

# What is Project SaM?

## Purpose

Project SaM is committed to discipling teen followers of Christ through intentional one-to-one mentoring relationships and group Biblical studies in a supportive Christian community.

## Who Sponsors Project SaM?

This program is being developed as a joint ministry of Advent Christian Student Ministries of ENC and Camp Dixie.

## Who can Participate?

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Students – Please fill out the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Student online application by Sept. 15**

- high school student in grades 10-12
- follower of Christ
- demonstrated a desire to grow in the faith

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Mentors– Please fill out the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Mentor online application by Sept. 15**

- follower of Christ
- college-aged and above (no age limit!)
- desire to invest time in building a relationship with a younger believer to help them mature in the faith

**Returning Students and Mentors – Please complete the online Re-Enrollment application by Sept. 15.** A link can be obtained on the Project SaM Facebook page, on our website, or in an email from Lana.

**Background Checks** – Each mentor in Project SaM will need to undergo an annual background check. If the mentor has worked at Camp Dixie in any capacity during the summer, we can use the one on file. If the mentor is new to the program and we do not have one on file for you, it will be necessary for us to have a signed release form, allowing us to obtain one.



## What is a Mentor and why should I consider being one?

*Mentor (n.) – a wise and trusted guide and advisor*

Have you ever observed people living out their faith in Christ, and just wish you could get inside their head and find out how they do that? Is there someone who seems to just really “get you” or has offered some encouragement and support in your life as you’ve sought to follow Christ?

The question we ask our mentors in Project SaM is “who is God putting in your path?” If you are looking at this form, then either you already know that answer to that question or someone has asked you to consider being their mentor. You are also encouraged to have intentional mentors in your own life!

Maybe you’ve been asked by a teen from your church, or maybe you met a teen while serving as a counselor or staff member during summer camp. Getting together with them is much easier if they live within a 30 minute drive to you.

Mentors should be of the same gender as the applicant. We also recommend at least a three year age difference between the mentor and mentee.

### Scope

- **Mentoring relationship:** The most important component of Project SaM is the mentoring relationships that develop. Mentors are asked to meet with their student a couple of times a month. There is not a curriculum for the meeting or a specific agenda other than building a relationship. This can involve Bible study, conversations, and/or hanging out together while participating in events you both enjoy.
- **Gathering Locations:** Project SaM includes gatherings to be held at various locations in Eastern North Carolina. Three of these sessions, October, November and March, are one-day Saturday sessions that run from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with lunch included. The other gathering, usually a Friday night and Saturday in January, is a longer overnight session with lodging and meals provided at Camp Dixie. We encourage mentors to attend the gatherings with their student if possible. Sometimes mentors are unable to attend due to job and family responsibilities.
- **Dates:** The one-day sessions are held on Saturdays and a few school holidays between September and March. We will try to avoid scheduling a meeting in December.
- **Cost:** Participants will be responsible for their own transportation to the site each time. Study materials and food cost will be covered by ENC Student Ministries, Camp Dixie, local churches, and supporting groups.

- *Missional living:* We want to be a community of people who live missionally – always looking for opportunities to meet the needs of those around us. Mentors are encouraged to live this lifestyle and include their mentees in outreach in which the mentor is involved. In addition, we may offer outreach opportunities in which we can participate as a group.
- *Attendance:* Participants are asked to make their involvement in this a priority. Once the covenant form is signed, student attendance is expected at each gathering.

## **Level 1**

First-year students entering Project SaM will attend Level 1 classes including: Old Testament Overview, Leadership 101, and Identity in Christ. All levels will participate in games and team building activities.

## **Level 2**

Only open to those who have completed Level 1. Second-year classes will include: New Testament Overview, Not a Fan, and Discovering Your Shape. All levels will participate in games and team building activities.

## **Level 3**

Only open to those who have completed Levels 1-2. Third-year classes will include: The Four-Step Bible Study Method, Worldview, and Mentoring. All levels will participate in games and team building activities.

All the information concerning Project SaM and the enrollment application link can be accessed by going to our website at [www.campdixie.com](http://www.campdixie.com) where you'll find them posted on the Leadership Development page under the Summer Camp tab. Or click on the following link at <http://campdixie.com/summer-camp/leadership-development> to go directly to the page!