

Goals of our PNCUCC Outdoor Ministry Programs

Through our PNCUCC outdoor ministry programs, we have a unique opportunity to nurture faith and relationships. By design, these experiences are intentional, short-term, faith-based, community-oriented, and set in the midst of God's creation. To that end... our programs should provide amazing opportunities to...

Get Outside, Grow with God & Others, and Have Fun!

Recognizing and celebrating that our camps are an extension of the work of our local churches and Pacific Northwest Conference, the goals for our summer camping programs are to:

- ❖ Provide opportunities -- both overt and more subtle -- to explore and grow in our love of God and our understanding of the Christian faith.
- ❖ Be affirming of and supportive of all involved as unique children of God, providing a safe environment for self-expression and personal growth.
- ❖ Build inclusive Christian communities among camp groups (cabin & family groups), within each session, and with the entire community (between session groups and the site staff), and while doing so, explore what it means to be in covenant with one another.
- ❖ Provide specific activities to help campers and leaders develop an awareness and empathy for people of all ages, races, genders, sexual orientations, backgrounds, body sizes, and abilities.
- ❖ Provide specific activities to help campers and leaders develop an appreciation and sensitivity for God's natural world, and our responsibility to protect it.
- ❖ Provide specific activities to help campers and leaders explore and grow in their awareness of current social justice issues, and encourage change within ourselves and our communities related to diversity and inclusion.
- ❖ Utilize God's natural world as a tool for exploration and learning.
- ❖ Provide time and space to explore solitude, rest and respite.
- ❖ Provide and maintain a physically and emotionally safe and healthy environment for all campers and leaders, which includes appropriate expectations and boundaries.
- ❖ *Laugh, Sing, Lament, Play, and Pray Together!*