

Campers For Christ Ministries, Inc.

Information with suggested Chapter Bylaws

NOTES ON CHAPTER STRUCTURE AND BYLAWS

Bylaws are required for each chapter, giving guidance to the chapter in all matters. These Bylaws can be the same as International or slightly modified to meet the needs of the chapter at its local level as long as they comply with the International Bylaws.

The Bylaws give guidance on matters of the organizational structure," conducting meetings, election of officers, length of appointments and assigned duties. Each chapter will have at least four elected officers with two-year terms:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

The President can appoint the following positions. These also are two-year terms:

- Chapter Praise Leader
- Chapter Chaplain

ELECTED OFFICERS

President - With the assistance of the "other elected officers, the President will direct all the activities of their chapters and enforce all chapter Bylaws. The President shall appoint all committees and invoke such powers as befits an officer, to preside over and direct meetings and direct the affairs of their local chapter.

Vice President - Shall carry out the duties as assigned by the President. In the event the President is unable to carry out the duties for any reason, the Vice President shall assume the office of President until the President is again able to assume the duties of office or until it is determined the President is no longer able/willing to function as President, in which case the Vice President will serve as President until the next biennial election of officers.

Secretary - The Secretary shall attend to all chapter correspondence and record the minutes of all chapter meetings and distribute same as directed by the President and, when required, read same. The secretary will send a copy of the minutes of annual business meetings to the International Secretary.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall keep the financial records and receive. all chapter revenues and shall deposit them in a bank, of the Treasurer's choice. The Treasurer shall pay all legitimate expenses. The account shall be carried in the legal name of this corporation. A committee appointed by the President shall audit the books annually. The retiring Treasurer shall turn over all financial records, all funds and any property owned by the corporation to his or her successors.

APPOINTED POSITIONS

It is recommended that each chapter have the following positions:

Praise Leader - Responsible for the order of worship, selection of music and praise. Members with a gift to sing or play musical instruments should be encouraged to participate. The praise leader should not be expected to be a one-person show.

Chapter Chaplain - Shall be the spiritual leader of their chapter. Responsible to guide, teach and direct those who are Chaplains within their chapter. Moreover they should be ready to counsel and minister to others within the chapter as needed. Oversee and promote Interdenominational / Nondenominational worship services at the local level to ensure fair and sound biblical values for all those who attend.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Chapters)

Elected and appointed positions are for a two-year term.

CHAPTER RALLIES

When Campers for Christ Ministries was first ordained, God gave instruction that all rallies should have two services each day and that the Holy Spirit should be made welcome in the services. Services can take on many forms: joint meetings (men and women), split meetings, praise services, teaching, preaching or testimony.

No service should last over two hours.

In conjunction with chapter meetings, meals such as covered dish suppers, breakfasts, etc, are encouraged as they provide beneficial member fellowship. Activities between meetings like local outings or campfires are also recommended.

OVERALL RALLY TIMES

Rally length should be from three to six days. it is better to leave wanting to stay, than to stay too long.

PROMOTE - PURSUE - PERFORM

Promote - Get the word out about the ministry.

1. Local interest articles in newspapers by chapter.
2. Local interest articles in a newspaper's religious section.
3. Advertisement ad in R.V. magazine such as FMCA, Trailer Life, Good Sams, etc.,
4. Campers for Christ information booths at RV shows.
5. Information on bulletin board or in the information areas at RV. parks.

Pursue – Recruit

1. Solicit Christian R.V. dealerships to join CFC and give a CFC membership to fellow Christians buying an RV.
2. Encourage members to carry CFC pamphlets with them at all times to hand out when traveling.

3. When checking in at an R.V. park, ask if there are any CFC members at the campground or CFC rallies scheduled there. This would open the door to talk about CFC and possibly leave some pamphlets.
4. Hold evangelism classes at rallies to teach members how to be comfortable talking to someone about Christ and CFC.
5. Encourage members to display CFC decals and wear t-shirts and hats to promote CFC every way possible.

Perform - Doing and being, what we say we are.

