

DEAN'S COVENANT

This Covenant reflects a mutual relationship between the Camping and Retreats Commission and the Deans recruited to direct a week of summer camp. Its intent is to delineate the expectations and responsibilities of both parties in an effort to assure the best possible program for the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare of all campers.

Primary Responsibilities: Provides leadership, spiritual guidance and supervision to campers and staff, maintains a safe environment for campers and staff, and leads in conducting programs/activities consistent with values of The United Methodist Church.

Reports to: Director of Camp & Retreat Ministries/SUSUMC, Site Director(s).

To support the Camping and Retreats Commission in administering the multiple and varied scheduled events, the Commission can expect the following from each Dean:

1. Deans will comply with the guidelines and responsibilities set forth in the Dean's Job Description and the Dean's Manual.
2. Deans will comply with policies and procedures in regards to the conference safe sanctuaries policy.
3. Deans will be intentional in designing and conducting a service of worship in the camping environment in which campers are invited either to make an initial decision to accept Christ as their Savior and Lord, or to rededicate their lives to Christ. An invitation is also to be made for all campers to consider if God is calling them to full-time Christian service.
4. Deans will limit their administrative and program expenses to the approved amount as published in the current Dean's Manual. Deans will be personally responsible for any overdrafts not having prior authorization from the Director of Camp & Retreat Ministry.
5. Deans will actively promote the camping program and recruit campers for their event and the program as a whole.
6. Deans will check with the Camping Office to make certain all counseling staff have current clearances/paperwork.
7. Deans will endeavor to work cooperatively with other Deans of multiple scheduled events and with the paid staff to assure the best possible programs and to maximize the use of the site.
8. Prior to their departure from camp, Deans will inspect the site with a designated staff member to assure that all facilities used are clean, orderly and in good repair. Adventure Camp Deans will clean the camp vans upon return to the campsite, clean and inspect all camp equipment for possible damage, will report damage to a paid staff, and will return all equipment to its original storage space.

9. Prior to the beginning of camp Adventure Camp Deans will provide a full itinerary to the Director of Camp & Retreat Ministry and the Site Director of the scheduled route(s) to be used, including emergency phone numbers.
10. Deans will process necessary administrative forms as scheduled on the Dean's Checklist noted in the Dean's Manual.

To support the Deans in planning for and implementing their respective camps, each Dean can expect the Commission to provide the following:

1. Dean's Manual containing up-to-date information for directing a week of camp.
2. Dean's training event/s scheduled prior to the camping season
3. Assistance and resources provided in:
 - a. Recruitment of counselors and nurses
 - b. Training of staff
 - c. Funding for administrative and program expenses
 - d. Curriculum based on the yearly theme
4. Paid staff and resource persons to assist in programming, with facilities that are clean and functional with properly maintained equipment.
5. Centralized registration process housed in the Camping Office that will provide timely registration information for each event.
6. Adventure Camp Staff will have access to "Spot," a GPS Device for emergencies.

Dean's Signature

Date

Director of Camp & Retreat Ministry's Signature

Date