

TRADITIONS

“Traditions” are a way of doing something that has been used by people associated with a particular group for a long time. Traditions are a way to pass on values and customs. Many traditions align with emotional connections to the event from which they originated.

The Amarillo area G.A./Girls Mission Camp has many deep-rooted traditions which both sponsors and campers enjoy. I have attended the Amarillo GA camp for over 25 years, and each year, I hear stories of cabin traditions as well as camp memories that will last a lifetime.



In the early 1960's, Ophelia Humphrey introduced using teens in Staffer leadership roles; throughout the state, Staffers were unique to Amarillo GA camps for several years. Staffers continue to be a fundamental tradition of Girls Mission Camp each summer! Staffers are teenage, Christian women who are trained similar to counselors-in-training. Following 15 weeks of training, these volunteers are prepared to co-lead Girls Mission Camp activities, Bible Studies, and segue events.

Another longstanding tradition of Amarillo Girls Mission Camps is the leadership of ClownsUnderConstruction (CUC). This missional team has been a part of camp for almost three decades! They too begin training and praying for camp months in advance. In the summer heat of camp, CUC members spend all day in nylon wigs and layers of colorful attire



as they share the Gospel through songs, skits, facepainting, balloons, and testimonies. During end of camp interviews with both campers and leaders, the CUC team is always mentioned as a favorite tradition!

Recently, the camp advisory committee had sponsors and campers state camp traditions most enjoyed. Responses include Singing and Bible Study with the staffers, ClownsUnderConstruction worship time, and Morning Devotion. Other traditions on that list are: missionary stories, campfire circle, and pool time. Although traditions may vary with each camp guest, these motivational activities remain with campers even as campers become staffers, church leaders, and vocational missionaries.

Girls Mission Camp (Girls Camp) IS the traditional **G. A. Camp** many adults attended as girls. Through a wide range of Bible-based activities as well as fun fellowship, campers are provided knowledge

of evangelical, Christian principles through which they are challenged to actively share their faith and testimony. Your own mother or grandmother or church leaders may have been a camper at G. A. Camp in their youth! Ask them about camp traditions and memories. Feel free to share them on our social media.

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What a wonderful time we had at camp 2019; God is truly AMAZING!!! We had terrific leaders and campers for both day camp and resident camp with multiple churches represented! Campers connected with friends as well as with Jesus! We pray for each camper who made a decision to be a Christian, to be used by God, or to become a missionary. We look forward to seeing a great group celebrate Jesus with us this summer at camp 2020 too!