

COUNSELOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR TRI-COUNTY CAMP

Children's Camp COUNSELOR REGISTRATION FORMS

JUNE 25-28, 2018

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Address _____ City & State _____

Zip _____ Christian _____ Church Member _____

Phone Number _____ Emergency Number _____
(If different from home phone)

What Church do you belong to? _____

Pastor's Name _____

Pastor's Written Statement of Authorization for the Counselor

Pastor's Signature _____

Pastor's Phone _____

Pastor's signature and phone number required.

We need the counselor's form returned to the office as soon as possible so that we will know how many counselors that we will have before camp begins.

**T-Shirts orders will only be accepted during registration
on the first day of camp and will cost \$10 for counselors.**

Please check your size: ☐ Small (6-8) ☐ Medium (10-12) ☐ Large (14-16)
☐ Adult Small ☐ Adult Medium ☐ Adult Large
☐ Adult XLarge ☐ Adult 2XLarge

In order to provide the best atmosphere and supervision for campers at Tri-County Camp, we ask all children's groups to be accompanied by a counselor of the same gender of 1 to every 7 males and 1 to every 7 females. For Youth Camp the ratio is 1 to every 10 males and 1 to every 10 females. Counselors are also expected to assist in the children's camps activities. Counselors should not bring children with them who are not old enough to register as campers. One Junior Counselor may attend the children's camps with each church. Junior Counselors must be 15 years or older for children's camp and 21 years of age for youth camp. All counselors are required to have a written statement from the Pastor clarifying that they are the authorized counselors from their church. We will not accept walk-on counselors without the Pastor's authorization as we've allowed in the past. The Director of Missions and I the Camp Director will make the assignments for all counselors and campers as to sleeping quarters for the duration of the camp.

COUNSELOR'S DUTIES

A key element in the success of camp is the work of your counselors. Counselors should spend time in personal, spiritual preparation for the week. Counselors are required to stay in the same sleeping quarters that are assigned to them for the week of Camp. Participation will also require that counselors be committed to the responsibilities listed below.

1. Help campers be present and on time for all classes, activities, and worship services. Participation and promptness by example. There must be at least one counselor on campus at all times in case of an emergency.
2. Help ensure a spiritual environment during worship. Explain expectations (no picture taking, out of place talking, no hats, etc.) during worship to campers at the beginning of the week. Before worship services counselors should spread throughout the auditorium and pay close attention to members of the group more likely to cause disruption. Model active participation in worship. Be prepared for worship by having pen, paper and Bible. We anticipate worship to be a means by which God will communicate with us.
3. Enforce curfew for being in rooms and lights out. We know its hard sometimes to do this, but it will help your children get more out of camp when they are rested. Please abide by this strictly. No church has the option of altering these times. One group that is noisy or late disturbs other groups. Counselors who have difficulty helping enforce this guideline cause trouble for counselors who are trying to do a good job.
4. Encourage and monitor proper dress among your own children and set a good example with your clothing (see Dress Code.)
5. Look for counseling opportunities throughout the day. Especially be on the lookout for loners or members of your group with special needs.
6. Assist with counseling during the invitation time at the conclusion of worship services.
7. Supervise room clean up daily.
8. Report room damage and/or problems to the camp director or camp caretaker ASP.
9. Counselors should not encourage or support shaving cream wars and water fights in dorms, in other buildings, or outside. What starts out as seemingly harmless fun often leads to retaliation that can be harmful to people and property.
10. Work with counselors from other churches to help the camp run smoothly. If there is a problem, please see the Camp Director.
11. Be prepared to lead church group devotions each evening. This material helps to complete the theme for the day.
12. Counselors need to reframe from picking up children and carrying them. (ex. Piggy back rides, etc.) This can be misinterpreted by children and adults alike.
13. NO ordering out for food.