

Recommended Reading and Other

Especially for counselors who want to have a great week, here's some reading material that will help you:

“How to Be a Successful Camp Counselor” by David Burrow

This easy reading book is full of great information on making a difference in kids while at camp. Used copies are available at amazon.com used for around \$4 (including shipping).

“Help... I'm a Camp Counselor” by Norman Wright

* NOTE: If you buy and read one of these resources, PJ will personally add \$4 to your snack shop account. Just email ahead of time.

Check out “Camp Songs” by “ultimatecampresource” on Youtube.

For games, more songs, and lots more fun stuff, see:

www.ultimatecampresource.com

Color Groupings

Color groups are subject to change based on camper counts, but currently are expected to be:

Younger Ages:

RED 1st-2nd grade

YELLOW 3rd-4th grade

Older Ages:

SILVER 5th-6th grade

PURPLE 7th-8th grade

Camp Directors

Any questions/concerns before or during camp should be directed to one of our camp directors:

- ◆ Pastor Jeff Gilbert—Director
- ◆ Linda Denny—Assistant Director and Craft Leader
- ◆ Pastor Tony Scheffler—Counselor Pastor
- ◆ Dawn Verbrugge—A Middle School Kid (and Director)
- ◆ Chamus Gilbert—Speaker



Staff Handbook

Winding Creek Campground

July 26-30, 2016

Our Mission and Vision

Kids camp exists to provide a fun and safe environment for drawing kids into a close relationship with Jesus Christ, and to empower youth for ministry to kids.

Staff Schedule

Before Camp

Camp begins for staff at 5pm on Monday, July 26

3-5pm	Staff check-in with PJ in Tabernacle All staff <18 will need to have Health Form in by this time. NOTE: Lead Counselors should plan on arriving by 3pm
5pm	Meeting in Tabernacle
6pm	Dinner Final sleeping arrangements should be in place by this time.
7pm	Counselors: Meetings/Team Building Other Staff: Child check-in/craft sign-up
8:30pm	Counselors: McD's Ice Cream Trip Other Staff: S'mores by Campfire
10pm	Any last-minute prep for morning
<i>Tuesday morning</i>	
7am	Breakfast
7:50am	Staff kids to groups
8am	All staff in place to welcome kids

After Camp

Saturday—11:30am Camp Ends

NOON—Pizza lunch at the snack shop

DISMISSAL—As soon as their cabins and work areas are clean and approved by a camp leader. Typically this is between 1pm and 2pm.

Kids Camp Guidelines

“Guidelines” is a fancy way to say “rules”, although these are written to encourage staff to use common sense to make decisions instead of giving a list of do’s and don’ts. Rather than listing out every rule, there are some basic guidelines that should be well-known and applied. Some examples are given, but these are obviously not all-inclusive. Just use common sense and remember we are a conservative Christian camp pointing kids to Jesus, and all will be well.

Staff shall do nothing that would distract kids or other staff from the mission of Kids Camp. This could include things such as destructive or demeaning practical jokes, pursuing romantic relationships, wearing revealing clothing (for boys or girls), or ringing the camp bell.

Staff shall have no conversations with kids that should be handled by their parents, unless a Camp Director is present. This could include things such as sex, piercings, tattoos, politics, or other teen/adult behaviors.

Staff shall not engage in any activity that would put the kids or staff in danger. This could include sending a child off alone to the bathroom, leaving kids unattended at night, or having “throw-ins” at the pool.

Staff shall not be where they are not expected. This could include things like visiting the pool during counselor free time at night, if the pool is not open, or staying out past campground shutdown without approval.

Staff should not play/display things that are suggestive or controversial in nature in a Christian environment. For example, t-shirts which promote secular groups should be left at home, music played in the cabin should point kids to Jesus, and any tattoos should be covered at all times.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in disciplinary action, which could include being sent home.