

Rock-N-Water's Business / Ministry Philosophy

“We seek to infect young people with the joy of God’s Living Word, so that they might come to know Jesus and pass on God’s Love with excitement. We focus our program on biblical principles, and we use the help of nature, friendship, and challenge to develop character.”

Rock-N-Water is a business and you are a potential employee. Rock-N-Water is also a ministry in which you can be a co-worker. Consider this example: The Apostle Paul, who wrote most of the New Testament, is said to have supported his ministry by making tents. He probably made a fine tent, yet Paul’s heart was not in the manufacturing of his tents---he did not boast in his tents---he did not claim his tents could give eternal life---he did not baptize in the name of his tents---his tents never washed away sins. Paul was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. He was wholeheartedly committed. Everywhere he went he told people of the risen Christ and the gift of eternal life through Jesus’ blood. And, on the side, he made a fine tent.

We too are servants, and Jesus is the master we serve. Though we work hard to provide high quality adventures for youth, our real passion is to see their hearts hungering for God. Like Paul’s tent making, Rock-N-Water’s Job is to lead rafting, rock climbing, backpacking, snowshoeing, team building, and living history trips. To prepare meals, build campfires, top off boats, carry equipment, teach kids about the gold rush, clean toilets... In everything we do, we want to do a good job! We want you to do a good job! And yet our *ministry*, our mission and purpose, is far bigger. We focus our program on biblical principles, and we use the help of nature, friendship, and challenge to develop character and help foster a relationship with God. Our adventures are not our mission, but rather tools we pray God will use to help accomplish His work in youth and adults.

At Rock-N-Water your job does not start and end when the group arrives, it starts now, and ends... well, never. Never? To some extent, it never really ends. You will have time off and days off, and eventually you will go home, return to your own life and the ‘job’ will end. But the impact you had on the campers will continue long after your season at Rock-N-Water has ended. They will remember you, remember what you taught them, what you showed them, and how you acted when you thought no one was watching. They may never see you again, they may run into you with your friends a few months later at your local movie theater, or you might meet them again next year at camp. They will continue to be impacted by what they saw in you, the person they see you becoming, and maybe even what they see in you years from now.

We therefore encourage you right now to STOP... and take a short inventory of your life. What are the things in your life that could adversely affect your influence on the youth that come through Rock-N-Water? What are the areas of your life that you have been ignoring for far too long? What can you do to get yourself ready for serving at Rock-N-Water (physically, emotionally, spiritually)?

Just as the job doesn’t stop when you leave camp, it also doesn’t start when you arrive...

It starts *now*.