# **Camp Counselor**

#### **OVERVIEW**

A counselor is responsible to their respective village coordinator, and is (1) tasked with the total well-being of each camper under their supervision, (2) responsible for ministering to each camper; engaging them on a personal level that each may know Christ as their savior, and (3) working together with other staff member to achieve the goals of camp in a way that reflects our shared Christian beliefs.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- 1. Must exhibit responsibility, maturity, flexibility, and dependability.
- 2. Maintains a positive attitude and professional work ethic under stressful situations.
- 3. Demonstrates a willingness to adopt the objectives and philosophy of PSR Christian Camp; understanding that camp is a ministry-focused environment.
- 4. Must have a passion for youth ministry and a willingness to share their love of Christ with others.
- 5. Sensitivity to different cultures, social issues, and real-world problems that affect our campers in their everyday lives.

#### **DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1. Supervising a cabin unit (between 4-10 campers) for several hours a day, 6 days a week.
- 2. Supervising campers in the activity area you are assigned to (i.e. sports, arts & crafts, nature, et al.) teach & assist in.
- 3. Helping campers maintain their general health by assisting them with food selection, personal cleanliness, avoidance of environmental hazards, and cabin clean-up.
- 4. Facilitate cabin worships, devotions, and family group time.
- 5. Ensuring that you and your cabin unit are on-time and on-location.
- 6. Helping campers choose appropriate free time activities, and monitor campers in the camp store.
- 7. Building cabin cohesiveness by encouraging friendships.
- 8. Reporting all injuries, symptoms of illness, or care provided to the camp nurse & village coordinator.
- 9. Assisting campers with packing and unpacking personal belongings.
- 10. Using personal break-time and days off to maximize your rest and revitalization.
- 11. Providing personal devotion thoughts for your fellow counselors when assigned.
- 12. Working cooperatively with your village coordinator, and other supervisory staff. Accept any on the job training.
- 13. Good conduct while on-camp and off-camp that conforms to PSR Camp policies.
- 14. Providing discipline and rules to your campers, and enforce them without use of corporal punishment.

# OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Must be able to attend staff training week.
- 2. Must not be gone more than 10% of camp season.

## FAQ'S

Q: How much training does camp offer to help me learn the expectations of a PSR Camp counselor? A: PSR Camp offers nine days of training for our staff. This time is used to develop friendship and trust relationships among our staff, as well as inform them of our camp expectations, and how we can work together to bring campers closer to Christ.

Q: I have an important wedding and a few other events this summer. Can I still be a camp counselor? A: In order to have consistency, meet certain minimum accreditation guidelines, and a strong direction for our camp ministry, any staff member who needs more than 4 additional days off (beyond your regular day off) during the camp season will risk their opportunity to work for PSR Camp.

Q:Would you consider anyone under the age of 18 for this position?

A: PSR Camp would encourage anyone who doesn't meet the minimum age to still apply for a position at camp and request additional hands-on training. This training usually takes two forms; as a staff member in training (SIT) or as a kitchen worker.