

## **COUNSELLORS (16 +)**

A camp counselor must be dedicated, committed and willing to develop a relationship at the camper's level, for the camper's benefit. Counselors will experience a level of enjoyment and reward by always keeping their campers needs first. Counseling is a twenty-four hour a day responsibility. A 16-year-old counselor with one year of camp experience could have a CIT assistant.

### **Duties**

Arrive at camp as instructed for introduction to fellow volunteers, for training workshops and orientation prior to camper arrival. It is mandatory that all counselors be on time for the above and remain after camp to clean up and for closing.

Be sure you are near the patio when campers start to arrive, so you are available when your camper arrives.

Meet your camper when he/she arrives and introduce yourself to your camper and parents or guardians.

Visit the nurse with your camper and their caregiver.

Campers may be shy or uncertain with you at first but do not worry.

Show your camper to their assigned cabin and help them settle in. Check off the clothing, sleeping bag, etc., that your camper has brought against the list provided them by their parent or guardian. Counselors are responsible for all their camper's belongings and must ensure their camper leaves with all their belongings. (Note: Directors will stress this throughout the week as year after year clothing and towels are left behind).

Counselors are responsible for having campers ready for all activities and events. (i.e., Help with Bible Study, crafts, sports, offsite activities). Free time is time-off from planned activities; however, the counselor should still be involved with their camper during that period.

Counselors' free time is during afternoon rest time and after your camper is in bed (after evening counselor devotions).

Counselors are responsible for ensuring that campers eat and drink appropriate amounts in a proper manner and are clean and well-groomed. Pay special attention to ensure that campers are dressed according to weather conditions.

Counselors will assist their camper in evening devotions prior to bedtime.

Counselors need to be aware of their camper's medications times and ensure camper name tags are visible for medication administration. The nurse will review any requirements for medications at intake.

Counselors may be asked to be Team Leaders (if they meet the requirements).

At the end of the week of camp, all volunteers are asked to fill in an evaluation form which is used as a tool to measure the effectiveness of camp and for each volunteer to have an opportunity to voice any concerns. These forms are collected by the Camp Program Manager for review by the Camp Committee at the September camp wrap-up meeting.