

# **CAMP CHAPLAIN JOB DESCRIPTION**

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- 1) The Camp Chaplain should be an ordained minister, or a person attending seminary or equivalent.
- 2) Possesses the personal characteristics and motivation appropriate to a camping environment, including being approachable and able to preach/teach at an age-appropriate level.
- 3) Willing to offer spiritual guidance to counselors and campers during the camp experience

## **BASIC DUTIES**

- This position is more closely related to that of a Hospital Chaplain rather than the traditional role of a Pastor in a church.
- Teaches scriptures to campers for one full session of camp
- Prepares a message for daily worship based on the theme of the week. The focus of each day is created first by the Executive Director in correlation with the curriculum, and given to the Chaplain at least one month before camp so that they may prepare.
- The Chaplain will work closely with the Executive Director to plan daily scripture lessons per the curriculum. The Chaplain is the Spiritual authority at the camp, though the Executive Director is responsible for the planning and execution of all camp activities.
- Expected to follow curriculum as chosen by the Council and given to the Chaplain by the Executive Director.
- Supports Executive Director and helps to convey daily messages, devotions and/or applications to the campers and counselors
- Offers clarity, description and application of scripture to the campers' lives
- Remains available during Cabin and Small Group time. Counselors may ask the Chaplain for guidance in fielding specific questions or to attend a Small Group or Cabin time.
- Offers spiritual support for campers and counselors.
- Offers counsel to campers/counselors regarding issues at home
- Follows up with Pastors at campers' home church regarding major faith decisions or other life issues
- Baptisms should typically not be performed at camp. Should exceptional circumstances dictate that baptism may be appropriate, then all aspects must be handled in strict accordance with the PC(USA) Book of Order, including the full involvement of the home church and family.
- Expected to be an active participant in daily activities of camp, outside of worship. This may mean getting dirty, messy, wet, hot, tired, and having too much fun! The campers should be able to experience their Camp Chaplain as a real person who takes an interest in their lives and who they can relate to, not just a spiritual leader.

Remember to have fun and experience camp with the campers and enjoy sharing the word of God with these young people