



Can You
Handle
the
TRUTH?

Bible Exploration
Battalion Adventure Camp
Grades 7-12

WELCOME TO BRIGADE CAMP AT STONY GLEN

Stony Glen is a place to explore and discover in a new and different environment. There is something special about being in the great outdoors, experiencing the adventures of Brigade Camp. It is a chance to gain a new perspective on life. That's true for your approach to Bible study, too. Like the great new experiences of camp, here's a chance to look at the Bible in a fresh new way. Allow the truths of the Bible to give you a fresh view of life and its meaning.

DAILY JOURNAL

You'll begin each day with the Morning Devotion. This will be your personal devotion. This is a special time for you to be alone with God. During this time you will begin to discover God's story and your role in it. Don't be afraid to ask God the tough questions that you may have about that day's subject. He gave us a mind to do just that. He wants us to ask Him. Also, write down your questions. You may want to ask your leader these questions.

In the afternoon you will meet with your cabin for a time of Bible Exploration. While it's important to have time alone with God, it's also important to learn from and with each other. As you engage into each day's mission, share your thoughts and questions with the group. You will probably find that others in the group may have similar thoughts and struggles.

Give honest answers and avoid the temptation to say what you think others are expecting to hear. Don't be afraid to express your doubts and questions; that's how a good investigation goes. You must be willing to ask the tough questions and be willing to change your mind when presented with God's truth. Some questions in this Bible Exploration are personal. You don't need to give your answers out loud. Sometimes, though, it's great to share a 'personal' answer. You'll probably find that others in the group feel the same way you do. You might even help somebody in his journey through this adventure we call life.

TRUTH - DAY 1

MORNING DEVOTION

Read: Romans 5:12

Have you ever read or watched a Tarzan book or movie? If you haven't read the books you should. You can even get them free online from some of the bookstores.

Tarzan's story is really our story. See Tarzan lost his parents at an early age and was raised by apes. Now these apes did not teach Tarzan how to be human; they taught him how to be an ape. So, Tarzan grows into a young man living in the wild, acting as an ape. As Tarzan gets older, he can see that he is different, but he does not fully understand how different he really is.

Then one day, Tarzan encounters something that changes his world. He meets Jane, and she brings the truth into his life that he is not an ape but a man. This truth starts to change Tarzan. It does not happen overnight, and many times he struggles with being human.

Like Tarzan, we are in a world that is counter to God's design for us. We are in a world of sin. We are raised by sinners; our friends are sinners; and we are sinners. But then Jesus comes into the world and shows us that we were meant for something greater. We are created in the image of God and need to come out of our old self and become the person God designed us to be.

The sad truth is none of us are ok. We are all lost. Ultimately, when compared to God, we are all closer to Satan even though we were created in the image of God.

Pray: Lord, show me the areas of my life where I need Your truth. Give me the courage to face the lies of the world and become the man you designed me to be.

MEMORY VERSE

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." - John 8:31-32

TRUTH - DAY 1

BIBLE EXPLORATION

The lie: I do more good things than bad, so I'm a good person.

The truth: I am not good and deserve to face judgement for the wrongs I have done to others because I have done bad things and most of the time only think of my own needs.

Have you ever lied?

Have you ever stolen something?

Have you ever been so angry that you wanted to hurt someone physically? Have you really hurt someone physically?

Have you ever used the Lord's name as a swear word?

According to the Ten Commandments, God calls each of these failures sin. Sin is defined as missing the mark. What is the mark?

You can illustrate God's idea of hitting the mark as "shooting an arrow at a target and never missing the exact middle." Like Robin Hood, you would split the previous arrow with the next arrow every time.

"The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is."
- Winston Churchill

Read: Romans 3:23

What about you?

Read: Isaiah 55:9

What is the difference between my ways and God's ways, my thoughts and His thoughts?

Read: Jeremiah 17:9

Our heart lies to us. Some of the worst lies are the ones we tell ourselves.

What lies do you believe about yourself?

How does your heart lie to you?

Read: 1 John 1:10

Some might say, "but I do good things."

Read: Isaiah 64:6

Our righteous (good) deeds are like what?

What can we do?

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:22

What does Christ do?

What does it mean to “be made alive?”

Read: Romans 5:8

Who did Christ die for? Do we deserve it?

Read: 1 John 1:9

We all need to confess that we are sinners. God wants to have a relationship with us.

How is your relationship with God?

