

Camp? Camp. Camp!

(improvise...improvise...improvise)

OVERLAY – 1. CAMP? Put on different camping shirts

LaRae - Ladies, I am SO excited! I just got called as the New Stake Camp Director in a Pretend Stake! I just can't wait! I have so many Ideas! I already went to the stores and found the most perfect decorations!

Jolyn – You found decorations already?

LaRae – Yes! I can't believe I even found tents that go with my Theme! They are Perfect! They are Pink with Silver Sparkles!

Jeri - (reluctantly, but smiling) Oh Dear!

Gina – I'm afraid to ask, what is your theme?

LaRae – **GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!** (jump up and down)

All put arms around LaRae.

Jolyn - (to other ladies,) This is going to be a little hard.

Jeri – I love your enthusiasm, and I do appreciate it. But I think there are a few things that we need to teach you about Girls Camp.

Gina – And the REAL purpose of it. It's not just about having fun, although it is TONS of fun.

Jolyn - Sister Tanner, the Young Women's General President, says "In camp, young women learn about God, in God's world.

LaRae – so Girls Camp is really about building testimonies in God's world?

All – YES!

LaRae – So what about the pink furry and glittery decorations I've picked out?

Jeri– They are cute and fun, but Girls Camp isn't about decorating. The Lord has already provided a Beautiful place for us! He doesn't need an interior decorator. He's got Mother Nature for that.

Gina – I love your Theme too, but we have been told that a Camp Theme shouldn't involve the world. It should build faith in Christ.

Jolyn – And it should be of good report or praiseworthy, and support gospel principles.

LaRae- Camp? It isn't until summer. Why are we worrying about this now?

Jeri- It's never too early to be prepared!

Gina- That's right! We all need to work a little harder, but we're not just talking about Camp, We are talking about spiritually preparing ourselves.

OVERLAY – Begin with Personal Preparation (Gina read)

Gina - When we call a ward girls camp leader, we need to be very prayerful. We need to not only call someone who is fun, but more importantly, a person who is spiritually in tune and can share this with the girls.

Jolyn- “When a spiritually prepared leader becomes involved in the life of a young woman, a caring relationship can grow and gospel lessons can be taught”

LaRae- I've read that somewhere before. I wonder where?

ALL- In the camp manual. Read it! (hold up camp manual)

Gina – When you are at Girls camp, you are more accessible to the girls. Your relationship can grow and grow. Your door is always open.

SONG- Our Door is Always Open. Sing with Ukuleles together, then in a round.

Take off old overlay and put on New **OVERLAY of words to song**. After song, remove song and replace it with what was on before.

Jeri - Speaking of the Camp Manual, I read in it that you are to involve the Priesthood leaders in planning your camp.

OVERLAY. Include Priesthood Leaders When Planning Camp. Gina

LaRae – How do we do this? This is Girls Camp?

Jolyn. The priesthood needs to counsel with the Young Women's Presidencies as camp is being planned.

Gina- They should also call and set the Leaders and specialists apart. There should also be an adequate number of priesthood leaders at camp at all times to help with security, to participate and give blessings when needed.

Jeri – And where did you learn about this?

ALL- In the camp manual. Read it! (hold up camp manual)

OVERLAY – Use Principles From Handbooks and Manuals that Guide Planning.

LaRae- Use your resources. Make sure that everything you teach helps the girls build their testimonies.

Jolyn – Please put more emphasis on spiritual investments than money investments.

OVERLAY – 2. Camp. A great place:

Gina- To Help Young Women Recognize and Rely on the Spirit

Put up **Overlay**

This is where I remember really feeling the spirit for the first time.

Jeri- At least 19 Certification requirements in the Camp Manual encourage young women to seek the Spirit.

Jolyn- Please plan special moments to happen in your camp.

LaRae- And I read “Somewhere in nature you will find a surprise, and it will lift and inspire you for days to come.”

ALL- In the camp manual. Read it! (hold up camp manual)

Gina – It’s hard not to feel the Spirit when you are up in the mountains. I love the mountains!

OVERLAY of “I love the Mountains.” All sing with Ukuleles. Put up words, then replace

Gina – Camp is a great place to ... (read overlay) **OVERLAY – To Help Young Women Understand Their Identity as Daughters of God.**

Jeri - Through work. (smaller overlay) We should do all our certification at camp. Plan to do lots of certifying on your hikes. Plan this specifically so you know exactly what and when it will be certified.

LaRae – At least 12 certification requirements in the Camp Manual give young women experience with work and activity.

Gina – President Hinckley said “There is no substitute under the heavens for productive labor.”

Jolyn – Physically demanding activities help young women develop self confidence and enjoy that sense of accomplishment.

Jeri- I bet I know where you learned that.

ALL- In the camp manual. Read it! (hold up camp manual)

Gina - And Camp is a great place to learn **though leadership (smaller overlay)**

LaRae – at least 16 assignments in the Camp Manual help Young women discover who they are though leadership.

Gina – How many of you have discovered a new exciting part of a young woman at camp? This can be discovered though music...

Jeri – Music should be a bigger part of camp. It teaches doctrine, leadership and how to feel the spirit.

Jolyn – Music activities provide leadership opportunities, at devotionals, meetings, on hikes, or while performing service. Share music skills use simple instruments, music directors, specialists, songs from the camp Manuals. Where do we learn this?

ALL- In the camp manual. Read it! (hold up camp manual)

LaRae- You may use Ukulele's, Kazoo's, recorders, harmonicas and many other fun instruments. Just make sure everyone gets a turn at leading. Many times the same young Women lead, when others can benefit from this leadership opportunity.

Gina - Camp is a great place to (read overlay)

OVERLAY – To Help Young Women Prepare to be wives, Mothers, Homemakers, Leaders.

Jeri – At least 42 certification requirements involve skills a young woman could use in future roles.

Jolyn – At Camp we establish a “mini home”. We learn to love another and to rub shoulders with good people.

LaRae – Imagine yourself returning home knowing how to do things you have never done before!

Gina - Camp is a great place to (read overlay)

OVERLAY - To Help Young Women live Baptismal Covenants

Jolyn – At least 9 certification requirements center on service to others.

Jeri - When we serve others, the burrs in our socks don't hurt so much.

Gina – Young Women can find JOY at camp. It strengthens their love for each other and their gospel commitment to stand together as witnesses of God at all times and in all places.

LaRae –Where did you read that?

ALL- In the camp manual. Read it! (hold up camp manual)

Gina – (Read overlay)

OVERLAY - 3. Camp!

Jolyn- The Fruits of the Spirit are enjoyed when camp is planned correctly and prayerfully.

LaRae - Camp is fun. Keep your sense of humor. We should have joy at camp! Joy is more than fun. Joy contains the spirit!

Jeri - Leaders, we have been told by the General Young Women's board, that we are not to allow pranks at camp. These are not joyful. Change that destruction to service.

Gina – Provide solo time. Camp could be like the sacred grove for some of these girls. Provide quiet still places. This is important so the Girls can feel how much Heavenly Father loves them. Use music, the Manual, and prayer so you can teach the girls to Come Unto Christ.

Bear testimony, Amen.

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