

Camper's Prayer

Our Father: We thank thee for the beauty of this unspoiled world; for the lakes and the trees, the rocks and the stars which chart the way to heaven. May we appreciate it to such an extent that our presence here shall not detract in any way from the beauty that was here before we came.

Grant us health that we may be able to get the most out of this camping experience.

Give us the willingness to do our full share of the work this day.

Give us, our Father, the physical courage to meet whatever emergency may arise; to bear pain bravely, if necessary. Give us the moral courage to say "NO."

Guard us from boastfulness, intolerance and deceit – and never permit us to forget that we are here under peaceful skies because other boys, not much older than we, died to make it so.

Protect us, dear God, through the hours of the day and the darkness of the night that we may return at the conclusion of this happy experience, better than when we left, to those who love us.

We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus.

Amen