Talk to Him much?

Read: John 3:16

We must face the truth that we are not as good as we think we are. We are sinners in need of forgiveness...in need of a Savior.

Can you handle the truth?

Pray

TRUTH - DAY 2

MORNING DEVOTION

Read: 2 Peter 3:17-18

After Tarzan learns of his true nature, he must work to become the man he really is. It is not easy. It takes time to change. It takes time to learn the whole truth of who we really are. Just like Tarzan could not learn to be a man in a day, we cannot be what God wants us to be with just a simple prayer. It takes complete commitment and time to be transformed by His guidance into what God designed us to be.

God wants to make us a new creation, a better creation. But you have to give Him everything. You cannot hold anything back. Our desire is to be in control. But control is an illusion. It takes time and effort and the faith in the Truth of God. When you give control to God, you will get back from Him more than you ever imagined.

Ask yourself, what does it mean to follow Christ?

What are you holding back from God?

Pray: Lord, open our hearts and mind to the truth so that I may understand Your ways and through You become greater. Amen

MEMORY VERSE

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. - 2 Corinthians 5:17

TRUTH - DAY 2

BIBLE EXPLORATION

The Lie: I am fine just the way I am. I don't need to change. God should love me just the way I am.

The Truth: God wants to make you more like His Son, Jesus. He wants to make us better.

What does it mean to follow Christ?

Read: John 8:31-33

What is truth?

How does truth set us free?

Read: John 13:35

How are we to treat each other?

What is love?

"Above all, don't lie to yourself. The man who lies to himself and listens to his own lie comes to a point that he cannot distinguish the truth within him, or around him, and so loses all respect for himself and for others. And having no respect he ceases to love."

- Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Read: John 15:13

How does Jesus define love?

Are you willing to live up to Jesus' standard?

Following Jesus requires more than just faith, it demands action.

Read: James 2:17

Faith requires _____.

It is easy and it is hard.

Read: Matthew 11:28-30

What does Jesus promise?

Read: Matthew 16:24-26

What are we to do to follow Jesus?

How do you make sense of these two passages?

How is it possible that His burden is light but we are to take up our cross?

Ultimately, it is to glorify God, the Father.

Read: Colossians 3:17

What does it mean to do it all in the name of the Lord?

Read: John 15:8

What does it mean to bear much fruit?

What is the fruit of the Spirit?

Read: Galatians 5:22-24

What are the fruits?

Do you think there is an importance to the order of the fruits given?

How are you living out the fruits?

Consider working on just the first one: Love. God calls us to love everyone.

Read: Matthew 5:43-48

Pray: Lord, help us to be like Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Spirit to guide and teach us. Amen.

TRUTH - DAY 3

MORNING DEVOTION

Read: Ephesians 2:1-9

There is a great short story by Nathaniel Hawthorn, titled *The Birthmark*. The story is about a scientist who marries one of the most beautiful women. She has one flaw – a small birthmark on her cheek. Unfortunately, the scientist cannot see past the birthmark. It becomes the only thing he can see when he looks at his beautiful wife.

For years, the scientist works to develop a way to remove the birthmark from his wife's cheek. Over and over he tries but no luck. During this time his wife becomes sadder and sadder. Finally, he develops a way to remove the birthmark, but when the procedure is over his wife dies.

How are we any different than the scientist? Like him, we spend our time looking at the flaws in others. Jesus commanded us to love our neighbor as ourselves even to the point of telling us to love our enemies.

Today's topic is two-fold:

1. How did we act before we followed Jesus?
2. How do we treat those that are lost?

Pray: Lord, help me treat others with the same love you showed me when I was still lost and not following You.

MEMORY VERSE

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” - Galatians 5:22-23

TRUTH - DAY 3

BIBLE EXPLORATION

Going deeper and challenging us harder.

Read: Ephesians 2:1-3

What were we dead in?

What were we following?

Read: Ephesians 6:12

Now as Christians, who do we struggle against?

“The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie, deliberate, contrived and dishonest, but the myth, persistent, persuasive and unrealistic.”

- John F. Kennedy

Look back at **Ephesians 2:1-3**

What is the passion of our flesh?

Read Galatians 5:19-21

What does Paul call acts of the flesh?

Let's look back at a passage from yesterday

Read: Galatians 5:22-24

Compare the passions of the flesh with the fruits of the Spirit.
What is different?

Read: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Who will not inherit the kingdom of God?

