



# Big Sky Strategic Ministries

## Statement of Faith

1. THE BIBLE in the original writings (Old and New Testaments) to be the inspired Word of God and that God has preserved it to be the divinely authoritative standard to everyone of all time. *Mat.5:18, 1Cor.2:13, 2Tim.3:16-17, 1Pet.1:21.*
2. GOD: There is one living and true God who exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Mat.3:15-17, 28:19; John1:1-2, 14; 10:30; 14:15-17; 1Cor.8:6; 2Cor.13:14.*
3. THE SON of GOD is fully God and was born of a virgin, fully man. *Isa.7:14, 9:6; Mat.1:18-25; Luk.1:26-38; John1:1-5, 10-14, 17:1-3; Eph.4:8; Col.2:9; Heb.1:1-2, 8-10, 7:25; Rev.20:4.*
4. GOD the HOLY SPIRIT is fully God and convicts of sin, regenerates, indwells, baptizes and seals believers at the moment of salvation, filling them in response to yieldedness with the goal of conforming them to the image of Christ. *John3:5, 16:7-11; Acts5:3-4; 1Cor.6:19, 12:13.*
5. MAN was created in the image and likeness of God, but in Adam's sin the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature and became alienated from God in need of salvation. *Gen.1:26-27; Rom.1:18, 3:9-19, 23, 5:12; Eph.2:1-3, 12.*
6. SUBSTITUTIONARY Death of CHRIST: Christ was crucified and died to pay the penalty for our sin, rose bodily from the dead, and ascended unto God the Father. *Mat.28; Acts1:3, 11; Rom.1:4, 3:24-25; 1Cor.15:3-4.*
7. SALVATION: We are saved and declared righteous when we recognize ourselves as sinners and put our trust in Christ as the Son of God and His death on the cross of Calvary. Salvation is through faith alone apart from works. The believer in Christ is kept secure forever. *John10:27-29; Acts13:38-39; Rom.4:5, 6:23, 8:1, 38-39; Eph.2:8-9.*
8. THE CHURCH: Jesus said He would build His Church and nothing would prevail against it. The Holy Spirit places each believer in the Universal Church (the body of all Christians) and enables with spiritual gifts and empowers believers to serve God through His Church. God establishes local churches under the headship of Jesus Christ. *Acts 14:27; Rom.12:5; 1Cor.1:20, 12; 2Cor.11:2; Eph.1:22-23, 5:23-24; 1Tim.3:1-13; Tit.1:5-11; Heb.10:23-25.*
9. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: The Bible teaches us to live in a way that pleases God, looking for that blessed hope of the return of Jesus Christ, setting our minds on things that please God and not ourselves, living our lives as those who have been set apart to fulfill God's purposes. *Jn.17:17; Rom.8:29; 1Cor.3:10-15; 2Cor.5:10, 6:14-18, Gal.5:16-26; Eph.4:20-24, 6:18; Col.3:2-3; Titus 2:11-14; Heb.11:6; 12:1-2; 1Jn2:15-17*
10. CHRIST'S RETURN: Christ will return for those believers that have died in Christ who will be resurrected bodily and for those who are alive at His coming. Christ will judge the earth, and set up His kingdom, and reign on earth 1000 years. *Mat.25:46; John14:1-6; 1Cor.15:51-52; 1Thes.4:13-18; 1Pet.3:10; Rev.20: 1-6, 11-15.*



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## Child Protection Standards

