

## What Is Your Camper Like?

(adapted from Lake Geneva Youth Camp materials)

### *Junior Ages 9-12*

#### Physical

- Grows slowly, increased endurance
- Loves activity, exuberant
- Greater coordination
- Likes outdoors, camping
- Growing sense of independence
- Peak of health period
- Girls frequently attain puberty

#### Mental

- Reads, writes well
- Golden period of memorization
- Improved concepts of cause-effect, time-space
- Curiosity about who & how
- Increasing powers of concentration
- Reasoning powers developing
- Interest in nature, collecting
- Mounting creative ability

#### Social

- Growing social consciousness
- Demands justice, fair play
- Enjoys group activity, gang loyalty
- Hero worship of adults
- Indifference to opposite sex
- Decreasing shyness
- Capable of recognizing authority

#### Spiritual

- Capable of meaningful decisions for salvation or dedication
- Questions spiritual teachings
- Capable of Bible study, personal devotions
- Open to challenge to spiritual growth
- Interest in others leads to interest in soul-winning

### *Junior High Ages 12-15*

#### Physical

- Rapid growth causing self-consciousness
- Spurts of energy or fatigue
- Boys attain puberty
- Puzzled by awareness of sex
- Improved coordination, love of sports

#### Mental

- Keen mental ability
- Unstable emotional life
- Frequently critical, hasty judgments
- Tends to indulge in self-worshipping day dreams
- Wishes to make decisions governing his actions
- Active sense of humor
- Given to moodiness

#### Social

- Age of social awakening
- Attracted to opposite sex]
- Follow-the-crowd spirit, gang loyalty
- Craves status, self-importance
- Desires to be grown-up
- Hungers for reality, feigns indifference
- Wants freedom to act as he pleases
- Transfers loyalty to hero

#### Spiritual

- Questions his faith; wants to know the why & how; susceptible to counsel of unbelievers
- Hungers for guidance, leans on older young people, craves assurance
- Capable of deep spiritualities