Paul is very clear here.

Slowly reread: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

If we say any of these are ok, then we are sinning against God and we do not help those that are lost.

Read: 1 John 2:4

What makes us a liar?

Read: Proverbs 15:9

The Lord hates the way of the _____ but loves those that pursue _____.

Why does the verse say “pursue” and not “achieve”?

Does this give us the right to condemn those who act in the flesh?

Why not?

Let's not forget what God did for us.

Central Camp

- 1 Dining Hall
- 2 Water Tower
- 3 Rec Hall
- 4 Gym

Activity Areas

- 40 Playground Area
- 41 Parade Field
- 42 Tennis Court
- 43 Volleyball Court
- 44 Soccer Field
- 45 Swimming Area
- 46 Boat House
- 47 Canoe Docks
- 48 Footprints Pavilion
- 49 Archery Range
- 50 Rifle Range
- 51 Horse Stables
- 52 Coral
- 53 Back 40

Cabins

- 11 Mildon
- 12 Beech
- 13 Hawthorne
- 14 Stoddard
- 15 Crusader
- 16 Walnut
- 17 Hickory
- 18 Juniper
- 19 Maple
- 20 Cherry
- 21 Willow

Scenic Spots

- Scenic Glen
- 60 Small Falls
- 61 Middle Falls
- 62 Big Falls
- 63 Historic Milner Cabin
- 64 Tree House
- 65 Cathedral Falls
- 66 Border Falls

Restrooms

- 1 Dining Hall
- 3 Rec Hall
- 6 Nurse Dispensary
- 7 Shower House
- 23 Sam Gray Lodge

