

# Bluestone Camp and Retreat

## Send-a-kid To Camp

### Why kids need camp...

At camp, children:

1. Spend their day being physically active
2. Experience success and become more confident
3. Unplug from technology
4. Have free time for unstructured play
5. Make true friends
6. Have a nonjudgmental place to strengthen their relationship with God

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**So, you agree kids should go to camp. Now, how do you find the campers? I'd like to share some of the ways we've done it, and hopefully you can have some success too!**

1. Start with a retreat. We have a fall and a spring retreat that provide a glimpse into what a week at camp would look like. If you have kids/parents who are nervous about spending a week away from home, this is the perfect opportunity to test the waters.
2. Start with the kids in your congregation, and then invite their friends.
3. No kids at your church? Go to where the kids are: schools, scout groups, grandchildren, mission agencies, the list goes on. Take a look at what organizations your church supports, and then see if there's a way to reach out to future campers.
4. Partner with a neighboring church. You can split the cost, split the drive, and strengthen your community.
5. When all else fails, you can still help support Bluestone by sending in a donation. There are campers every year who ask for financial assistance, and your church can help ease their financial burden.

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