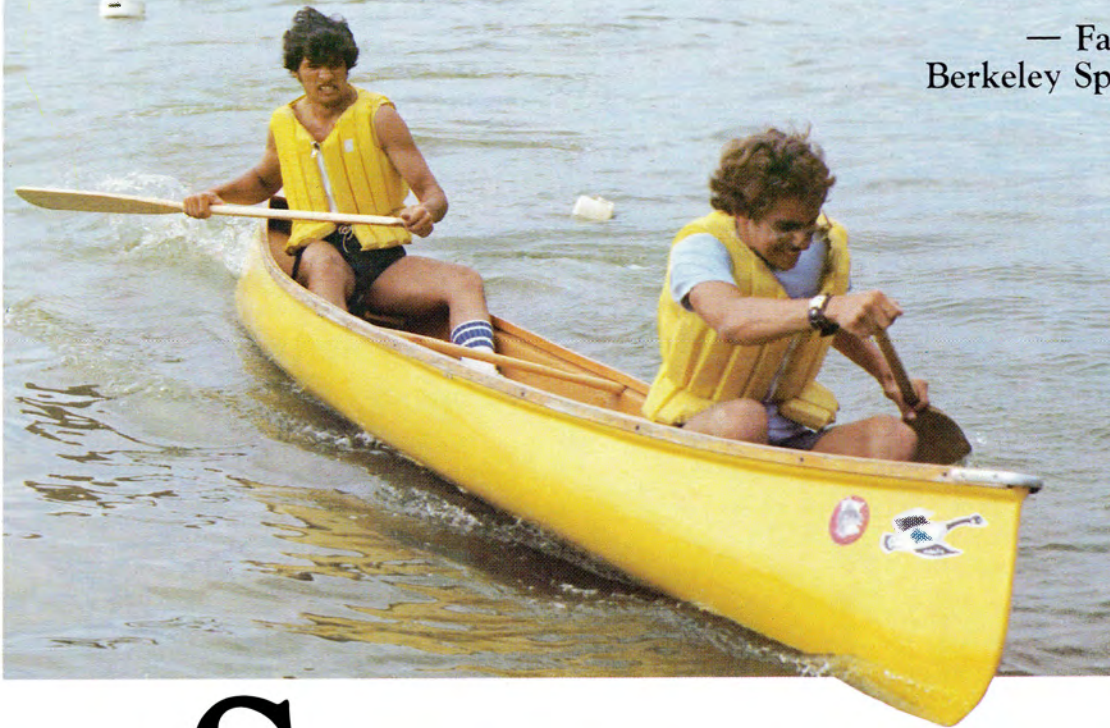


"SEP is like a dream,
only when it's all over
you never forget it."

— Faith Kesecker
Berkeley Springs, W.Va.



Summer Educational Program

*Summertime fun and learning in a world tomorrow
atmosphere gives young people in God's Church
around the world a chance to be real winners.*

DEAR MR. ARMSTRONG,
Do you remember me?
I'm the girl who gave you a
card from dorm 7-G at SEP first
session, 1980. I got a hug from
you too! SEP is the best thing that
ever happened to me. It turned
my life around!

I would like an article in my

magazine all about SEP. I hope that
many other children can and will
have the opportunity of going to SEP.
SEP is fun and you learn God's way!
It's wonderful!

Debbie Browning
Pasadena, Tex.

The Summer Educational Pro-
gram (SEP) provides God's young
people around the world with a

chance to make new friends, learn
new skills and have a fantastic time.
From the shores of Pelican Lake in
northern Minnesota to Scotland's
Loch Lomond, and at many other
sites around the world, hundreds of
young people gather each summer to
learn to live as a group God's way.

The Church-owned camp facilities
in Orr, Minn., have served as the



"Our dorm counselor stressed to us that we stick together as a dorm. Before going to sleep all the girls in my dorm would get in a big circle in our cabin to pray and discuss our plans. My dorm held many discussions on how we could get along and help each other."