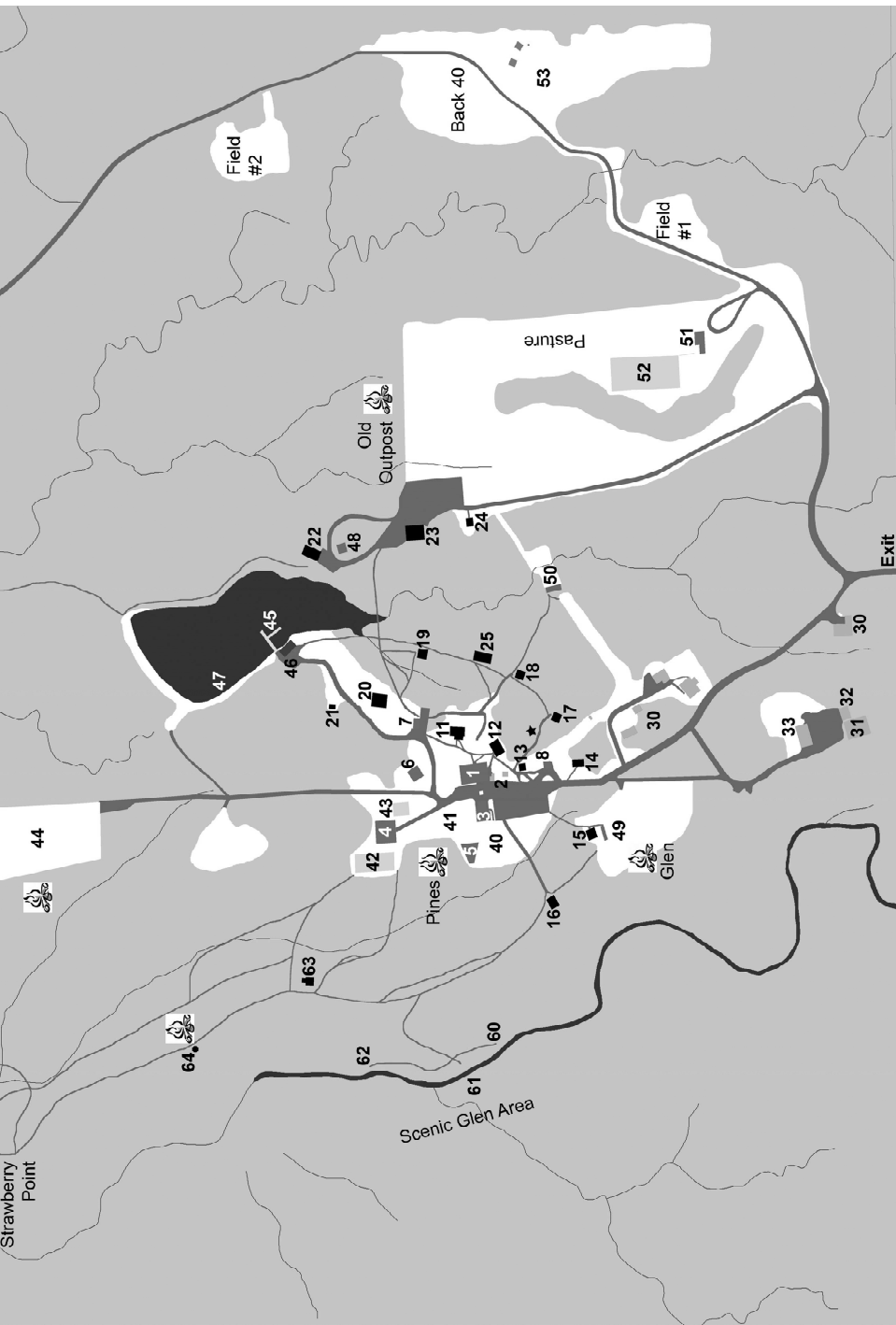
Staff Areas

- Off-limits
- 30 Staff Housing
- 31 Maintenance Barn
- 32 Wood Shop
- 33 Vehicle Barn

Cabins

- 22 Don's Place
- 23 Sam Gray Lodge
- 24 Pine
- 25 Bob & Connie Patrick Memorial Cabin





Read: Ephesians 2:4-9

It is not our works but God's work. Why?

Remember day 1 in Romans 3:23

For _____ have _____ and fall short of the glory of God.

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17

We are a new _____.

Everything is for God's glory. And God does not want to share us with sin.

What are we to do?

Read: Mark 16:12-16

We are to go into all the _____ and proclaim the _____.

What is the gospel?

What does it mean to those that are lost?

Read: Romans 1:16

The gospel has the power of God for _____.

Pray: Lord, help us to be witnesses to those that are lost. That our lives and actions may glorify you. And may we speak YOUR truth in love. Keep us from a condemning and self-righteous spirit. Amen

TRUTH - DAY 4

MORNING DEVOTION

Read: John 10:1-10

The book, *Pilgrim's Progress*, by John Bunyan is a great illustration of the journey to become a follower of Christ. The hero of the story is named "Christian." He is looking to remove the heavy burden on his back (a symbol of the sin he carries with him). He knows that he will die and cannot be saved by his own actions. So, he takes a journey to have his burden removed.

Christian's journey is not easy, and there are a number of people who give him really bad advice and send him away from the destination where his heavy burden will be removed.

Our life is so much like Christian's. We are told lies and half-truths every day. It is so hard to know what the truth is. One lie that even affects many Christians today, is there are many ways to God and/or all religions are the same. That sounds good and compassionate, but is just not true. At their core, all religions differ at some major point, and Christianity differs from them all.

One of the best descriptions of the difference between Christianity and other religions is "religion is man pursuing God, whereas Christianity is God pursuing man."

Pray: Lord, give me the truth no matter how hard it may be. Lead me through the narrow gate. Amen.

MEMORY VERSE

"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." - John 10:9-10

TRUTH - DAY 4

BIBLE EXPLORATION

The Lie: All religions lead to the same heaven.

The Truth: There is only one way to heaven: through Jesus Christ.

Read: John 10:1-6

How does the shepherd enter?

How does the thief enter?

“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God”

- William Carey

What does Jesus mean when he says “When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice”?

Read: John 10:7-10

What is the difference between Jesus and the thief?

Why does Jesus call himself the door?

Read: Matthew 7:7-8

What is Jesus saying in this passage?

Read: Matthew 7:13-14

What do the gates represent?

Why does Jesus call the gate “small” and the road “narrow” that leads to life?

Read: Matthew 7:15-20

Why are we to watch for false prophets?

How can you identify them?

Read: Matthew 7:21-23

Who will enter the kingdom of heaven?

Is that fair?

Read: Colossians 2:6-10

We are not to be taken captive by _____.

What is meant by human tradition?

What is meant by elemental spirits of the world?

Remember

Read: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Why does God choose the foolish, the weak, and the lowly?

Why is this important?

Read: Acts 4:8-12

Who crucified Jesus?

Who raised Him from the dead?

Salvation is through _____.

Read: Revelation 22:17

What is the price?

Who is thirsty?

