

CABIN COUNSELOR JOB DESCRIPTION Summer 2017

The Cabin Counselor is primarily responsible for the safety and well being of the young people in his/her cabin. Cabin Counselors will reside in cabins with a group of campers for the entire session. Cabin Counselors act as a parental figure for campers, ensure proper procedures and schedules are followed, and consistently provide positive leadership for campers under his/her care. Cabin Counselors guide campers through their days and nights and experience camp with them. Cabin Counselors are accountable to the Head Counselor and to the Summer Camp Coordinator.

Specific responsibilities and duties of the Cabin Counselor are as follows:

- serve as a model of sacramental ministry to all campers and other staff
- provide feedback and assessment for staff members and summer camp program
- act as a role model and leader for the other Summer Staff members
- vigilantly ensure the safety and well-being of campers while in their cabins and elsewhere on camp property
- lead activities outside of the cabin as part of the camp community (i.e. afternoon & evening activities)
- encourage campers to become an integral part of the community
- be patient and loving
- be sensitive and attentive to the camper's individual needs (social, emotional, physical, and spiritual)
- give each camper individual attention
- take responsibility for his/her own health
- maintain a clean cabin throughout the session and thoroughly clean cabin and bathrooms at the close of each session
- report needed repairs to maintenance staff
- participate in and supervise all camper activities
- other tasks as deemed appropriate for the scope of the position

The Cabin Counselor needs to be able to:

- be a positive role model
- take a genuine interest in campers in their cabins
- be aware of the emotional "temperature" of the cabin group and make decisions which are helpful and productive to that group
- maintain a high level of enthusiasm and energy
- be patient, understanding, and loving to all campers
- be able to work with a wide range of ages
- maintain a good sense of humor
- be flexible
- be a team player; know when to follow and when to lead
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