



Scriptural Belief Agreement

Our hope is that through camp's biblical beliefs and staff policies, Camp Timberline is a safe and healthy place for kids to experience the love of Jesus. Camp stands firm in its belief that Scripture is the inherent word of God in its original manuscripts and how we approach our broken world is a direct reflection of that belief. We believe that all have sinned and fallen short of God's beautiful and wonderful design for our lives. While we hold strong to our beliefs and convictions on these hard topics, we know Jesus' message was overwhelmingly one of love. We want to love as Jesus did, by building relationships with sinners with the hope that through the love of the Gospel, they will turn from their sin to a life of freedom. Though these topics are becoming harder to navigate in our fractured world, Jesus established what is true. So, we choose to follow Him.

The following are Camp Timberline's stance on issues that have become divisive in our culture. We do not want to ignore them, but look to Scripture and what Jesus has to say about each of the following:

Alcohol and Drugs

Camp Timberline believes that we are called to drink alcohol only in moderation and when legally allowed to do so. We believe that we are to be sober of mind, not controlled by any external substance that may impair our judgement.

- Proverbs 20:1, Luke 21:34, 1 Peter 5:8

Abortion

Camp Timberline passionately believes that every human is first and foremost a creation of God. We believe that life is created and beautifully designed by the Father and therefore starts at conception. Jesus showed a special affection for young people and believing the Father's love for them is unique.

- Exodus 20:13, Matthew 15:19, Romans 13:9, Matthew 21:15-16, Matthew 18:2-6

Prejudice

Camp again passionately believes that every human is first and foremost a creation of God and in the direct image of God. We believe that the mistreatment of any of his creation due to skin color, race, religion, sex, or demographic is wrong.

- Galatians 3:26-28, Mark 12:31

Sexual Immorality

Camp Timberline believes that God beautifully designed sexual relations to be enjoyed strictly in the context of marriage between a man and a woman. Jesus affirms God's design and purpose for marriage. We believe that any action that goes against God's design and purpose for marriage is considered as sexual immorality. That includes but is not limited to affairs, pornography, masturbation, premarital sex, and homosexuality.

- Genesis 1:26-27, Matthew 19:5, Mark 10:7-8, Heb. 13:4, 1 Timothy 1:10

Camp functions best when its staff are flexible and willing to serve wherever Camp Timberline has a need. We ask that all staff support and respect the authority of their peers in leadership. Camp desires to be a gossip-free ministry, one where conflict will be addressed directly with the appropriate person. We also require all staff to refrain from drinking alcohol, using tobacco or drugs while on contract. We expect all staff to adhere to camp's sexual misconduct policy, which is to refrain from any inappropriate sexual contact outside of the context of heterosexual marriage. We believe these requirements are vital to the success of every job at Camp Timberline.