**— Joyce Rollins
Cortland, Neb.**

"The format of this year's camp is basic training on how to live in today's world."

— YOU staff member

Above: Going for the goal in a water polo game at SEP in Orr, Minn. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)
Previous page: Campers move ahead with powerful strokes in the canoe races on Pelican Lake (Photo by Nathan Faulkner); inset: camper sailing across Loch Lomond at the camp in Scotland. (Photo by Cathy McNiel)

basic model for the other Church-sponsored camps in Australia, the Caribbean, France, New Zealand, the Philippines, Scotland and South Africa.

Activities differ according to availability of facilities, but always there is the opportunity to learn a skill you've never tried before. At SEP at Orr, activities include canoeing, water skiing, volleyball, basketball, softball, cheerleading, riflery, archery, water polo, swimming, dancing, rock climbing and wilderness skills. The camp held this January (summertime in the southern hemisphere) at Reefton, Australia,



lia, included many of the same activities, plus bush walking and trampolining.

Many of these skills are challenging — you have a real sense of accomplishment when you master them.

One camper, commenting on her first experience at rappelling, wrote: "I had to walk down the face of a

"The Summer Educational Program is a specialized training program to develop youths into winners — achievers who can be successes not only in this life, but who also can be confident leaders in the world tomorrow."

— SEP instructor

professional in sports to be a winner — everyone was a winner if he had the right attitude!"

Meeting new people is another very important part of the camp experience. Another camper described how her dorm mates became some of her best friends: "I awoke my first morning at camp with strangers all around me. Gradually they all became sisters to me. We all worked hard together in everything. SEP taught me many things, things that

"On the last night there was a variety show where most of the dorms sang or put on a skit about something that happened during the season. It was also a very sad moment because camp was over."

— Kathy Nemeth
Chateauguay, Que.

Below: The ski show is one of the highlights of the year at SEP in Orr, Minn. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner) Right: SEP campers in the small, agricultural village of Maillerye-sur-Seine, France, enjoy a tractor ride. (Photo by Michel Saint-Jeannet)



"This year we are going to be doing three, three-week sessions [at SEP Orr], and hopefully, we'll be able to give more kids the opportunity so when they go back to their local church area . . . [they will be able to] take the true values they have learned at SEP and pass them on to their friends. God is blessing the camp."

— YOU staff member

gent from North Africa — it's quite a varied group.

God's way of life is stressed in every aspect of SEP life — in the dorms, activities and especially in the education classes and Sabbath services.

Education classes cover subjects like the Ten Commandments, the seven laws of success and what the world tomorrow will be like. As part of this world tomorrow project, one camper drew an amazing dream house, consisting of two A-frames side by side with a waterfall flowing into one of them on the third-floor level and ending up as a stream in the dining room.

The SEP camps around the world provide fantastic opportunities to get to know other people, to participate in enjoyable activities and to learn to live God's way. If SEP sounds like it's for you, check with your local minister on when and where camp is held in your area.

In the United States and Canada, pick up your application from your minister and send it to the YOU Office in Pasadena, Calif., by April 10. □

30-foot rock. Although I was securely fastened to my equipment, I was still very nervous. I never once looked down! But as I reached the bottom I lost my fear and decided to do it again. I rappelled another two times that day."

Good sportsmanship is highly stressed. As one camper put it, "We didn't feel that we had to be a

will stay with me for a lifetime. Most of all SEP taught me to share! I can honestly say the three weeks at SEP were the best three weeks of my life. It goes to show how wonderful life will be when all God's people will be together, sharing and caring forever."

You can meet and learn about people from many different backgrounds at camp. Take SEP in Maillerye-sur-Seine, France, for example. Along with the French young people, there are youths from Martinique and Guadeloupe with their distinctive dancing, drums and singing. And there's also the contin-