

PROJECTSAM

**MAKING DISCIPLES
ONE STUDENT AT A TIME**

Project SaM is committed to discipling teen followers of Christ through intentional one-to-one mentoring relationships and group Biblical studies in a supportive Christian community.

Project SaM is joint ministry of Advent Christian Student Ministries of ENC and Camp Dixie.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

STUDENTS who are in high school grades 10-12, a follower of Christ, and have demonstrated a desire to grow in the faith

MENTORS who are adult followers of Christ who are college-age or above with a desire to invest time in building a relationship with a younger believer to help them mature in the faith

What is a Mentor?

Mentor (n.) – a wise and trusted guide and advisor

Have you ever observed people living out their faith in Christ, and wished you could get inside their head to find out how they do that? Is there someone who seems to really “get you” or has offered some encouragement and support in your life as you’ve sought to follow Christ?

These are the types of people that you should consider having as a mentor. Your mentor could be someone from your church, or someone you felt a connection to at summer camp such as a counselor or staff member. Getting together with them is much easier if they live within a 30-minute drive to you.

If you don’t have someone in mind, we’ll do our best to work with you to find someone with whom you can connect. Participation is not limited to those students who have mentors, but we’d love to help you identify someone who can walk through this period of life with you. Mentors should be of the same gender as the applicant. We also recommend a three-year age difference between the mentor and mentee.

HOW DO I REGISTER AS A STUDENT OR AS A MENTOR?

Everyone – both new and returning Project SaM Students and Mentors need to sign up via our website at www.campdixie.com You’ll find Project SaM information posted on the Leadership Development page under the Summer Camp tab. Or click on the following link at <http://campdixie.com/summer-camp/leadership-development> to go directly to the page!

PROJECT SaM DURING COVID-19??? Absolutely! There has never been a time when we’ve needed the highly relational environment of Project SaM more than now! It may look different than it has over the past decade, but we will figure it out as we go based on safe practices in place at the time!!

DETAILS

Mentoring relationships: The most important component of Project SaM is the mentoring relationships that develop. Mentors are asked to meet with their student a couple of times a month. There is not a curriculum for the meeting or a specific agenda other than building a relationship. This can involve Bible study, conversations, and/or hanging out together while participating in events you both enjoy.

Gathering Locations: Project SaM includes gatherings to be held at various locations in Eastern North Carolina. Three of these sessions, October, November and March, are one-day Saturday sessions that run from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with lunch included. The other gathering, usually a Friday night and Saturday in January, is a longer overnight session with lodging and meals provided at Camp Dixie. We encourage mentors to attend the gatherings with their student if possible. Sometimes mentors are unable to attend due to job and family responsibilities.

Dates: The one-day sessions are held on Saturdays and a few school holidays between September and March. We will try to avoid scheduling a meeting in December.

Cost: Participants will be responsible for their own transportation to the site each time. Study materials and food cost will be covered by ENC Student Ministries, Camp Dixie, local churches, and supporting groups.

Missional living: We want to be a community of people who live missionally – always looking for opportunities to meet the needs of those around us. Mentors are encouraged to live this lifestyle and include their mentees in outreach in which the mentor is involved. In addition, we may offer outreach opportunities in which we can participate as a group.

Attendance: Participants are asked to make their involvement in this a priority. Once the covenant form is signed, student attendance is expected at each gathering.

Level 1 is for First-year students entering Project SaM will attend Level 1 classes including: Old Testament Overview, Can I Ask That, and Identity in Christ.

Level 2 is open to those who have completed Level 1. Second-year classes will include: New Testament Overview, Not a Fan, and Discovering Your Shape.

Level 3 is open to those who have completed Levels 1-2. Third-year classes will include: The DIG Bible Study Method, Worldview, and Mentoring.

Students and Mentors in *all* levels will participate together in games and team building activities, meals, and closing worship.



Need more information?

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