



Pumpkin Patch Mentor

Brief Description

Responsible for the care of staff children who are not of camper age

Qualifications

- Experience with child care
- Is at least 18 years of age
- Has been certified in *Safeguarding God's Children*
- Attends church at least once a month (either Episcopal or one with similar Creeds)

Responsibilities

- While the parents have the ultimate responsibility for the children they bring to camp, the Pumpkin Patch Guides assume responsible for the care of the staff children when parents aren't present or are otherwise occupied.
- Organizes activities and entertainment or finds ways the activities that are scheduled for campers to include the staff children
- If at any time this position feels overwhelmed must speak with the Camp Director. It is up to that person to make sure that he or she has the help needed from other staff members to take care of the children. This includes finding a replacement to take personal time. This person is not expected to be with the staff children 24/7, but is in charge of making sure the children have adequate supervision at all times.
- Works to ensure that all activities fit within the purpose statement of the camp and the mission statement of the Diocese.
- Practices appropriate boundaries and rules for life at camp, and encourage this with all staff members and campers.

Lines of Authority

- Reports directly to the Camp Coordinator and parents of the children
- The parent's authority always trumps (if you have problems or see an issue, bring it to the Camp Coordinator or Camp Director)

Position requirements

- The optimal number of Pumpkin Patch Guides is 1:3, or one guide for every 3 pumpkins.
- In Junior and middle camps you may have people who are over camper age, but younger than staff age in the cabin. They are still to be treated as minors, and must never be left in charge of the other pumpkins.