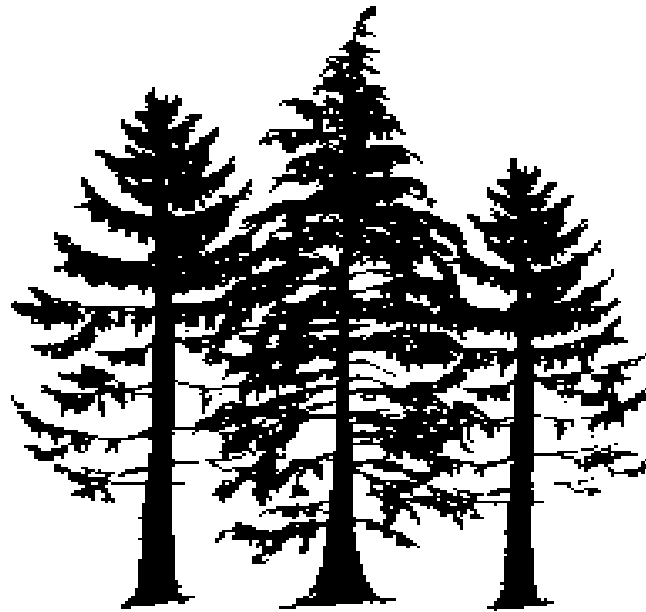


CAMP TAPAWINGO SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Counselor GUIDE



THE Big Picture:

Summer Camp is our opportunity to create a community that demonstrates how to live a life that honors, loves and follows God in a setting that is socially, physically, spiritually and emotionally safe. We strive to be intentional, excellent, and loving in our efforts as we plan and execute the four weeks of summer with the dual purpose of :

1. Giving a clear presentation and invitation to the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Encourage each other towards Christian growth and maturity.

Tapawingo Staff must be in agreement with our Statement of Faith:

- We believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe in the one living and true God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, His atoning death through His shed blood, bodily resurrection, ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe salvation from sin and death comes through faith in Christ's redeeming sacrifice.
- We believe the indwelling Holy Spirit enables Christians to live godly lives.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We believe in God's definition of human sexuality and marriage as stated in the Bible.

Counselor Qualifications

1. Be a believer and follower of Jesus Christ who actively participates in a church or ministry.
2. Be known by at least one member of the Tapawingo Core Team.
3. Completes the application and screening process required by Camp Tapawingo, Inc.
4. Be at least three years older than the oldest camper attending the camp the counselor is serving.
5. Will respect and uphold Camp Tapawingo policies and procedures.

What ALL IN looks like....Counselor Expectations

- Attend leadership and counseling training opportunities when possible.
- Understand and Follow the Child Protection Plan (this information will be available to you once you are accepted)
- Be Prepared:
- Spiritually Be in right relationship with God and others, be able to follow and respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as He guides, and have a clear understanding of God's saving grace and power in your own life.
- Physically: Come prepared to have a successful week. Come healthy and well rested. Pack the things you need to make cabin life enjoyable for you and your campers.
- Emotionally: Think hard before you commit to a week of service. Know your motivation for serving and be sure it aligns with Camp Tapawingo's vision.
- Be a Sacrificial Servant. (Galations 6:1-10)
 - Serve with Grace. Accept all. Give goodness to those who may not have earned it or act in a way that may deserve it.
 - Serve with Humility. We serve with each other and with God's power. Pride will enter if you think you are the answer to the camper's needs and insert yourself into their story. Those serving in humility will be teachable, approachable, and can be redirected quickly without taking offense. Understand those who are in authority over you and show respect.
 - Serve with Generosity. Be willing to invest your time, your talent and your treasure. Serving at camp is not to be considered your vacation time. It will come at a personal cost.
 - Serve with Perseverance. Pace yourself physically. Be faithful to what you committed to do. Take time to renew yourself before the Lord each day. Remember that God is faithful to produce the harvest. We may see the fruit this week...we may not.
 - Serve with Impartiality. Stay focused on the opportunities God gives you this week to make an impact. We should not be focused on just the kids we know or whom we have counseled before, but, everyone and anyone who we come in contact with.