

Twin Rocks Friends Camp & Conference Center

Sexuality Statement:

At Twin Rocks Friends Camp, our principal goal is to draw people to Jesus. Issues related to sexuality are important (and are thus listed here), but they are a mere fragment of the overarching message of Christianity.¹ Twin Rocks' teachings and policies reflect the following views²:

1. Twin Rocks seeks to treat all campers with the utmost respect and kindness, even when a camper's beliefs do not concur with those of the Camp.
2. All forms of abuse, slander, dehumanization, or oppression toward fellow humans is an affront against God's sacred image, which has been stamped upon all people.
3. Marriage is understood as a lifelong covenant between a man and a woman; accordingly, any sexual activity or lust outside that covenant (such as pornography and same-sex marriage) are seen as inconsistent with this Christian view of God's design.
4. The Fall has corrupted God's original intent for human sexuality in all persons; therefore, all people—straight or non-straight—experience temptation in their sexuality.
5. Simply experiencing attraction to the same sex is not in itself a sin.
6. Biological sex is an essential part of human identity.

QUESTIONS?

In essence, the above statements are intended to help frame what the camp teaches and models. If you have questions about why Twin Rocks Friends Camp holds these views, or how its beliefs play out at camp, please feel free to reach out to Twin Rocks (friendscamp@twinrocks.org / 503-355-2284) for clarification.

¹ In a nutshell, according to the Bible: God exists. God created the entire universe and lovingly created each of us exactly as he intended. God cares deeply about us, and even though each of us has failed to follow him, God is eager to forgive us of our many sins (forgiveness made possible by the events we now celebrate as Easter: Jesus died on the cross for us and rose again from the dead). God loves us and desires to be in relationship with us – both here on earth, and eternally in heaven, if we merely accept his grace and choose to follow him.

² Twin Rocks Friends Camp maintains beliefs consistent with its parent denomination, Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church (nwfriends.org). It is the Friends Church's stated intent to adhere to a sexual ethic founded upon Scripture. For examples, see Matthew 5:27-28, 1 Corinthians 6:15-7:2, Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:20-24, Romans 1:21-32, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7.