

## Counselor Expectations

**Arrive no later than 8:00am** to help with set-up, receive daily instructions, and go over games for the day. Remember to wear a bathing suit or clothes you don't mind getting wet, and bring a towel. **GIRLS MUST WEAR ONE-PIECE SUITS!**

**Children arrive at 8:30am** and report to their counselor at a pre-determined spot in the Gym (in order of grade/sex). Before this, be sure to pick up your clipboard (with name tags on first day), attendance sheet, activity schedule, pen and whistle. You are responsible for these things. Each group will also be given a daily job which must be done and/or prepared for before the children arrive!

**Counselors are required to stay at their station and with their children when they arrive.** Be friendly and attentive to parents and children and be sure to sign-in all children. This is not a time to socialize and talk to other counselors. Be sure children are with their group and not running around the gym or on the stage.

**We begin the day with a Gospel/Faith Story (acted out by counselors), song and a prayer.** This is followed by announcements- make sure your children are quiet and respectful at this time. When it's time to go to your first activity, remember to have your children bring their backpacks/snack outside and find a place on the pavement.

**Always follow your activity schedule-** if for a special reason you want to substitute another activity, you must receive my permission (on some days/times you will have a choice). My bullhorn will signal you to move to your next activity.

**With every activity be sure to practice safety, safety, safety!** Make sure all games/events remain safe and orderly, especially the big slide, waterslide, moonwalk, and the new activities and equipment. If you have any questions about a game or activity ask me or one of the other adults. Be careful playing games with your children- they're small and not as strong as you are. Treat all equipment properly- if children mishandle, abuse or break any equipment, you are equally responsible. Immediately report any broken equipment to me so that it may be replaced or repaired. You are also responsible for your children disposing of all their garbage properly, and that they leave the bathrooms clean and toilets flushed!

**Make sure all children obey and follow the 5 rules of camp which are:**

**1. Pay attention and listen to your counselor. 2. Always stay with your group. 3. No bad language. 4. Keep your hands to yourself. 5. Have Fun!**

**Be sure children have sunscreen on, keep an eye open for ticks and bees.** In case of injury, a counselor should call for help or escort their child to the camp nurse. It's better to be safe even if the injury appears minor.

**Water is always available for the children.** Be sure to make frequent stops on hot days. Be sure to bring you own daily snack/drink.

**Extras: Don't be lazy or just sit around.** You are expected to participate and play with your children. If you are unable to handle working with a counselor who is your friend, changes will be made. Be sure to enforce the camp rules and follow the rules yourself! Do not be afraid to discipline your child if needed, by giving him/her a time out or removing them from a game. If you are having a hard time with a particular child, don't be afraid to ask for help (me or one of the other adults). Be sure to play by and enforce the rules of any game or activity- children like order and don't enjoy cheating. Remember, whether your children have fun or not is ultimately up to you!

**Coming late or leaving early is unacceptable, nor should a "day off" be asked for.** (Any significant time away from camp will be deducted from your final pay). Absence from camp because of sickness should be for a serious reason only and should be called in prior to the start of camp.

**Arts and Crafts is not a time to take a break or socialize** (your break is during the Saint story and snack time). Your children need you to help them make and finish their craft. Be attentive to and keep an eye on them.

**At no time can you eat the freeze pops in the freezer in the Church Hall or in the School Kitchen.** Counselors can have **ONE** freeze pop after the kids have received theirs at the end of each day.

**My bullhorn is off limits to both children and counselors, even when it is left unattended-** it is an expensive piece of equipment that can be easily damaged! Also, remember that my rules and how I deal with/play with children are not your rules.

**Each day at camp will have a Christian theme.** This will be announced at the beginning of the day. Counselors are to encourage their children to practice this theme (a prize may be given to a child who practices this theme in an outstanding way). Also, each Friday will be assigned a "crazy theme" (crazy hair or hat day or crazy clothes day).

**End of day: Children are to be picked up by their parents at 12:30.** Have your children sit behind their grade signs at the hill. All children will be given a daily prize at this time and a freeze pop. Again, this is not a time to socialize or talk to other counselors, nor should your children wander off or talk to other groups. Parents are required to come to you to sign their child out. Be attentive and friendly to all parents and be sure to say good-bye to your children. You are not to leave until all your children are signed out, everything is cleaned up, and after we had the end of the day meeting- this will all end before 1:00pm.

**On the final Thursday and Friday of the second week of camp, you are all required to stay an extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour or so to put the equipment away.** You will be paid extra for this time.