HOW IT WORKS

Duffel teams bring much needed resources, staff, and the equipment to assist a church or local organization with starting a camp program. Our philosophy is built around purposeful program, intentional activities, and discipleship-driven small group methods. Camp Duffel offers training and encouragement for churches around the world.

After receiving assistance from a team of Duffel counselors, each camp is left with a duffel bag full of activities and training material to secure their success in future camp events. Local counselors enable friendships and follow-up in the community that result in eternal impact.

NATHAN CALDWELL



Nathan Caldwell has been training the next generation of camp leaders for the last decade. Raised in Mexico as the eldest son of missionaries, Nathan has spent most of his life immersed in camp and the church.

Nathan's passion is to

grow the Body of Christ and enable a generation of disciples to rise up and declare God's glory.

Nathan is the director of Camp Duffel and travels throughout Latin America training and recruiting. When he's not sharing about his passion for camps around the world, Nathan can be found skiing the mountain slopes of Denver, Colorado with friends.

WHY CAMPS?

Camp Is A Church Tool

The local church is God's organization. We partner with pastors to help them use camp for their community. The church's leaders lead the camp. The church's children are the campers. Follow-up and discipleship after camp is a natural overflow of the church's existing system to minister to its people.

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.

Camp Creates Leaders

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

Our most fundamental purpose is to challenge others to equip themselves so they can tell many about God's design of redemption through His son Jesus.

GET INVOLVED

Sign up to receive updates and learn how you can make an impact: **CampDuffel.com/Partner**

Follow us on social media at: @CampDuffel

Camp Duffel is a ministry program of Camps International, a 501(c)3 that starts camps and trains counselors to use them. Donations are tax deductible.

IT'S NOT A PLACE [IT'S A STRATEGY]





Camps International

Guiding, developing, and challenging a future generation.

DISCIPLESHIP FOCUSED

Built-in Follow-up

Jesus gave us a task: make disciples. Our obedience to that is to come alongside churches to assist in nurturing great relationships between generations.

We use the community-building intenseness of camp to increase on-going discipleship possibilities facilitated by intentional programs, small group philosophy, and built-in follow up through the local counselors.

We train counselors who love Jesus so they can minister to kids through the authority of the church in a place removed from distraction.

Duffel Counselors

Community starts with people, and Camp Duffel is all about people. We believe connections happen when a group of people lock-arms to achieve a greater purpose!

Over the course of one summer, **Duffel** counselors travel in close-knit multi-national teams, gaining ministry and outreach experience as they learn to impact kids through Christian camps. Being a counselor is a life-changing opportunity for individuals looking to develop ministry skills as well as be exposed to evangelism and outreach opportunities.

At the end of the summer, our counselors are like veterans. In one summer of doing multiple camps, our **Duffel counselors learn how to utilize being a counselor to impact people for Christ.**

Our hope is that Duffel counselors go on to be missionaries, pastors, educators and evangelists and use the experience they learned with Camp Duffel for the rest of their lives.

LOCAL **IMPACT**

The Churches

When a Duffel team moves on, our goal is to see each new camp thrive in the years to come, utilizing the resources we are able to provide to minister to their community on a personal, day-to-day level even after the camp event ends.

Camp Duffel makes a three to five year commitment with the local church to continue helping them. At the end of this time, Camp Duffel donates a duffel bag to the local church so they can run camp on their own. This is a metaphorical "handing over of the torch" ceremony, wherein the camp staff are blessed and sent out to continue the work of discipling children through Christian camps. Camp Duffel will continue to give advice and assistance where needed, but will no longer be in charge of running the camp events; the church staff will be fully autonomous.

Local Commitment

Churches are asked to provide one local leader for every 10 campers. These local leaders are paired up with a trained Duffel counselor. Not only is this local leader a counselor-in-training for future years, but their role is the perfect way to maintain follow-up with the campers throughout the year.

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INTENTIONAL PROGRAM

What's in the Bag?

Camp Duffel's duffel bags are filled with activities that knit together strangers and turn them into comrades, conversation starters that counselors are trained to use as evangelism methods. Spiritual applications are tied to each activity, game, and challenge, furthering a child's knowledge of the world around them and the God who loves them.

Our teams of traveling Duffel counselors carry duffel bags with them as they go from bus stop to bus stop across the country, ministering to churches and their staff.

Camp Program

Camp Duffel supplies even more than the activities needed to run a great camp: we bring the program, the Bible curriculum, and even the Duffel counselors come prepared to give theme related sermons.

In a 7 year rotation so no kid will ever repeat the same theme at camp, Camp Duffel writes and executes programs that leave lasting impressions. Our Duffel counselors walk with the local counselor until they share with confidence.

Receiving Camp Duffel at Camp Eden was great because we came to understand a new way of relating to young people. We learned to make a camp program that wasn't overloaded and to focus on the main thing—discipleship.

- LEMUEL // YOUTH PASTOR PUERTA DEL CIELO - TABASCO