Pray

TRUTH - DAY 5

MORNING DEVOTION

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

Today our country appears to be heading to a crossroad in race relations. Throughout history Christians have lead the fight for injustice in the United States and in the world. This is not something we as Christians can ignore. Christ calls us to “love our neighbor as our self.” This is not an option. No one put it better than Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his “I have a Dream” speech in Washington, D.C. Here are a few excerpts.

“I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

“This is our hope, and this is the faith that I go back to the South with.

“With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day...

“...And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual:

‘Free at last! Free at last!

Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!’”

The good reverend understood the importance of God in the quest for peace and justice.

Pray

MEMORY VERSE

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” - Galatians 3:28-29

TRUTH - DAY 5

BIBLE EXPLORATION

The Lie: Some races and origins are superior to others.

The Truth: While we all have different strengths and talents, we are all created in the image of God and are equal in his sight.

Read: Genesis 1:26-28

In who's image did God make us?

What are we to rule over?

Does it say that a man can rule over another man?

Read: Genesis 6:5-8

Why did God regret making man?

What did God do about it?

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Read: Genesis 11:1-8

What did the people want to build?

Why did they want to build it?

Note: One commentator on this passage suggests that they were building the tower in defiance of God flooding the earth. The tower would be taller than what God could flood and they would survive in defiance of God.

What are your thoughts on this idea?

What did God do to the people?

What happened to the people?

How does this event affect us today?

Could this be where we get the different races?

The term “race” is incorrect. As we saw earlier, we are all the descendants of Adam through Noah. We are part of one race, the human race. The proper term should be “people group.” Those that wish to divide us like to use the term “race.” We need to remember that Christ has united us.
Thoughts?

Read: Galatians 3:23-27

In Christ, we are all what?

Read: Galatians 3:28-29

Who is one in Christ?

If Christ makes us one, can we divide ourselves?

If we put something else before Christ, are we truly following Him?

Read: Matthew 5:1-12

In verse 8, blessed are the _____,

In verse 11, we are blessed when we are _____.

We are to be peacemakers and we should expect to be hurt and be insulted, but we should act differently.

And we should treat each other differently.

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

According to this passage, do you think one person is better than another?

Do you ever act like you are better than another person? Should you?

Pray

"People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives ... and when the bubble has burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted." - Nate Saint

TRUTH - DAY 6

MORNING DEVOTION

Read: Acts 1:1-11

After Jesus was raised from the dead by His Father, He spent 40 days giving proof that He was alive. Not just alive in spirit but fully alive in the flesh.

When He was done with His ministry on earth, He told them to wait on the Holy Spirit and they would be witnesses in Jerusalem and ultimately “to the ends of the earth.”

Here is the amazing part of the story: it doesn't stop with the Apostles. We are part of the continuation of their work to spread the gospel to the entire world. It starts right where you are, your school, your work. Are you showing the love of Christ to those that are in your sphere of influence.

Don't fear. The same Holy Spirit that came to the Apostles is the same spirit that will guide you and help you to do the things that are needed.

Our prayer for you is that the Spirit would touch your life and it would never be the same. That you would be transformed into a new creation; revealing the image of God as He designed you to be.

Pray: Lord, send your Holy Spirit to touch the lives of all that have come to this camp. May You be glorified. May Your Spirit move in a mighty way through your servants. Amen

God's Plan of Salvation

What is God Like

God made you and loves you. He wants you to be His child. But God is perfect and holy. He hates sin and can't even look at it.

What Are We Like

Here's the problem - all of us have sinned. We have all done many wrong things. Sin separates us from God and sin must be punished. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

God's Solution

What's the solution? God loved you so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for your sin. Instead of punishing you, God punished Jesus. "For God so loved the world, that He gave its only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Your Part

What do you have to do? Jesus' death allows you to be friends with God. Here is what you have to do:

1. Believe Jesus died for you personally.
2. Tell Jesus you are sorry for the sin in your life and want to be changed.
3. Ask Jesus to take away your sins and to direct your life.

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

When you give your life to Jesus, you become His child and belong to His family! Wow! What could be better?

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE and Who is CSB Ministries?

Our Mission: Christian Service Brigade is part of CSB Ministries headquartered in Wheaton, Illinois. We have representatives located throughout the U.S. and Canada. We provide weekly programs that enable men to guide groups of boys and young men through adventure-packed, action-filled experiences that grow young people closer to God... and equip them to be our leaders of tomorrow.

