

## **Blue Mountain Ranch**

### **Observable Behavioral Outcomes that Address Camper's Developmental Needs**

*In order to have a fulfilling camp experience, a camper must:*

#### **❖ Develop Friendship**

- Staff must model appropriate behavior
- Do “Highs and Lows” or “Pass the Candle” periodically
- Create good cabin environment
  - ◆ Create cabin rules together
  - ◆ Work together as team during cabin activities (i.e. inspection, sing song, skit night)
- Reiterate camp motto, “A friend is worth a mountain made of gold, they cannot be bought or sold.”
- Reiterate importance of friendship and share examples at worship

#### **❖ Develop Independence/Responsibility**

- Chores around the cabin
- Self cleanliness
- Campers choose own activities
- Limit phone calls home
- Staff instill in campers a sense of self confidence
  - ◆ Remain positive
  - ◆ Get campers involved in activities
  - ◆ Push campers to set goals and then achieve them

#### **❖ Feel a sense of Acceptance**

- Camp must be safe environment
  - ◆ No bullying (verbal and physical)
  - ◆ Camp must be tolerant of all ideas
- Every activity, formal and non-formal, are all inclusive
- Do not tolerate negativity
- Be patient
  - ◆ Staff must put themselves in the other's shoes
  - ◆ Have a sense of humor
  - ◆ Take deep breaths

#### **❖ Have Fun**

- Staff must have infectious enthusiasm
- Smile
- Laugh at yourself
- Keep everyone involved

#### **❖ Develop and/or Expand Upon Good Moral Values**

- Weekly worship
  - ◆ Staff will relate to camper's moral dilemmas and fortitude
- Staff must model appropriate behavior
- Camp values must be evident in camp rules