1. Maintain an atmosphere of inclusion for Christians of ALL denominations.
2. Identify gifts of Chapter members to be used by God.
3. Share positive ideas for rallies amongst all chapters.
4. Be consistent with good, open communications.
5. Generate discussions of what benefits our members the most.
6. Those considered for speaking, preaching, or teaching at CFC functions should always be screened by the chapter President or Vice President.

SUGGESTED CHAPTER BYLAWS

CAMPERS FOR CHRIST MINISTRIES _____ CHAPTER BY-LAWS

ARTICLE ONE: NAME AND AREA

This Campers For Christ Ministries Chapter will be called the _____ Chapter. Our chapter will focus on these States or Provinces as our primary area: _____.

ARTICLE TWO: PURPOSE

The basis on which this Chapter is founded is the Word of God as contained in the Holy Bible. The primary purpose for which this Chapter is established is to bring honor and glory to God and to our Lord Jesus Christ by the example of the lives of each Christian family member of the chapter. To accomplish this stated purpose, members and chapter officers will:

- A. Provide a way for Christian campers and RVer's to be encouraged to gather for Christian fellowship at local, national and international levels and to become members of Campers for Christ.
- B. Provide a plan for recognizing Christian — RVer's and campers while traveling or camping, thus making it possible for fellowship, prayer, aid in times of need, etc.
- C. Encourage members to witness to others, especially while camping, regarding the Bible and the soul saving claims of Jesus Christ as well as the benefits of joining Campers for Christ. Note: The Campers for Christ crest can be used as an effective conversation starter when witnessing.
- D. Encourage members to provide Chaplain type services, as appropriate, when witnessing or when requested to do so. This is especially necessary for those who have nominal or no church affiliation and who may be seeking salvation.
- E. Encourage members who camp in public or privately owned campgrounds (where Christian Sunday services are not available) to seek permission from management at such campgrounds to provide a teaching or preaching service, or at least, a Bible Study. Note: Local chapter officers are encouraged to seek out members from their ranks to speak at chapter meetings, thus preparing members to provide Chaplain type services when requested or permitted to do so.
- F. Seek to assist existing local camping organizations within the various States and Provinces achieve their goals when such goals are consistent, or become consistent, with those of our chapter and Campers for Christ International.

ARTICLE THREE: MEMBERSHIP

Statement of Beliefs

We believe:

1. The Bible is the inspired word of God, authoritative and infallible in all aspects, and essential for living a holy and righteous life.
2. There is one God eternal, manifested in the person of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

3. In the virgin birth of Jesus Christ and in His atoning sacrifice through His blood that was shed on the cross, and in His ascension and return for his bride, the Church universal.
4. The regeneration and conversion through faith in Jesus Christ is essential for the salvation of all lost humanity.
5. In the bodily resurrection at the last day as described in the Bible.

Membership

A. Membership shall be open to any person or family that is interested in camping and who, according to John 3:3, 5 and 16, acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior provided they are members of Campers For Christ Ministries International.

B. All applicants must agree to the Chapter's Statement of Beliefs, as stated above.

C. Every applicant must agree to abide by the Bylaws of the Chapter.

D. Acceptance or rejection of an applicant is the sole responsibility of the Chapter Officers.

E. The Chapter Officers, functioning as a trial board, may expel or suspend any member for a period of time they deem to be appropriate when any of the following listed conditions are found to exist:

1. Conduct unbecoming a Christian.
2. Incompatibility with fellow members.
3. Violation of these By-laws.

F. The Chapter Secretary keeps a membership list with names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and International Membership status. Inactive or expired membership in CFC International disqualifies members from being officially members of the chapter.

G. Chaplains — As members show the calling to counsel and minister to others, their names and qualifications shall be submitted by the chapter president to the International President for approval.

ARTICLE FOUR: CHAPTER OFFICERS

The Chapter Officers Board shall be comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. The Chapter Officers shall be elected from the membership at large by vote of the membership.

A. The Chapter Officers shall be elected biennially at the chapter business meeting.

B. The Chapter Officers shall direct and control the expenditure of all chapter funds and have full control, to include disposition, of all real and personal property owned by the Chapter as well as determining the amount of contributions to be made to other Christian activities/organizations.

