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Rough Acres Bible Camp Membership Application Form

I hereby wish to confirm my interest in and my continued support for R.A.B.C. Accordingly, I wish hereby to apply for membership in the Society.

(Please print clearly)

Name:	
Mailing address:	
Street address:	
City/Town:	Postal Code:
Phone:	Email:
Church Affiliation:	

I prefer to be notified of RABC meetings and events via my email _____
 Regular mail _____

I am interested in helping out or supporting the ongoing activities of the camp (please check one or more):

Programs <input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer at camp in the following:
Board member <input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen <input type="checkbox"/>
Finance <input type="checkbox"/>	Directing <input type="checkbox"/>
Sports Activities <input type="checkbox"/>	First Aid <input type="checkbox"/>
Development <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabin Leading <input type="checkbox"/>
Promotion <input type="checkbox"/>	Lifeguard <input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/>	Janitorial <input type="checkbox"/>
Retreats:	
Other:	

I hereby subscribe to the following Statement of Faith contained in the Society's Bylaws (see other side of page)

I understand that if the Board of Director's accepts my application to the Society, I will receive written or electronic notice of all annual general Society meetings and will be entitled to vote on resolutions at such meetings. Enclosed is my membership fee for this calendar year in the amount of \$20.00 (made payable to Rough Acres Bible camp).

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Rough Acres Annual General meetings are usually held in November*

RABC PURPOSE AND STATEMENT OF FAITH

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1. The Objectives of the Society

- a) To provide camp facilities with a wholesome, healthful, stimulating, vital, Christian environment for camping, retreats, conferences, and related Christian activity for people of every age and color.
- b) To provide a Christian atmosphere for Christian fellowship, Bible instruction and teaching for personal growth and development.
- c) To provide a Christian environment where non-Christians can readily enjoy and accept and learn to love Christ as their personal Saviour.
- d) To provide an opportunity for Christians to grow and develop in the image of Christ and to demonstrate that His character qualities may be expressed while enjoying a happy, exciting and challenging life.
- e) To provide the opportunity for activity, recreation, and development of various skills as a part of a Christian way of life.
- f) All of the above objectives are to be carried out in accordance with the following Statement of Faith.

2. Statement of Faith

- 1) We believe that the Bible (the Old and New Testament Scriptures) are the inspired Word of God, without error in the original manuscripts, the complete revelation of God's will for the salvation of men and the final authority for all of the Christian faith and life.
- 2) We believe in the Trinity: one God who exists as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; who is Creator of all things and infinitely perfect.
- 3) We believe that Jesus Christ is fully God and genuine humanity (i.e. both God and man) in one person forever. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins according to the scriptures. He rose bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where, at the right hand of the Father on high, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.
- 4) We believe in the total depravity of man- though he was created in the image of God, he sinned and became separated from God and under the penalty of eternal condemnation.
- 5) We believe that salvation from the penalty of sin comes only through personal faith in Jesus Christ and that His substitutionary death on the cross is the only ground for justification, forgiveness, and eternal life.
- 6) We believe in the resurrection of the body, the eternal life of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the lost and in the personality of Satan.
- 7) We believe that the true church universal is composed of all such persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and, therefore, are united together in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head.
- 8) We believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit whose ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and, during this age, to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
- 9) We believe in the bodily, physical, and imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Philosophy and Purpose

RABC sees the camping ministry as an arm of the church. We depend on our supporting churches for prayer, counsel, workers, follow-up, leadership, financial support, ideas-in-action, promotion, and public relations. In return, we see the camping ministry as an effective tool for Christian discipleship. We utilize education, Christian living, teaching by example, and the outdoor environment as an opportunity for discipling individuals into maturity in Christ. Campers experience 24-hour living in a group atmosphere where Christian leaders have the opportunity to share Christ's love and forgiveness, to exemplify Christ through living, breathing, and walking in a manner that is pleasing to God. The leader gives example through his personal devotional habits- being grounded in the Word and committed to prayer, through his reactions to everyday circumstances, through time spent individually with campers, and by utilizing teachable moments and God's creation to help campers experience Christ's love throughout the week. Our purpose is to disciple, which includes the teaching of salvation, but carries on to encourage growth and to edify – lift up Christian brothers and sisters for encouragement in the walk. We desire to teach how to live for Christ during normal, daily activities and fun, as well as during special times of worship.