

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CAMP CAREGIVER GUIDELINES

Caregivers need the recommendation of their pastor

Background checks will be done by the sending church.

Willingness to follow camp rules and schedule (Learn both rules and schedule)

The association promises to get a copy of the rules and schedule to each caregiver at least one week before camp

Caregivers need to understand that they are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of every child, not just the ones that you came with.

Activities are set up for fun, but also with spiritual results in mind. Be a role model for the children at camp.

Attend activities with the children. This includes meals, Bible studies, recreation, and free time.

Never be alone with a child in a secluded place. This includes inside the cabins.

Have another caregiver present when counseling a child if at all possible.

All injuries or illnesses are to be brought to the camp nurse for treatment. Medications brought to camp with campers needs to be stored with the camp nurse and will be given to the child based on the prescription.

If you are unsure about how to handle a situation or what to say to a child, be willing to ask the Camp Director for help.

All cases of abuse or neglect that are revealed to a caregiver must be reported to the Camp Director. This includes any personal conversations that a child may have with you about problems at home, at school, or even in the community where the child lives. Missouri state law required mandatory reporting of such acts.

Caregivers may be called upon to do cabin devotions at night in their cabin.

Caregivers should be ready at all times to present the gospel to a child, answer his or her questions, and be able to help them accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Caregivers will be provided times for small group devotions and prayer times. These times will be scheduled throughout the day to allow for supervision of the children.

Remember that camp is to be a fun experience for everyone. Enjoy the camp experience but remember that you are the adult and must look out for the best for every camper.

South Missouri Baptist Assembly **Code of Conduct**

The South Missouri Baptist Assembly (SMBA) is committed to providing a welcoming, supportive and safe environment for all children and young people whom we have contact with during SMBA programs and activities. We undertake to act with integrity and transparency and uphold all requirements of child protection law and best practice.

This code is applicable to all who serve at SMBA whether paid or voluntary.

As a representative of SMBA I commit myself to keeping this code of conduct which requires me to show care to all children, treating them with respect and honesty, providing a positive role model of Christian living in all I do.

I will:

- Treat all children with respect, dignity, and kindness, refraining from discrimination against, showing different treatment to or favoring children to the exclusion of others.
- Use appropriate and positive language around children.
- Respect children's rights to not be touched in ways that make them feel uncomfortable. A child's right to say "No" is to be encouraged and respected.
- Use appropriate touch including pats on the back or shoulder, side hugs, handshakes, and high fives. Refrain from full frontal hugging, touching of personal areas, or patting of the buttocks.
- Refrain from intimate displays of affection toward others.
- Report any suspicion of child abuse to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline is 800-392-3738.

I will not:

- At any time during an SMBA event be alone with a single child where I cannot be seen by others.
- Leave a child unsupervised.
- Abuse children or use corporal punishment of any kind. This includes physical abuse, mental abuse, verbal abuse, sexual abuse or neglect.
- Allow or tolerate bullying or humiliation of a child by other children or adults.
- Use pornography, illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco – nor provide such items to anyone (children or adult) on the camp property.

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Staff or Volunteer signature and date