C. In the event that a vacancy on the Chapter Officers Board occurs from any cause, the vacancy thus created shall be filled within the Campers for Christ membership by majority vote of the remaining Officers and shall be valid until the next biennial election.

ARTICLE FIVE: ELECTED OFFICERS

A. President: The President, with the assistance of the other elected officers, will direct all the activities of the chapter and enforce all chapter By-Laws. The President shall appoint all committees and invoke such powers as befits a principal officer to preside over and direct meetings and direct the affairs of the chapter.

B. Vice President: Shall carry out such duties as assigned to him/her by the President. In the event the President is unable to carry out his/her duties for any reason, the Vice President shall assume the office of the President until the President is again able to assume the duties of his/her office or until it is determined that the President is no longer able/willing to function as President, in which case the Vice President will serve as President until the next biennial election of officers.

C. Secretary: The Secretary shall attend to all chapter correspondence and record the minutes of all Chapter meetings and distribute same as directed by the President and a copy to the International Secretary.

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep all chapter financial records and receive all chapter revenues and shall deposit same in a Campers for Christ bank account in a bank of his/her choice with the approval of the President. He/she shall be empowered to pay all legitimate expenses from the chapter account. Each year at the annual business meeting, a report of the account will be made to the membership and forwarded to the International Treasurer. When a Treasurer leaves his/her office for any reason, all books, papers, records, chapter property and funds shall be turned over to the successor.

E. The Chapter Officers shall see that all the rules are duly enforced. They shall have supervision over all real and personal property of the chapter. They shall act as a trial board and shall be governed in all matters of policy by the chapter By-laws.

ARTICLE SIX: APPOINTED OFFICERS

A. Chapter Praise Leader:

1. Shall be responsible for selecting musicians and singers, preferably from chapter membership, and rehearsing and presenting music, as required at all worship services/concerts.
2. May be asked to prepare and present special concerts during certain chapter meetings/activities.

B. Chapter Chaplain:

1. Shall be the spiritual leader of the chapter, available to counsel and minister to others.
2. Oversee and promote Inter-denominational /Nondenominational worship services at the chapter events or rallies to ensure that sound biblical values will be adhered to. Those from all walks of faith should feel welcome at all Campers for Christ rallies.

ARTICLE SEVEN: BUSINESS MEETINGS

A. The chapter business meeting shall be held annually during the chapter's Annual Rally and Campout.

B. The rules of parliamentary practice contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition, shall govern chapter business meetings and in all cases to which they are applicable except when they are inconsistent with these By-Laws.

C. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. Prayer and Scripture reading.
3. Roll call of officers.
4. Introduction of new members and guests.
5. Reading of minutes of previous meeting for reference only.
6. Treasurer Report.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Communications.
9. Unfinished business.
10. New business.
11. Election of Officers.
12. Minutes of this meeting: to be read, corrected as necessary, and approved (at a later meeting that week if necessary). The approved minutes should be sent to the International Secretary.
13. Adjournment.

ARTICLE EIGHT: AMENDMENTS

Any article may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds majority vote of all eligible voters present at the annual chapter business meeting.

ARTICLE NINE: MEMBERSHIP CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

Code of conduct in parks and campgrounds:

1. In campgrounds, I will be ever mindful of my neighbors.
2. I will set up my campsite so as not to interfere with others.
3. I will use the sanitary facilities provided.
4. I will be careful to not destroy trees, shrubs, or other natural features of the site.
5. I will dispose of all rubbish and garbage in the receptacles provided, or I will destroy it by fire or bury it deeply.
6. I will be careful not to pollute the drinking water supply.
7. I will be cautious with fire. I will not leave any campfire unattended and will put out the fire when leaving it. I will leave no broken glass or bottles.
8. I will leave my campsite as clean as or cleaner than I found it.
9. I will not distribute any literature at any campsite without the consent of campground management.
10. I will follow this code of conduct as a positive Christian testimony.