

CAMP FUND POLICY – 2009

Preface:

It is the strong desire of the Clarks Valley Zion E. C. Church to provide summer camp assistance to all children of our church family. The effectiveness of Christ-oriented camps to save souls and change lives is an undisputed fact. It is necessary, however, to establish certain rules and guidelines to be followed.

The spirit of these rules and guidelines may be stated in four parts.

1. Rules – They apply to everyone and should be followed.
2. Work Ethic – Children should work by helping with planned fundraisers.
3. Attendance – Church attendance is necessary for Spiritual growth.
4. Outreach – There are circumstances in which the church will want to fund a camping experience to one in need. This is one of the most effective witnesses for our youth that we have today.

1. Rules:

a. Campers shall attend an approved camp. Camps which are currently approved are:

1. Twin Pines Camp, Bartonsville, PA
2. Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA

b. Campers must be eighteen (18) or younger as of August 30th.

c. The Official Board, with input from the Camp Committee, shall determine the financial goal for the summer camp funding assistance for a given year at the April meeting.

d. A Camp Committee shall be established and shall be comprised of the Camp Coordinator/Church Secretary, the Pastor, and the CE Committee. The camp committee shall oversee the summer camp (funding process) and its' administration. Any decisions of the Camp Committee shall be reported to the Official Board at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The Camp Committee/CE Committee will discuss Camp Funding at each CE Meeting.

e. If a camper registers for camp and the church pays the funding assistance, and then the camper fails to attend camp for any reason other than a medical or family emergency, the campers and/or their parents shall reimburse the church for any funds paid by the church that are non-refundable.

f. If there is insufficient money in the camp fund to award 100% of the funding assistance goal, the Official board, at its regularly scheduled May meeting may either:

1. Choose to subsidize any anticipated deficiency in the camp fund from the church's general fund.

2. Choose to distribute the available camp funds pro rata among the campers. Any difference between the amount of the funding assistance and the total camper fees due shall be the responsibility of the camper.

3. If the Official board elects option 2 above, the camp coordinator shall notify each camper in writing by May 30th, of the approved amount of funding assistance and of the camper's responsibility for the shortfall in fees, if any.

g. Funding assistance does not include (a) Camp registration fees (generally due by April 15th) or (b) Camp fees in excess of the funding assistance amount. These fees are the responsibility of the campers and their parents.

Total cost of base camp (Twin Pines) minus the current registration fee shall equal the maximum base amount of funding assistance possible for each camper.

h. The first Sunday of June during any given year shall be the deadline to determine excess funding. The camp committee has determined that at least two hundred (200) dollars shall be considered excess. In any year when there are excess funds in the Camp Fund after all funding assistance to those campers attending Twin Pines or Camp Hebron has been disbursed, the excess funds shall be distributed in the following manner:

1. Any individual serving in a staff position at either Twin Pines or Camp Hebron will receive up to, but not more than, the base rate of funding assistance. This assistance will serve as support money for the individual. In the event there should be insufficient funds to provide the base rate of funding assistance to all individuals serving in staff positions at Twin Pines or Camp Hebron, the excess funds will be distributed evenly among the individuals.

2. If excess funding should still exist, funding shall be provided to campers in the CVZEC family attending the Creation festival, or CVYU retreat, or Uprise Festival. This funding will be available to each individual age eighteen (18) or younger as of August 30th of the camping season. This funding assistance amount will be the current registration fee of Twin Pines Camp. If there are insufficient funds available to provide the total amount of funding assistance, the excess amount would be divisible evenly by the number of Creation attendees, or Uprise attendees, or CVYU retreat attendees, age 18 or younger.

3. Funding assistance will be provided once yearly for individuals attending Twin Pines, or Camp Hebron, or the Creation festival, or the Uprise festival, or the CVYU retreat. Individuals may receive funding assistance for only one of the above camps.

i. (Addition to Camp Fund Policy per motion passed by CVZEC Official board at 8/21/07 meeting) The Official Board has set the first Sunday of June as the deadline for parents to give camp registration confirmation cards or forms to the Camp Coordinator or to the Pastor. After this date, there is no obligation on the Camp Committee's part to fund any camper.

2. Work Ethic:

a. Camper and parents are urged to participate in the fundraisers. Monies collected must be turned into the fundraising project coordinator.

3. Attendance:

a. Each camper is encouraged to attend at least one church program per week. Church programs include Sunday Worship, Sunday school, CVZkidz, and CVYU.

4. Outreach:

a. The Camp Committee, at regularly scheduled Official Board meetings, may request the Official Board to waive any or all of the requirements for a camper based upon the circumstances presented. Any such determinations shall be made on a case by case basis.

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