

SEP So Cal 2009 Staff Training in Glendora

Friday, May 29th 7:00a – 9:00p

In attendance:

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| 1. Barlas, Vonnimae | 9. McNair, Ric | 17. Stapleton, Mark |
| 2. Carter, Katherine | 10. Meade, Robert | 18. Stevens, Fred |
| 3. Dizon, Carmel | 11. Meade, Stacey | 19. Stevens, Maryann |
| 4. Hellscher, Jason | 12. Morrison, Janet | 20. Swartz, Jeff |
| 5. Hellscher, Melinda | 13. Morrison, Steven | 21. Talley, Nadia |
| 6. Kalender, Susan | 14. O'Bryan, Larry | 22. Truman, Alyssa |
| 7. Lane, Richard | 15. Spindler, Adam | 23. Weber, Glen |
| 8. McNair, Marie | 16. Stapleton, Anne | 24. Wilson, Karen |

Played a song remake of Hey There Delilah – Hey There SEP performed by Rodmer Lomboy

Showed promo for camp.

Divided the room by new staff and old staff. Go over one thing that you are excited about and one thing that you are anxious about.

Anxiety

- Rick- Making a fool of yourself.
- Jason- The 5 minutes before the kids show up. Personality mix
- Nadia- When the kids run off...
- Karen-First dorm meeting when they all look at you and you are on.
- Larry- When a kid doesn't want to be there.
- Glen- Not sure of his role

Excited

- Fred- When the preparation turns to action.
- Nadia –Meet Campers
- Getting to love 10 random people
- Katherine – First worship session
- Maryann- What God is going to do
- Stacey – What Mark and Anne pull off
- Glen – Kids crying that they are there then crying that they have to go home
- Karen – Kids armor that don't want to be affected

Brainstorm Session-

What is SEP SoCal?

2002 We broke from 1 national camp to the 8 regional camps. Currently we have 17 camps.

If we can donate a projector to camp they will mount to ceiling and will give us a discount. 4

Vision- We envision SEP So. Cal. Being a one-week camp experience where God's extravagant, inclusive and unconditional love is made known to campers and staff through physical activities, dorm life and spiritual events in a supportive, encouraging and caring environment.

Why it's successful?

Anne read an essay from a girl at their church expressing her desire to want to come to camp. They just got an email from her today that she wouldn't be able to attend camp.

We broke into groups to offer a prayer for the kids that can't make it to camp or that are on the fence. To open up the flood gates for the kids that may not be in contact with our church.

If you could send one message to the kids at camp...

- This is what non-sexual love looks like
- You are not alone
- God is for you... He wants you to succeed.
- Don't conform to what you see in the world. Do conform to what you see at camp it's real.
- Jesus is real and personal
- You are good enough to be loved.
- Learn from your mistakes-You are not supposed to be perfect.
- You are just right.
- Put God first- Let him lead your life. God will show you the way.

Theme-

History of theme

2005- Extreme Makeover

2006- We were Meant to Live

2007- Cross My Heart

2008- Return to the Heart of the Father (Return, Let Go, Be Filled, And Go)

2009 – Oasis vs. Mirage

Why do you think SEP is successful?

- Tangible elements
- Backed in Prayer
- Unified staff- Using teachable moments
- Directors are listening to the holy spirit
- God's spirit seems to be moving in the camp.
- We are learning to listen to the interaction of God.
- Placing God in the middle of everything. Focus on God
- Mix of physical and spiritual. Showing them that God is in everything.
- It's ok to not be perfect. We accept them
- Humility among staff- Responsive to each other
- Expectation that God is going to do something
- Camper to Staff ratio is 1:3 which is rare
- Well structured
- Wholesome environment

Theme: **OASIS**

The mirage that you see in the desert and the truth. And the difference between the two.

A fertile or green spot in a desert or wasteland, made so by the presence of water

Oasis-Dwelling place, refuge, serenity, Peaceful, pleasant, flourishing, fertile / green, presence of water.

Mirage- an image being refracted of something else, a distortion of what is real. A false image – it's not real. Optical illusion, giving the appearance of, displaced (image), false image, Image of things which are elsewhere.

We are a reflection of God...

Example per Richard.

All people are looking at the same mirage but all see different things based on their filter.

- Lures of the world

- Deceit from heart
- Fast fulfillment – no delayed gratification

Break into groups.

What are the lies? And the Truth?

I'm of no value / Heir to the kingdom God's child

Self image / God's image

Physical -Sex , Drugs , Rock and Roll, Beauty wins the guy, Clothes make the woman, I will be loved when...

I'm not worth it.

Conditional / Unconditional Love

Human becomings- What are you going to become?

Perceived entitlement / accountable

Jealousy - Keeping it up with the Jones' I'll be happy when I have...When I can do this or that...

Adam and Eve—If I could only have the fruit

Mans favor (pleasure) / God's favor (pleasure)

They become the Oasis- You can build an Oasis at home with God's assistance.

Experience / Purity

Instant / Patience

Works (earned) / grace

Oasis- What we are traveling to. Refreshment point along the way.

Mirage- The false hope

Desert- The actual harsh reality that we are traveling through. Conditions of the desert sometimes make you want to reach.

High School Musical- Theme song "I want it all"

Joseph his family hated him.

Truths and untruths- We are cherished and loved. It's not based on how we feel. God says something very different from what we think.

Possible tie in...

O- Order, God already figured this out.- Opened the door, his arms, the path

A-Adopted

S-Saved

I-Identity

S-Sent

I will make living water flow out of you. You are bearing the fruit of the. God has provided these.

John- uses the term "I thirst" the example of the Samaritan. The other gospels don't refer to it this way.

Movie : Narnia -The witch give him Turkish Delight candy. The more he eats the more he wants.

Richard – Scripture

Ps 84:1- The Oasis is wherever you are with God. You can be satisfied wherever you are.

Psalm 84 For the director of music. According to gittith. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm. ^[a]

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

² My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young— a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Selah
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.
- ⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. ^(a)
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.
- ⁸ Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob. Selah
- ⁹ Look upon our shield, ^(a) O God; look with favor on your anointed one.
- ¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.
- ¹² O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Broke into Prayer groups.

Prayers for Staff: Protection, that we are living in the reality of Jesus.