



**What:** Camp Araminta is a one-week, sleep-away camp dedicated to encouraging Christian community, fellowship, discipleship, and accountability by living the Christian ideal from day to day.

**Who:** This ministry is dedicated to supporting Anglican youth in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Alabama. Youth camp is open to rising 4<sup>th</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade; High school camp rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Grace Anglican will focus on sending rising 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders (as rising 7<sup>th</sup> and above are encouraged to attend Soul in the City).

**Where:** Lake Swan Camp, Melrose, FL (an hour SW of Grace)

**When:** 3pm on July 16 — 11am on July 21, 2018

**How:** Price-\$405 (includes \$50 deposit)  
\$35 off per additional sibling camper  
Registration open now, closes July 15<sup>th</sup>  
<https://www.ultracamp.com/clientlogin.aspx?idCamp=182>

**Why:** See reverse side for curriculum covered at Camp Araminta.

**Sample Schedule:** Each day the Alpha/Beta tracks will follow a schedule similar to:

7am	Wake up
7:50	Morning prayer
8:15	Breakfast
9am	Worship
9:30	Discipleship groups (D-groups)
10:30	Lake time
12noon	Lunch
12:45	Rest
2pm	Activity 1-2-3
5pm	Dinner
6pm	Optional (archery, mini-golf, crafts, karaoke, canoeing, etc.)
7pm	Canteen
8pm	Evening gathering
8:30	Alpha compline/Beta after hours [ <i>Alpha is 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>; Beta is 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup></i> ]
9:30	Alpha lights out/Beta cabin time
11pm	Beta lights out

**For more information:**

<http://camparaminta.org> or email [jessicajones@graceanglican.church](mailto:jessicajones@graceanglican.church)

## Why? Camp Araminta Discipleship and Christian Leadership Program

As any camp director might, we often hear the question, “What’s so special about your camp week as opposed to others?” We are much more than a camp. We are a community of believers that have a passion for youth, for strengthening their walk with God, and building them up in fellowship with other Christian youth.

In December of 2008, the leadership team of Camp Araminta began talking about what we as Christian leaders and parents would want to see campers “take home” from their week of camp. We wanted to have more than just a random “church-y” program theme each year, and, given that some campers will attend for five years, we certainly wanted something new each year to challenge them to grow in Christ.

**5 Essential Things:** The question we started with was “if a camper came for only one year, what five things would we want them to learn?” The answer became our guide for the structure of the discipleship program:

**Creation** – I am made and loved by God

**Gospel** – fall and redemption, life of Jesus

**Community** – where I fit in; my gifts and the Body of Christ

**Holiness** – engaging the culture; discernment and cultural filters; how to be in the world

**Mission** – taking the Gospel into the world according to our gifts; telling others

The first year any camper attends Camp Araminta, in their program time they hear these five things above, in essence showing them a biblical worldview. After the first year, we go more in-depth with the themes, beginning with the Gospel. The years look like this:

**Year 1 – Biblical Worldview** (covering 5 points above)

**Year 2 – Gospel**

**Year 3 – Community**

**Year 4 – Holiness**

**Year 5 – Mission**

Some campers may come one year, some three, some all five. Each year they will be in a track that builds on the year before it and challenges them to grow further in their faith and Christian walk.

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### **Leadership opportunities**

In 2016, we added a camp track for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. We now ask all 9<sup>th</sup> graders to attend this track before applying for leadership in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. It’s a different experience than the younger camp; we feel it is/will be instrumental in giving them a spiritual boost as they enter high school, as well as prepare them to be leaders in the coming years.

#### **Flight Crew** (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders)

Youth must have attended one year of Araminta or attended a Dynamos weekend to qualify for Flight Crew. Flight Crew members fully participate in camp, learning further discipleship skills with an intensive serving program. They are an essential team that helps camp run smoothly by setting up, cleaning up, and assisting with activities. They also have a separate Bible study time and special activities for Flight Crew only.

#### **Leaders-in-Training or LITs** (10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders)

Youth must have served one year on Flight Crew or served on a Dynamos team to qualify as an LIT. These teens use the discipleship and serving skills that they have learned to assist the adult leaders in caring for and ministering to the campers. An LIT might lead an activity area, be a specific assistant in the discipleship program or to an executive team member, serve on worship team, or be an assistant counselor in a camper cabin. We strive to know the specific gifts of our LITs and place them in positions where they can best use their gifts.

#### **The Counselors** (age 18 and above)

These are young adults committed to seeing our children and youth learn about following Christ in a fun-filled, whole-hearted way. Most of our counselors have come through at least part of the Araminta leadership training; however, Christian young adults who have other experience with leading youth and children may also be considered. All counselors and LITs are background checked and trained through MinistrySafe Institute.

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In working with teens and young adults, we ask all students and adults in leadership to understand that they are signing on to a community of faith when they apply for and accept one of these positions. As such they are reminded that they are role models for the campers and are expected to be accountable to each other and the leadership for their lifestyle and choices *outside* of summer camp.