

Day Staff & Visiting Clergy

Brief Description

These are people who come in for a day or 2. They are not considered "staff" by the State of Michigan. They are there to help the camp with specific activities.

Qualifications

Qualifications are specific to the tasks they come to assist with

Responsibilities

Each is given specific responsibilities

They are NOT responsible for the campers, and are never to be alone with any campers.

They are to follow the rules of the camp & be helpful to the program

Line of Authority

Day Staff report directly to the Camp Director

Clergy report directly to the Camp Director

Things you'll want to know

First thing: When you get to camp, the first thing you need to do is find the Camp Director or the Director's Assistant.

Sign In: Please sign in at the "Camp Office" area. And please remember to sign out. There are name tags that we ask all day clergy, staff and visitors to wear (so we all know that you have signed in). It is a state law that we know who is on the camp property on staff at all times

Meals: You are invited to stay for meals. However, please know that we pay between \$5.00 and \$8.00 for each person served at camp, so it would be helpful to know if you are going to be present for a meal.

Rules and Regulations: We understand that you have primary contact with the campers on a week to week basis, but here at camp, we have legal responsibility for the campers. Therefore, you must follow the camp rules. A complete list of rules is included in the camper & parent handbook. But the primary rules are: 1) you are never to be alone with one camper or a group of campers, 2) the campers must stay with their cabin groups - you can't pull them aside without first checking with the counselors. It is best to ask counselors questions like this away from the ears of the campers, so counselors can give an honest answer. 3) Campers are not allowed to use cell phones. If a camper wants to call home, or call someone else, the Camp Director must be told about this desire (again, please do this away from the camper's ears). She must also be present at any phone call a camper makes, or is made to a camper's parent/guardian. Homesickness is very real, and you can help by keeping the minds of the campers centered on the fun they're having at camp, not on how much mom and dad miss them at home. 4) Day clergy, day staff, and visitors are there to help the camp and the camp staff - please follow the program, the schedule, and go along with what the staff at camp ask of you.

Candy, snacks, packages: We try to limit the amount of junk food (though it feels terribly wrong for me to call chocolate "junk"). Please make sure that if you bring any snacks for the campers, they are to be given directly to the cabin counselors, or left at the camp office for the camper.

Eucharist & worship: We depend on volunteer clergy to celebrate Eucharist each day of camp. If you are interested, please let the Camp Director know at camp@edwm.org.

What should you bring: The campers love to see clergy take part in activities. We hope you will join us for the day! Don't forget to a bathing suit & a towel if you want to go swimming.