

# DAY CAMP HELPERS

Dear valued volunteer,

THANK YOU, first of all, for taking time out of your busy summer to help further God's Kingdom by your volunteering for Day Camp. We at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps take our calling very seriously and thank you for taking your calling to be here at Day Camp seriously as well.

Our camp staff is asked to follow some specific guidelines while at Day Camp. We would like to share with you some guidelines that we expect of you while you are at Day Camp each day.

## **OPENING/CLOSING**

- **Arrival.** Please arrive 15–30 minutes prior to Day Camp. Be ready in the sanctuary to welcome the campers.
- **Energy level.** Campers respond to your energy level. Share your energy with them.
- **Participation.** We expect that you will actively participate in the song actions, theme verses, and that you will set an example to be quiet during skits and shares. The campers really look up to you!
- **Phones.** This is a general note for the whole day of Day Camp. **PLEASE** keep your phones in your pockets or somewhere that it is not a temptation for you (like at home or in your car!). Phones can be distracting not only for you but for the campers. Day Camp is so much more fun without distraction! The Day Camp leader is the only one who may use their phone throughout the day to be in touch with us here at camp.
- **Helper meeting.** After Opening time the Day Camp leader will have a brief meeting with you. Please share any Day Camp concerns with him or her at this time or any other time.

## **BIBLE STUDIES AND ROTATIONS**

- **Assist and Shepherd.** There may be times when you will have to help a camper get to the bathroom or seek out a supply for the counselor. Have willing ears and willing feet during the bible study and rotation times!
- **Flexibility.** It is possible that you will be with the same group of campers all week but it is possible that the staff may need to rearrange helpers as the week goes on for the sake of the Day Campers.
- **Crowd control.** Sometimes Day Campers can get a little active (C'mon! You were that age once, too!) If Timmy and Jenny are having a hard time focusing when sitting next to each other, then move closer to or sit in between them.
- **Discipline.** If discipline issues arise, please talk to the counselor, Day Camp leader or Local Director.
- **Phones.** See note above.

## **CRAFTS**

- **Listen.** The Day Camp leader may need some different kinds of help each day depending on the craft. If he or she has a specific request, please help them.
- **Help.** Some campers have a harder time than others with some of the art projects. Keep your

eyes peeled for campers who may need some extra guidance.

- **Hold back.** Unfortunately we don't have enough supplies for you to make your own craft. I guess you'll just have to come to camp here to do one!
- **Phones.** See note above.

### **GAMES**

- **Participate.** Kids love when helpers participate. Instead of standing on the side, get involved with the game. They are always fun, especially when you get involved!
- **Phones.** See note above.

### **MEAL/SNACK TIMES**

- **Presence.** Sit with the campers. Instead of gathering just with your buddies, bring your buddies over to sit with the campers. They will LOVE that.
- **Engage.** See to it that you are not just socializing with friends (there is a time for that!) but that you are engaged with the campers. That will speak volumes to them. It probably did to you once!
- **Phones.** See note above.

In the years that we have been doing Day Camp, we can honestly say that the most successful Day Camps are the ones with the more involved and engaged helpers. You truly make the Day Camp awesome. Let's give these kids the best week of their summer! We appreciate you!

Sincerely IN CHRIST,  
Kristin Rienhardt, IOLBC Day Camp Coordinator