

## WHO ARE WE?

Sagitawa Christian Camps is interdenominational. We are owned and operated by Sagitawa Christian Camping Society. Our goal is to teach the application of Biblical Christianity for the whole life. We believe that truth is of little value unless it is applied. We encourage discipleship and mentoring relationships. We believe that a living model is the best way to pass on applied truth.

We operate three camping programs from three different sites.

- ❖ Camp Sagitawa is the main resident and year-round site. It is located on the north side of Moberly Lake, BC, just 20 minutes north of Chetwynd.
- ❖ Sagitawa Trail Rides is located north of Dawson Creek, at Clayhurst, BC. The rides take place in the picturesque Alces River valley area.
- ❖ Sagitawa Wilderness Adventure Trips (SWAT) operates backpacking, canyoning, canoeing, and mountain biking trips out of the Moberly site.

Sagitawa Christian Camping Society is committed to excellence and is fully accredited with BC Camping Association and Christian Camping International. Several Bible Schools have recognized our training program for credit. We have the support of several churches in the area including Alliance, Baptist, Bible Fellowship, Community, Evangelical Free and Mennonite Brethren.



## **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

**The purpose of the society shall be:**

1. To promote co-operative Christian fellowship and to provide a program that is designed for evangelism and the development of Christian character in a recreative setting.
2. To provide Conference facilities for Biblical and Theological studies, for leadership training and missions, and to examine the Scriptural position to social, political and moral issues.
3. To operate as a non-profit charitable organization for the benefit of all members of the area at large.
4. The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried on in the northern part of the Province of British Columbia known as the Peace River Country.
5. To provide a Biblical witness to the historical Christian faith as outlined in the following evangelical statement of doctrine.

## **OUR PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY**

Our philosophy of ministry is given in the main text. The italicized text describes how our philosophy affects life at camp.

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

*Parents of campers appreciate 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 on every level. 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.

*While the Great Commission starts with sharing the gospel, its goal includes the growth of His body, His Church. 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." It is not determined by life activity or career, but about trusting God in the midst of life. This needs to be taught by example. Therefore, we select staff whose lives depict a sincere desire to live what they believe.*



# WHAT WE BELIEVE

## The society believes that:

- ❖ The Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original writings, and the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
- ❖ God is one God who exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, was born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, died vicariously on the cross atoning for the sin of man. He arose bodily from the grave, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will personally return to judge all men and establish His eternal kingdom.
- ❖ Man was created in God's image, but through disobedience fell into a state of moral and spiritual corruption.
- ❖ Salvation is by grace. It is the gift of God and not received by any virtue or works of man, but rather by personal faith in Jesus Christ through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ A Christian man is enabled to live a godly life through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Human destiny for a Christian is the resurrection to life with Christ forever; for the non-Christian, it is a resurrection to eternal judgment.
- ❖ Through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, believers constitute the body of Christ.

## WHY CAMP?

Christian camps offer exciting and unique opportunities to communicate Christian faith for several reasons:

The setting has changed (away from home, usual friends, and the regular pattern of life), creating a natural tendency to think more deeply about the meaning of life. The majesty and beauty of the Lord is continually shown from natural surroundings.

Living with a consistent, growing Christian cabin leader creates many opportunities to develop friendship and trust, to reveal the reality of Christ in life, and to share what Christ has done for you. But this is not what you know, it is Who you know.

Christ living in each staff member is the essence of Christian camping. Since the cabin leader is seen the most, he/she is the natural person to communicate the practicality of a living relationship with Jesus Christ. This lays both heavy responsibility and joyous privilege on each staff member, demanding a daily disciplined lifestyle, and commitment of time to campers. It requires that cabin leaders are trained in responsibilities and communication techniques. The camp director is a resource and coach for leadership staff, providing materials, ideas and encouragement.

