

Cabin Counselor

Brief Description

Work with a group of children or youth to build a community and create a safe and fun camp experience.

Qualifications

- Can assume authority, but practices shared leadership
- At least 18 years of age for middle and junior camp, and at least 21 years of age for senior camp (at least 3 years older than the oldest camper)
- Experience in working with children at the age of the campers
- Attends church at least once a month (if not Episcopal, a Christian church with comparable beliefs and creeds)
- Has been certified in *Safeguarding God's Children*

Responsibilities

- Care of campers on a day-to-day bases
- Works with the other staff to create and run activities during the group activities times

This will be done through

- Working with a co-counselor to create a Christian community in a cabin of children or youth
- Being aware of the campers' day-to-day health and keeps the health coordinator advised
- Meeting with the Staff Counselor for help, when needed, with troubled or disruptive campers and asking for guidance from others
- Working with the entire staff to ensure that all activities fit within the purpose statement of the camp and the mission statement of the Diocese.
- Practicing appropriate boundaries and rules for life at camp, and encouraging this with all staff members and campers.

Lines of Authority

- The Camp Coordinator is the direct supervisor of the Cabin Counselors
 - May report questions about activities to the Activity Coordinator
 - May report health and safety concerns to the Health Coordinator
 - May discuss personnel problems with the Staff Counselor
- Works in relationship with the co-counselor and all members of the camp community and may need to take direction or give direction to different members at different times.

Top Priorities while serving at the Episcopal Youth Camp:

- To live out our Baptismal Covenant & encourage a closer relationship with God
- To show our passion for our love of God & God's work in this world
- To serve the campers & fellow staff through the ministry of hospitality and love.
- To create an environment in which all of God's children can feel safe.
- To have fun & enjoy your experience at camp

What is my role as a staff person at camp?

- Being a good role model & positive influence and correcting when you see inappropriate behavior
- Walking with the children and youth on their faith journey & share stories from your own
- Participating fully in formation, worship time, and all activities of the camp (you are not an observer, you are a full member of the community)
- Your role is not to "fix" any camper problems or even give advice most of the time, but to support, listen, and encourage resolution