1. Two Adult Rule - A minimum of two adults are required in attendance during all events and activities.
2. No Private One-on-One Contact - Private one-on-one contact between adults and children or youth is not permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, the meeting is to be conducted in the clear view of others, always utilizing the rule that women counsel girls and men counsel boys.
3. Respect of Privacy - Adults must respect the privacy of children and youth in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.
4. Cabin Arrangements - Adults and children or youth of the same sex may occupy cabins, provided there is a minimum of four children or youth. Any adults staying with children must have been screened through the BSSM volunteer screening process.
6. Leader Arrangements - Male and female leaders require separate sleeping facilities. Married couples may share the same quarters if appropriate facilities are available.
7. No Secret Organization - BSSM does not recognize any secret organization as part of its ministry programs or activities. All aspects of the BSSM ministry are open to observation by parents and leaders.
8. Appropriate Attire - Proper clothing for activities is required. Reference BSSM Dress Code.
9. Constructive Discipline - Discipline during BSSM-approved events and activities shall be constructive, done with another leader present, and reflect the values of BSSM. Corporal punishment is never permitted. The purpose for discipline is to train for correction and maturity. The focus of discipline is correct behavior in the future. The leader's proper attitude is love and concern for the camper's spiritual benefit which results in the child or youth feeling safe and secure. Camp discipline techniques:
  - 9A. 5 Count – for group attentiveness: when the attention of the group is needed and when necessary, the leader in charge will count from 1 to 5 so that they are heard. By the time number 5 is reached, each camper and leader is expected to be waiting quietly for instructions.
  - 9B. 3 Count – for individual correction: for individuals not following camp behavior standards. First warning may be given by a leader. For the next repeated, serious infraction, a leader escorts the camper to the Head Counselor or Camp Director who gives the Second warning. For the next repeated, serious infraction, a leader escorts the camper to the Camp Director who gives the Third warning and the camper's parents are called. With the Third warning the parents maybe required to come and pick up their child.
10. Hazing Prohibited - Hazing and initiations and pranks are prohibited and may never be included as part of any BSSM event or activity.
11. No "paring off" at camp - Children and youth should remain in larger groups and should not be allowed to pair off and go wandering around.
12. Child Abuse Reporting – If a leader has "reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subjected to circumstances or conditions which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect shall immediately report such fact to the Camp Director. "Abuse" or "child abuse or neglect" means an act or omission in one of the following categories which threatens the health or welfare of a child: skin bruising, bleeding, tissue swelling, or death; any case in which a child is subjected to sexual assault or molestation, sexual exploitation, or prostitution; any case in which a child is in need of services because the child's parents, legal guardian, or custodian fails to take the same actions to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision that a prudent parent would take.



# Big Sky Strategic Ministries 2012 Camp Dress Code

***1 Corinthians 10:31 "... whatever you do, do ALL to the glory of God."***

Camp staff, campers (and parents) are urged to exercise discretion and modesty regarding the selection of camp clothing. In order to maintain an environment that is free from distractions, so that we all may focus on what the Lord has in store for us at Camp, we are all expected to dress in good taste and in a manner which reflects an atmosphere of "focus on the spiritual." Christians can hurt their testimony, cause another to stumble in their Christian walk, and possibly offend others by the clothing they wear and the way in which it is worn. Outfits, which are too tight, too short, or offensively imprinted, though not intentionally worn to be provocative or offensive, nonetheless often are. God does not want us to do or wear anything that may cause someone else to stumble (Rom.14:13-23; 1Thes.4:3-8). The world has an agenda in fashion that does not line up with God's (Jam.4:1-10; 1Jn.2:15-17). Since the goal of Camp is discipleship and bringing honor and glory to God, we should apply Paul's admonition to Timothy to this area of dress:

***2 Timothy 2:22 "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."***

With this in mind, modesty, cleanliness, and appropriateness will be the standard used to honor and glorify God in what we wear.

- For safety reasons, bare feet are only allowed in your cabin and in the shower. Athletic shoes are required for Team Activity Time.
- No T-shirts or other garments with inappropriate, worldly, or offensive writing or displays. No half or net shirts or muscle shirts.
- No underwear on display. It is called underwear for a reason.
- Shorts, if worn, must be of the "walking shorts" variety and shall come to the tip of the fingers while standing. Short shorts, split-sided jogging shorts or "spandex" style bicycle shorts are not to be worn.
- No tight fitting clothes.

## **Ladies**

- Halter tops, bare-midriff clothing, "spaghetti straps" and mini dresses/skirts are not allowed.
- Swimwear must be one-piece style (front panel liner preferred). Suits with plunging necklines and/or high-cut leg openings are not allowed. (If in doubt, or unable to find suitable swimwear, wear a T-shirt to cover it.)

## **Guys**

- Race type swimwear (Speedo, tank suits) is not allowed.
- Low hanging pants are not allowed.

This dress code is not intended to be "heavy handed" or restrictive, but is for the purpose of avoiding any problems before they start. If there is any question about an article of clothing, a camper's counselor will speak to him/her about it privately. Cabin counselors will help their campers, whom God has put in their cabin, understand the importance of not being a distraction to those around them. In all cases, the camp director's word is final.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. WE APPRECIATE IT.**