



## **Mission Statement**

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

### **Purpose of Salvation Army Camping**

The purpose of Salvation Army Camping is to serve the needs of campers: physical, social, and spiritual. For physical needs, our aim is to help campers develop good health habits in cleanliness, proper rest, balanced diet, exercise, and care of the body. To meet social needs the camp provides an opportunity for each camper to contribute to and receive from a group living experience. The aim is to help campers make their own right decisions, stimulate creativity, and foster independence.

The fact that The Salvation Army is a religious organization makes it possible for its camping program to integrate concern for the spiritual dimension of life. We believe in God, His Word and what it teaches, and a pattern of living exemplified by Jesus Christ.

These purposes are achieved through carefully selected staff, well planned program, and the highest standards of health and safety.

### **Goals of Salvation Army Camping**

1. To promote an awareness of God, His love, and, through the love of Jesus Christ, to aid spiritual growth and knowledge of human values.
2. To give children, youth, and adults a fun-filled, healthful, safe, educational, and inspirational experience in the out-of-doors.
3. To help develop an understanding, appreciation, and a sense of stewardship for the out-of-doors, for the natural environment, and for all living creatures.
4. To help individuals grow in understanding themselves and each other, and especially for children to experience relationships with staff members as caring adults; to offer opportunity for people of varied cultures to develop compassion and love for each other.
5. To provide a loving and supportive environment where families can learn to cope with and solve their problems.
6. To facilitate creative self-expression through worship, song, work, play, physical activity, and the development of new skills.
7. To allow each person to participate in planning programs, establish limits, and develop a sense of responsibility for the safety and welfare of all.
8. To assist in developing an appreciation of the wonder and joy of the miracle of everyday living.



## **The Salvation Army Statement of Doctrines**

- 1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice.**
- 2. We believe there is only one God who is infinitely perfect - the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things- and who is the only proper object of religious worship.**
- 3. We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost – undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory.**
- 4. We believe that in the person of Jesus Christ the Divine and human natures are united so that He is truly and properly God and truly and properly man.**
- 5. We believe that our first parents were created in a state of innocence but, by their disobedience, they lost their purity and happiness and that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners, totally depraved, and as such are justly exposed to the wrath of God.**
- 6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has, by His suffering and death, made an atonement for the whole world, so that whosoever believes in Him may be saved.**
- 7. We believe that repentance toward God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and that he the Holy Spirit are necessary to Salvation.**
- 8. We believe that we are justified by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and that he believeth hath the witness in himself.**
- 9. We believe that continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ.**
- 10. We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be “wholly sanctified” and that their “whole spirit and soul and body” may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23)**
- 11. We believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgment at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous and the endless punishment of the wicked.**

**The Mission Statement and Doctrines of The Salvation Army are acknowledged by way of my signature on my camp staff application.**