

Short Sheet # 7

Ten Rules for Good Camp Leadership

1. **The "2-to-1" Rule:** God gave us two ears and one mouth. Listen twice as much as you speak.
2. **The "Nearness Brings Dearness" Rule:** Continue to win the right to be heard with kids at camp.
3. **The "To Ponder Is Fonder" Rule:** Don't jump ahead in the gospel progression or in answering all of kids' questions before they have a chance to grapple with the truth.
4. **The "K.I.S.S." Rule:** That's "Keep It Simple Street - umm, - Steward" (Yeah, that's it - Steward. We would never use that other word to describe a Young Life leader. And besides, you are a steward of the Gospel.) Present it as simply as possible.
5. **The "Aim to Be Germane" Rule:** Keep the discussion relevant to the question. If someone insists on veering off the track, suggest that the two of you meet later to wander down that path together so that not everyone has to wander with you.
6. **The "Silence Can Be Golden" Rule:** Don't panic when kids get quiet. It isn't your job to stamp out silence. Let them think and mull.
7. **The "Zipped Up" Rule:** What is said here stays here. Confidentiality is necessary if kids are going to open up and trust.
8. **The "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" Rule:** Ministry started before and goes beyond the week at camp.
9. **The "Mother Teresa Rule of Faithfulness":** "God never called me to be successful; He called me to be faithful."
10. **The "Rules of Miscellanies:** Be a "There you are!" kind of leader - not a "Here I am!" one. When you walk into the room, are you most excited to see kids, or most excited to be seen?

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