



DiscipleTrek Biblecamp-- FAST FACTS

Why

- To expand the ministry of our camps from Gospel Centers (must keep this going strong) to Discipleship Centers too.
- To present the framework of truth we as Seventh-day Adventists treasure, in the light of God's loving character. These truths will be presented, experienced and valued.
- To engage our young adult staff members in sharing their SDA faith, and building teen campers confidence in doing the same.
- To deepen faith in keeping with Hebrews 5 and 6 (milk to meat).
- Most importantly, help campers develop their daily personal walk with Jesus during this 3-week camp.

Who

- Teen ages 15-18 (15 year olds must have completed 9th grade).
- Teen must choose to join this discipleship cohort and apply by completing a statement of why they want to be part of DiscipleTrek and what they hope to experience, along with 2 recommendations.

How

- The NPUC Youth Department comes alongside Camp Directors and conferences who want to offer summer discipleship stepping stone for their older teens who are ready by choice.
- The 6 Core staff and Presenters, put together by the NPUC, become local camp employees for the term of the DiscipleTrek program. NPUC pays for their wages, travel and related expenses to assist the camp as they initiate this dynamic ministry.
- Pastors, Chaplains, Youth Pastors, and Pathfinder leaders reach out to 15-18 year olds, affirm those they feel are ready and encourage them to pray about it.

When and Where

- DiscipleTrek West: July 7-28, 2019 • Camp Mivoden

How Much?

- \$900

Program Presenters

- Kaleigh Benge – DiscipleTrek Director and Presenter (Highland Academy Chaplain)
- Dee Casper – Presenter (Director, CORE Evangelism School for Pennsylvania Conference)
- Ricky and Stephanie Schwarz – Presenters (Ricky: Pastor & Youth Ministries Director for Maritimes Conference, Canada. Stephanie: Health Ministries Coordinator for Maritimes Conference, Canada)

Vision

Though **Jesus vision and last words** before ascension were, "Go ye therefore and make disciples", unfortunately the discipleship "stepping stone" (a place and program to become a follower) is not well established or readily available for teens in our church. Pairing Jesus commission with another familiar and relevant vision, articulated by Ellen White, helps validate the DiscipleTrek opportunity further.

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained...how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come,--the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!" Counsels to Teachers, Parents and Students p.555

DiscipleTrek is an effort to become more intentional about teen discipleship in the context of camp, a place young people like to go.

