

Camp Able

July 19-23, 2009

Event Information

Location: DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center is located on the banks of the Manatee River in Parrish, Florida. DaySpring is a sacred place set apart and sanctified to the glory of God. Amenities include recreation hall, dining hall, a 40 acre lake, swimming pool, athletics field, a craft/central meeting building, chapel and lots of woods and beautiful nature trails. All facilities are easily accessible to persons with limited mobility.

Accommodation: Camper's sleeping quarters consist of four self-contained cabins equipped with full bathroom facilities. There are 4 cabins, recreation hall, dining hall, a 40 acre lake, swimming pool, athletic field, craft building, chapel and lots of woods.

Food Services: The food at DaySpring is first rate. A professional kitchen staff lovingly prepares the day's meals, which are served buffet style. The menu is varied. There are also salad and fruit bars. Special dietary needs are gladly accommodated. Snacks are also provided. Nobody leaves DaySpring hungry.

Staff: There will be a large staff of qualified adults, as well as a contingency of college and high school aged counselors, who have all received training and worked previous camping events.

Cost: The cost of the camp is \$350.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$ 100.00 must be sent with your registration form. There is some limited financial aid available. We ask that you apply for aid only if it is really needed.

Register Online Now!

**Application Deadline
April 15, 2009**

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**Staff Needed!
Staff Ages: 14 and up
Please contact
Fr. Kyle Bennett**

For further information contact:

**The Rev. Kyle Bennett
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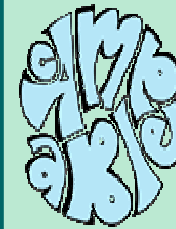
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CAMPABLE

"Curious George goes to Holy Land"

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**A unique camping
experience for
youth with
special needs
Ages 12 - 21**



**A Mutual Ministry of:
The Diocese of SW
Florida**

&



**St. Mark's Episcopal
Church, Marco Island**

**Camp Director :
The Rev. Kyle Bennett**

Camp Able Philosophy

We are children of one Father, which makes us all sisters and brothers—created in His image. Those of us, who are able, have an obligation to help others—we are called to embrace all of God’s Children as family. We are, each of us, disabled in some way and each of us is gifted. At Camp Able our goal is to work around our disabilities so that we may celebrate our gifts.

When our Lord, Jesus, humbled Himself to suffer and die on the cross for all, He charged each of us to care for and love one another, so that every person would be treated with dignity and respect. Camp Able is not about what we “can’t” do, whether camper or staffer, the focal point is what we can do!

For the Campers, this is a very special time—it’s vacation, Christmas morning, and a family reunion all rolled up together and spread out over five days. For the staff, Camp Able is a gift we are privileged to wrap up in silliness and love to offer our sisters and brothers in Christ. Only to discover that it is we who have received the greatest gift.

About Camp Able

Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center in Parrish, Florida, hosted Camp Able, Summer, 2007. Camp Able is specifically designed for persons with special needs. It is NOT about disabilities, but rather about ABILITIES! Christ has called us to love God and to love our neighbor as He has loved us—without conditions or limits—it is in celebration of that perfect love that we come together at Camp Able.

In this setting we are reminded that our neighbors don’t all look, or sound, or think the same way we do. Camp Able is about forming a community that loves us just as we are. It is about attempting to emulate that perfect love God has for all of His children. Our goal at Camp Able is to establish, at least for a few days, a community of unconditional love, compassion and acceptance.

During Camp Able, the campers take part in several different activities i.e. swimming, scuba diving, arts and crafts and a ropes course challenge. What is not easily expressed through words can be read on the camper’s faces—filled with amusement and delight. Each camper, faced with their own set of circumstances, work through their challenges to take part in a camp that allows them to have fun; learn new things; and most importantly, just be an ordinary person.

Our prayer is that you will join us, as camper or staff member. Discover the richness in the diversity of human beings—*this is truly a life enriching experience for all who participate.*



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