

Camp Counselor

Qualifications:

- Desire and ability to be in ministry with children and adults in a camp setting
- Willingness to work on a team
- Enthusiasm, flexibility, a Christ-like attitude, and self-control
- Ability to accept supervision and guidance
- Must be at least sixteen and at least two years, preferably five years, older than oldest camper

Accountable To:

Camp Director, Program Director, Camp Dean

Responsibilities:

1. CAMPER SUPERVISION

- Welcome the campers with Christian hospitality
- Supervise all aspects of the campers' day including meals, rest hour, and bedtime
- Be aware of health and well-being of campers in your charge
- Guide campers to participate successfully in all aspects of camp
- Keep tabs on the whereabouts of campers and sleep in the cabins with them
- Assist those campers who may need help fitting into camp atmosphere
- Provide opportunities for discussion of individual or group problems or concerns, helping with conflict resolution if needed
- Be where the campers are when on duty
- Be sensitive to the needs & situations of campers. Be the eyes & ears to discover needs, problems, etc.
- Monitor safety and appropriateness of campers' activities
- Staff are on duty except during designated time off

2. PROGRAM & SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

- Help to establish an atmosphere of positive Christian community among the camp family
- Lead cabin devotions and small group times as instructed by dean
- Help campers to realize the camper goals of Birchwood Camp
- Carry out established roles in enforcing camp policies and procedures
- Develop cabin or small group activity plans with participants as needed
- Assist in leading or teaching an activity according to your gifts and interests
- Cooperate fully with the program and dean
- Encourage respect for personal property, camp facilities, other campers, and God's creation
- Set a good example for others by participating enthusiastically in camp programs, sharing in camp chores, showing good sportsmanship, and being on time

Essential Functions:

- Ability to assist campers in an emergency
- Possess strength and endurance to maintain constant supervision of campers
- Ability to communicate and work with campers and other staff
- Abilities to observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce relevant safety regulations, and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques.

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The Camp Counselor should have a desire to serve in cooperation with our Camp Philosophy & our Mission Statement. We use these statements to direct our planning, our programming, and our attitudes towards the campers & guests.

Camp Philosophy

Birchwood Camp exists to provide every camper with an experience of Christian love through belonging to an accepting, caring community which recognizes its dependence on God. The camp is an equipping ground, an experiment in Christian living. Here we practice the relationships which our faith encourages, such as communication, responsibility, caring, problem solving, and learning. The camping experience is a time of growth in cooperation rather than competition with others.

We encourage the use of different forms of worship and the utilization of the beautiful outdoor setting to increase our awareness of God as revealed through our Creator's natural world, through Jesus Christ, and through other campers. Persons are given the opportunity to find life direction and to grow toward their fullest Christian potential.

Mission Statement

Birchwood Camp's mission is to build community on common ground. We strive to offer hospitality to all, and we open our doors to groups both religious and secular. Guests are invited to retreat to a place of tranquility, a place apart from the everyday world to experience renewal and inspiration.