

Understanding that each camp will take on its own personality and unique situation, the following 11 basic essentials should be a part of every Salkehatchie Experience in one form or another. Directors and Camp Representatives are asked to fill out a brief form on how these areas will be addressed this year at camp.

1. **Regularly scheduled time each night for Spiritual Reflections** ~ This could be Fishbowl Discussions, Small Group Conversations around a theme or bible verse, Large Devotionals or Skits etc.... but time for the kids to reflect on Who they are? Whose they are? And what exactly we are doing at Salkehatchie that is Kingdom Building. These times of reflection should not be crammed into marathon sharing sessions, but should have parameters of time maximum time limits.
2. **Work** ~ Each participant should be required to do what they can to help accomplish the physical goals set before each site. This part should include a basic safety training time within the camp. I.e. wearing safety glasses and not putting the metal ladder around power lines... basic stuff.
3. **Music** ~ No camp should be without Musical leadership. Music is such a vital part of Salkehatchie and should be secured early in order to have the kind of group bonding and worship needed to have a good camp. If you need help securing music you might try going to a large church in the area or your camp or one of the magnet churches in your camp and try to recruit a music or youth leader/music person. Call Tommy Wilkes if you need more help. You might consider like many camps having special music programs to come for one night to share and lead the group in a special way. There are some minimal honorarium funds for such persons.
4. **Fun** ~ Salkehatchie is not about just having fun or entertaining kids. We are about something much greater, however, its OK and necessary to provide places and spaces within the camp experience where the youth can bond, enjoy and celebrate, laugh and share. Many camps provide some kind of activity on the Sunday of the camp. We do not have budgeted within the Salkehatchie Structure large expenditures of "Fun" activity so keep this activity under \$500 if possible.
5. **Structure** ~ Every camp struggles with structure and where and how we go. At a minimum a camp booklet along, contacts, site names and numbers, guidelines for your camp, maps and a schedule of events should be provided. Samples from other camps are available for anyone in need for other camps.
6. **Prayer** ~ Lets not wait till Wednesday to Pray for the camp, the campers and the Lord's work to be done. Lets undergird all that we do in Prayer.
7. **Volunteers** ~ Please make sure you secure donations from area businesses, churches etc.. Salkehatchie will not make it unless we continue to access the support of churches and businesses for meals, workers and other gifts. People want to give, ask them and let them be a part of Salkehatchie.
8. **Friday Night "Symbol Sharing" and Communion.** This is the night when persons should share a symbol with the full group that represents their Salkehatchie Experience prior to sharing the Holy Sacrament of Communion as a community in Christ.
9. **Sharing of the Salkehatchie Story** ~ This happens when the campers return to their home churches. Each church will handle this differently, however, we strongly encourage every church to make room for Salkehatchie Missionaries upon their return the forum to share their story. It is recommended to have a Salkehatchie Sunday or night Service/meal in which to share.
10. **Initial and Final Tour of Homes** where all youth and adults witness the before and after of the homes worked on that year.
11. **Getting to know the families in which we serve.** Time spent with the family is important. One of the major parts of Salkehatchie is to establish and build relationships with the families in which we have the honor to serve.

Joy and Peace to you ~ Rev. Thomas B. Wilkes III
Chair of the Salkehatchie Steering Committee

As voted on in the Steering Committee in 2003, we ask each camp to fill out and return to Rev. Thomas B. Wilkes at 2909 Old Barnwell Road, Lexington SC 29073, fax to 803-957-2259 or email me at tbwilkes3@aol.com (This form can be send electronically upon request)

DUE: PREFERABLY, BEFORE YOUR CAMP BEGINS.

Thank you for making Salkehatchie a priority ministry and for working with us to make sure Salkehatchie stays uniform throughout the state and other states.

Camp _____
Dates of Camp _____
Director _____
Lay Rep _____
Youth Rep _____

Regularly scheduled time each night for Spiritual Reflections
What is your plan for the Week?

Work
How many sites and do you have the leadership to carry out this task?
Will you have a Work Safety Training during the week?

Music
What is your plan to provide meaningful and quality music for the camp?

Fun
What are you planning for a Fun/ Group Building Event on Sunday afternoon or another time?

Structure
Do you post an agenda for your camp? (please mail me a copy)

Prayer
What is your plan to provide spaces for prayer and meditation during the week?

Volunteers
Do you have a meal coordinator to plan and implement meals? Who?
Do you have a plan for donations from local vendors, community leaders etc.?
Do you have a plan for part time workers to volunteer on site?

Friday Night Symbol Sharing and Communion
Do you and will you practice this at your camp? If not, please explain.

Initial and Final Tour of Homes
Do you and will you practice this at your camp? If not, please explain.

Getting to Know the Families Emphasis
Do you and will you encourage this at your camp?

Thank you for your time in filling this out. I hope you have a wonderful camp this year!