

# Philosophy of Ministry

Sagitawa Christian Camps

The written word of God has ultimate authority and is the foundation on which our Philosophy is based. (2 Tim 3:16)

*Parents registering their kids at Sagitawa are pleased that we are interdenominational. We teach the central message of the gospel as held by the historical evangelical denominations. Campers are taught from the Word of God and encouraged to read it for themselves.*

The church is the Body of Christ and He Himself is the head. Thus, the ministry of Sagitawa is an integral part of the local churches' missions department, a part of their outreach and teaching program. The Society has a decentralized organizational structure for achieving its purposes, with small group planning, interaction and participation throughout. (Col 1:18,24; Eph 4:4-6)

*Camp Sagitawa operates through the help of local churches. We are thankful for their financial help, their wisdom on the Board and their involvement. Having many concerned individuals involved in camp builds a quality of safety and integrity in daily camp life.*

The Great Commission, to make disciples, as stated in Matthew 28:19-20 is our directive; and all aspects of Sagitawa are aimed at fulfilling it in the Peace River Area. Discipleship represents a productive personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Evangelism, in a discipleship setting, is an on-going proclaiming of Christ by word and life in all aspects of camp and depends on co-operation between camp and the churches to make mature disciples.

*We work with local churches, seeking ways to assist each other. Campers already attending a church are encouraged to continue. Information about local member church programs is provided for other campers.*

Sagitawa is a Christ-centered camp emphasizing a whole, balanced experience that does not recognize a great division between worship, play, work, and study: "Jesus Christ in all and through all."

*An example of this is the knowledge that God loves me, whether I am at worship, play, work or study. My particular activity does not change the truth of God. A disciple is 'one who is taught.' A real disciple then, is not about life activity or career, but about one who trusts God in the midst of life. But this needs to be taught by example. Therefore, we select staff whose lives depict a sincere desire to live what they believe.*