



COUNTING THE COST

We applaud your desire to participate in such a rigorous training program and look forward to seeing how the Lord will use these three weeks to shape the course of your life for His glory. As you anticipate the challenges you will face, it is important that your expectations match the actual goals of the program. For example:

1. **The purpose of the training:** At Living Waters Bible Camp, we need staff who are equipped for effective service. The effectiveness of your service is determined not by superior intelligence or special talents but by the degree to which Christ is able to live and work through you. FC is designed to train you to recognize how God is working in your life to make you more like His Son, so you can respond appropriately to what God is doing.
2. **The intensity of the training:** FC is not like our other camps. It is designed to push you to your limits, if not beyond. Our goal is to expose the real you – the “you” that God sees, the “you” that only leaks out when you are compelled to do things that are sacrificial, selfless, inconvenient, uncomfortable, or unfamiliar. You will get tired. At times you will think our demands are unreasonable. You may even wonder what possessed you to come to FC. However difficult the challenge, by the time you finish, you will be glad you did it.
3. **The necessity of the training.** God has entrusted Living Waters with three “treasures”: the reputation of the gospel, the lives of people, and the facilities and resources needed to carry on this ministry. It is critical that these treasures be entrusted to those we can count on to take their responsibility seriously. FC is designed not only to equip you with the skills you need to serve responsibly but also gives us an opportunity to determine whether you exhibit the maturity needed to be worthy of this trust. Completing FC does not automatically qualify you to serve at Living Waters. We will certify you to serve in a capacity that matches the level of maturity and skill that we observe in you. In other words, it is up to you to decide what level of responsibility you want to achieve.
4. **Time Investment.** It is our goal in FC to equip you to be a servant leader of Jesus, having an eagerness to engage in His work. To best accomplish this goal, **we are requiring all FC campers to commit to a third week of service at some point during their FC summer.** You will be asked to make this commitment in the application process. We believe hands-on service in this way is essential in both the application of your training, and your development as a servant leader. Therefore, we ask that you commit to two weeks of foundation camp training with an additional week of service in the same summer. Upon acceptance into the FC program, we will let you know which week (out of the options you selected) we will have you serve in, so you can plan accordingly. Please give 2-3 options for weeks you are available to serve. If you only give one option and it is unavailable we will contact you about serving a



different week. If none other is available, you may not be accepted for that year into the FC program.

The pace of FC is relentless. That's why it is so important that you start preparing now. Please start to pray about it now and once you are accepted you will receive a checklist of tasks that must be completed before your arrival.

If you have any questions, concerns, or special needs, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are committed to your success. We have enough history behind us to know that FC is life-changing for those who choose to embrace the challenge. Young people encounter God here in ways they have never encountered Him before. It is our prayer that this will be your experience.

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