Partners: CSB Ministries offers programs and resources for evangelical churches. CSB serves these churches through training leaders and providing ministry tools that equip men and women to serve Christ.

Ministries:

Tadpoles/Tree Climbers: For boys (ages 4-7), Pre-K through 2nd Grade
At Tadpoles/Tree Climbers, young boys spend quality time with their dads and other adult Christian men. Together, men and kids have fun, learn about God's creation, and grow closer to God and each other.

Games, projects, adventures and snacks are centered around a weekly theme and Bible verse. Young boys flourish with the one-on-one time with godly men.

Stockade: Boys (ages 8-11), 3rd - 6th Grades
Stockade is a weekly opportunity for guys to spend time with guys. Adult Christian men serve as their role models, and demonstrate Christian Manhood in action and attitude.

Through physical and mental activities, fun, service, achievement and Bible stories, boys develop the foundations of godly character and leadership skills.

Battalion: Young men (ages 12 – 18) 7th – 12th Grades
In CSB's hallmark program, Battalion, adult Christian men disciple teenage boys. Young men grow through physically and mentally challenging activities, Bible studies, service projects and personal hands-on leadership experiences.

Action time, game time, achievement challenges, small group meetings, council rings, adventure outings, and competitions allow young men to gain practical life skills, learn cooperation, develop teamwork – and become leaders of tomorrow.

GEMS: For girls 1st – 12th Grades
CSB Ministries also partners with GEMS girls' programs to enable women to guide groups of girls through adventure-packed, action-filled experiences to help them grow closer to God and equip them to be our leaders of tomorrow.

Go to www.csbministries.org to see the full compliment of programs from CSB Ministries.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 1:00 Registration & Swim Tests
- 3:45 Recall (Change from Swim Suits)
- 4:00 Battalion Formation & Orientation
- 4:30 Cabin Photos
- 5:25 Dining Hall Formation
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:15 Store Time
- 7:10 Battalion Formation
- 7:15 Battalion Action Special
- 8:30 Clean-Up & Prepare for Campfire
- 8:45 Battalion Formation & Flag Lowering
- 8:50 Campfire
- 10:00 Call to Quarters
- 10:15 Cabin Devotions
- 10:30 Taps (All Quiet)

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 7:00 Leaders' Huddle
- 7:30 Reveille
- 7:50 Battalion Formation & Flag Raising
- 8:00 Personal Devotions
- 8:15 Breakfast Line-Up (Dining Hall)
- 8:20 Breakfast
- 8:45 Cabin Clean-Up
- 9:15 Skill Period A
- 11:30 Clean-Up
- 11:40 Lunch Line-Up (Dining Hall)
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:30 Store Time
- 1:00 Bible Exploration
- 2:00 Skill Period B
- 4:15 Free Time
- 5:30 Clean-Up
- 5:40 Battalion Formation & Flag Lowering
- 6:00 Cookout (Dinner, Campfire,
Sleep out)

***No one allowed in Main Camp Except
in case of emergency***

DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7:00 Leaders' Huddle
- 7:30 Reveille
- 7:50 Battalion Formation & Flag Raising
- 8:00 Personal Devotions
- 8:15 Breakfast Line-Up (Dining Hall)
- 8:20 Breakfast
- 8:45 Cabin Clean-Up
- 9:15 Skill Period A
- 11:30 Clean-Up
- 11:40 Lunch Line-Up (Dining Hall)
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:30 Store Time
- 1:00 Bible Exploration
- 2:00 Skill Period B
- 4:15 Free Time
- 5:15 Clean-Up
- 5:25 Supper Line-Up (Dining Hall)
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:15 Store Time
- 7:15 Battalion Action Special
- 8:30 Clean-Up & Prepare for Campfire
- 8:45 Battalion Formation & Flag Lowering
- 8:50 Campfire
- 10:00 Call to Quarters
- 10:15 Cabin Devotions
- 10:30 Taps (All Quiet)

CHRISTIAN SERVICE
BRIGADE

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- 7:00 Leaders' Huddle
- 7:30 Reveille
- 7:40 Battalion Formation & Flag Raising
- 7:45 Police the Grounds for Trash
- 8:00 Personal Devotions
- 8:10 Breakfast Line-Up (Dining Hall)
- 8:15 Breakfast
- 9:00 Cabin Clean-Up
- 10:00 Cabin Inspection & Check-Out