

Laurel Ridge Middle and Senior High Counselor Responsibilities and Support

Purpose Statements for Laurel Ridge Summer Camps

- To enjoy and have fun with each other as children of God.
- To relate to one another as interdependent human beings.
- To experience an environment through which they may be guided into a deepening relationship with God through learning to appreciate God's creation and God's purpose seen in the order of creation.
- To gain a deeper knowledge of the Bible.
- To interpret life in the context of a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- To develop a sense of being a part of God's Christian family.
- To develop a sense of responsibility as a member of God's creation - a responsibility and a love for self, other people, and all living things.
- To enjoy a week of being a youth (child) not a small adult.

Counselor Responsibilities

Basic Expectations:

- To be a counselor in a cabin of young people unless otherwise indicated.
- To be a small group leader or co-leader that includes planning and carrying out small group sessions each day (materials provided).
- To be attentive to the daily well being of the campers in your cabin, small group and camp at large.
- To assist during the week in whatever ways you feel qualified by invitation of the Deans, Camp Director or Director of Youth and College Ministries.
- To work cooperatively with the Deans, Camp Director, Staff, and other Counselors in Christian community to provide a meaningful and fun camp experience.
- To be willing to offer an interest group in an area of your personal interest sometime during the week. An interest group usually meets sometime after lunch for an hour or so with a small number of interested campers.
- To attend at least one counselor training event before camp when offered, and make every effort to be present the evening before camp begins.
- To respect the smoke-free environment at Laurel Ridge.

Additional Expectations

Personal:

- Have a growing awareness of God and God's presence in your life and world.
- Be committed to the cause of Jesus Christ and active in church.

- Have a positive, non-competitive attitude when it comes to all things expected and unexpected.
- Be there for the personal/spiritual guidance of the campers.

Leadership

- Be responsible for how you present yourself as a Christian role model to campers as well as staff.
- Faithfully use your knowledge, experiences, skills and abilities in helping campers learn and grow as Christians.
- Assist the Deans and Camp Director in proper discipline when needed by striving to handle matters to the best of your ability before going to them with a problem.
- Uphold, respect and care for the camp, campers, counselors, staff and all God's creation.
- Work hard at providing a safe environment for the campers that offers your presence with them, your care, concern, acceptance and love.
- Be willing to plan and carry out your responsibilities as a counselor whatever they may be.
- Encourage the participation of all campers through your participation.

Support from the Laurel Ridge and Board of Cooperative Ministries Staffs

- Bunk and board.
- Accident insurance.
- Practical training and support consisting of sessions at Laurel Ridge the Saturday before camp begins and daily counselor meetings.
- An age-appropriate, biblically based, theological and educational program for camp designed to meet the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical needs of the campers as they grow in faith.
- All materials necessary for carrying out the program in small groups, etc.
- A camp staff that is prepared to meet the needs of the camp, campers and counselors.
- A camp nurse to take care of medical needs.
- Much appreciation and whatever support that can be provided!