

Expectation Sheet: Counselors

Before:

- Pray that God would do a work in your own heart as well as in the hearts of campers
- Memorize the first 10 sections of the teen camper memory list
- Prepare an age-appropriate devotionals for cabin devotions (5 for teen camp; 4 for junior camp)
- Review camper personal devotional sheets and be prepared to review and summarize the material that the campers read for devotions each morning
- Senior Counselors may (and probably will) be given additional assignments during family camp. Each counselor should be prepared for that assignment when they come to camp.
- Talk to your home church about being your sending church (optional)
- Send letters to interested churches and individuals requesting prayer and financial support (optional)
- Read and write a summary of each chapter of *The Normal Christian Life* (book provided by SHCM)
- Read portions of *How to be a Successful Camp Counselor* and write a summary (counselors returning for the third year are not required to read this book)
- Write a one-page summary for each of the following areas of counseling that you may face this summer: obedience to authority, music, and friends.
- Memorize your lines for the skit

During:

- Be available from the beginning of staff training to the end of the last week of camp unless permission is granted by the camp director
- Give up selfish ambitions, and by God's grace, give yourself totally to the service of God, the camp and the campers each and every minute

- Be with your campers ó all the time. Each week, you will have two 30-minute sessions where you are not responsible for your campers. During that time, you may do whatever you like including talking on the cell phone and taking a nap. The rest of the time (from õRise and Shineö to õLights Out and Quietö) you are responsible to be with your campers.
- Have cabin devotions each evening
- Spend individual time with each camper sometime throughout the week to determine his or her spiritual condition (One-on-Ones)
- Counsel campers of the same gender as needed after each session
- Participate in the staff choir (singing ability is not required, only a desire to glorify God)
- Look for opportunities to talk to parents before or after the closing sessions
- Be available to help with **any** task or chore that you may be asked to do which will include cleaning bathrooms, cabins, and meeting hall each weekend)
- Participate in skit time
- Carry and be responsible for inhalers during junior weeks
- Make sure campers are dressed appropriately for the next activity
- Never complain about the rules, staff, program, or any other aspect of the camp ministry - constructive criticism is welcome during staff meetings
- Abide by all camp policies
- Attempt to practice and apply Ephesians 6:6 - õNot with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.ö

After:

- Provide suggestions and constructive criticism during the *after camp evaluation* time
- Be available for occasional questions about situations that happened at camp
- As time permits, follow up with the campers that God lays upon your heart. Many times the follow-up of a counselor after camp makes a dynamic impact upon the life of a camper