*Camps have impacted my life in a way I never expected. They have opened up new horizons in my life, led me to new experiences and helped me conquer my fears. I have decided to enroll in school to study early childhood development. I have found that camps can be a very effective and powerful tool to use for evangelizing. I want kids and teens to come in contact with their Creator and be able to have a relationship with him. I believe camps can help that happen.*

