

CAMP HIS WAY

Frequently Asked Counselor Questions

Arrival and General:

What will be required of us as a camp counselor?

Camp counselors are the adults that take care of the campers throughout the week. They are their substitute "parents" while the campers are at camp. You are with your campers all week long ministering to them, taking care of their needs, and showing them God's Love. You will be in charge of your campers in your dorm areas, and will keep control and participate in camp activities.

When we arrive at Camp where do we go to get our dorm assignment?

We try to maximize the ministry by always letting as many campers come as possible (120). We always try to fill the dorms without splitting up any of the groups and allow the maximum supervision for the children. IF all of the groups turned in accurate lists of attendance, we will have assignments ready as soon as you arrive, and after check in you may proceed to bring your campers to the dorm. If all of the group leaders did not turn in accurate lists, we will have to wait till all the campers are checked in for dorm assignments.

How can we get access to cleaning supplies or toilet paper?

All the supplies are kept locked in the dorm according to health code. The best way is to find the Levite in charge of that area, or the sheriff and let them know about the need. The dorms are inspected everyday during the morning activities, and the Levites in charge should see the need and take care of the issue.

Can campers go about the camp grounds un-attended?

We emphasize the importance of constant supervision of the kids. All campers always stay together in the group at the activities. The counselors should always know where every camper is all the time, and it's quite easy because we always stay together. If there is a need, usually a counselor will be able to keep site of the camper why he uses a bathhouse. Campers should never be in dorms alone, and should never even be in the dorms alone with another counselor. Flee from any appearance of evil.

When will there be an opportunity to purchase CHW gear?

We sell the camp T-shirts, DVDs, and hats in the chapel on the last day of camp. You will be told the schedule at the last counselor meeting. Everything is usually \$12.

Why are our watches taken up at counselor orientation?

We like to run camp on what we call "Camp Time". We are in our own little bubble out here, and we all need to escape the daily pressures of our busy lives. We found that if nobody knows what time it is, it doesn't matter. That is why you are not issued a "schedule" but an "order of events". The most important thing is that we get to chapel every night, and we can always guarantee that it will happen. The rest, is just on "Camp Time".

What is the wooden cross used for?

We believe that our lives should always focus on Christ and what He did for us. As a reminder, we always put "Jesus" first. As teams go from activity to activity, they will line up behind the cross. If a team ever forgets the cross, they will need to get on their knees until it is retrieved. During this time – take the opportunity to teach a lesson on how we can get too busy doing so much that we forget what's important and leave Jesus out of our lives.

Schedule:

Do we rise the same time each morning?

No. Typically you will rise earliest the first day and each day after about ½ hour later. The reason we raise the kids so early the first day is they are full of energy and ready to go. As the week goes they require a bit more sleep as their energy has been spent.

Sometime "Taps" is not heard, how long after the last activity do we have until lights out?

Approximately 20 minutes after the last activity campers should be in their bunks. You can use the trumpet as the final quiet time signal.

Activities:

If campers need to go the bathroom during activity time do we have to accompany them and can they go back in the dorms?

*Campers will not go into dorms during the day. There are two outdoor bathhouses for this purpose. One is beside the dorms; the other is by the dining hall. Counselors need to either walk a group of campers to and from, or keep watch if the activity is within eyesight. *(please make sure campers use the restroom before chapel, it is extremely distracting if there is a bathroom emergency during!)*

For the kids to go to the playground after meals does there have to be a counselor in supervision, if yes what is it they are supervising?

Yes, at least one counselor should be out side with a keen eye on the campers. You are looking for wrong behavior, running, un-fair play, staying in boundaries, or injuries that may need tending too.

What is the rubber chicken and pig?

Camp staff keeps a rubber chicken and pig hidden throughout the week. If found, the team gets 25 beads and the camper who found it gets 25 beads. We hide the chicken and pig to keep a keen eye open at all times for critters, obstacles, and to have something fun to do! The rubber animals will always be where campers can go all the time (not in buildings), in camp boundaries, and below camper eye level.

What events during the week should the counselors observe to find team members for the Olympics?

Olympic events will be kayaking, yakboarding, canoeing, paddleboats, challenge course skids and tire traverse, zip line, waterslide (for everyone), BBs, and archery.

Dorms Duty:

When the wake up call is given do we need to be in the dorms?

Yes, please be in the dorms for wake up call, campers always should be attended in the dorms.

Approximately, how much time do we have for cool down in the afternoon?

There is approximately one hour of cool down time in the dorms. All campers and counselors need to take advantage of this time to "cool down", enjoy the A/C, keep kids calm, participate in provided CHW activity sheets, practice memory verses, rest, and work on chapel cheers.

During clean-up time, with there being so many people who need to shower and there being so little showers, do you have any recommendation on how to accomplish this in a timely manner?

A timer is provided in each bathhouse. Give each camper about 4 minutes to take a shower. This should allow ample time to get the basics clean and dress afterwards prior to chapel.

Chapel Duty:

Prior to coming in to chapel is there a preferred way to line the campers up for entry?

Smallest to tallest is best as those who are shorter can sit in the front and the taller ones can sit toward the back so every one can see well. We will line up, then hurry into the chapel to preserve our much needed A/C, and camp staff will count out about 10 campers per row. Counselors need to take seats at the end of every row to help control campers. Also – be prepared to participate in songs and games with the kids.

What do we do when a camper needs to go to the bathroom?

Please try to make sure everyone uses the restroom before chapel, but if something arises, please quietly escort them to one of the out houses out of the back door and stay with them and escort them back.

Will we have any role in the spiritual applications that are being taught?

There are often invitations to the campers to make a decision at the end and the counselors will be called upon to participate and work with their campers. Please try to stay with your own group of campers that you brought with you to camp. And let other leaders pray with theirs.

Beads:

How is the reward beads distributed to counselors for distribution?

The first day of camp the Sheriff will allocate a small bag of beads (color of the year) to a primary counselor along with an appropriate amount of gold beads for verses. This is your week supply. It is not just for you to issue to

your team for a high team bead count. You can use these in the dorms for quietest, first asleep, older campers helping younger, and ect. The gold beads are not to be used as change for 10 standard beads, but strictly for memory verse quotation before chapel or during cool down time.

What are the recommended portions and reasons for rewarding a bead?

This is best learned by seeing how beads are awarded by activities, for example:

Eating well and cleaning up = 1

BB and archery targets = 1-5 each

Challenge course = 15

The average camper will have about 80 beads at the end of the week.

Who distributes the beads?

Counselors – for individual achievement

CHW Staff – for team and individual achievement

When do you recommend collecting necklace' for counting of the beads?

After breakfast on the last day is the best time to collect the necklace. Campers will go to Olympics and all possible individual beads will have been awarded by then.

Who is responsible to get the counts the beads to determine team and camper with most beads?

A counselor should take the responsibility to coordinate this project. Counts must be turned in after lunch on the last day of camp for all individuals as well as the team beads that are hung on the cross. You will receive a roll list on counselor meeting of that day and can write all the campers beads by their name.

If a camper loses their beads for various reasons can they be replaced?

We cannot replace lost beads, please try to have the campers be responsible.

What if the camper does not lose the beads for neglect, but because of an activity?

If being disciplined, we usually will not take many beads, just enough to get the point – mostly only 1-5 beads.

What are the criteria for awards for team win and best two campers among both girls and boys?

Team Win is average number of beads including team and individual beads.

Best two campers –the camper with the most beads is one and another may be a most improved camper who could really use the accolades to boost their self-esteem, they are voted on by their team counselors.

Can someone be disqualified for best camper?

Yes, if they were given beads by other campers.