



## Camper Goals

Camp Akita is a place of fun and reflection where all campers are encouraged to strengthen their relationship with God, self, others, and nature.

Akita campers are inspired to become people whose lives embrace the values of compassion, acceptance, community and authenticity.

<i>Compassion</i>	Akita campers care for one another
<i>Acceptance</i>	Akita campers value each individual
<i>Community</i>	Akita campers build genuine relationships
<i>Authenticity</i>	Akita campers celebrate their uniqueness

These core values embody what we call the “Akita Spirit.” We invite each camper to embrace this Spirit both within and beyond the camp gates.

## Outcomes & Strategies

Everything we do at Camp Akita is designed to teach, model and reinforce our core values.

1. Provide opportunities that teach and model compassion for each other and nature.
  - a. Our staff models compassion by caring for our campers just as they are.
  - b. Each camper will participate in small group activities, which will always begin with dedicated time to check in with each individual.
  - c. Each camper will understand our guidelines for living together and how we will treat each other through an explanation upon arrival.
  - d. Campers will participate in nature based activities designed to teach stewardship and an appreciation of our natural world.
2. Provide opportunities that teach and model acceptance.
  - a. Our staff models acceptance by highlighting the value of each individual to our camp experience.
  - b. Interpersonal skills
3. Provide opportunities that teach and model community building.
  - a. Our staff models community building by learning as many camper names as possible.
  - b. Campers will participate in getting to know you games during the first 24 hours of camp.
  - c. Campers will participate in small group activities, be split into large teams by cabin groups, and be encouraged to meet new people in full group activities, eating family style, and interacting with entire camp community.
4. Provide opportunities that teach and model authenticity.
  - a. One of the standards for employment at Camp Akita is demonstrated authenticity. Our staff is challenged daily to let their light shine in this world.
  - b. Campers will have the opportunity to share their uniqueness through full camp activities like our camper night.
  - c. In daily sessions our campers are given tools and advice on how to live their lives back home the same way we live at Camp Akita.

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