

Tanako Counselor

Minimum Qualifications

- Desire and ability to work with children and adults outdoors.
- Ability to relate to one's peer group.
- Ability to accept supervision and guidance.
- Ability to instruct/assist a specialty area of camp.
- Good character, integrity, and adaptability.
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control.
- Current CPR and first aid certifications.

Responsible To

Executive Director/Assistant Director

Camp Tanako's Mission Statement

Camp Tanako's mission is to welcome children, youth, and adults to a place set apart where they can grow in their faith by experiencing God through nature and spending time in community and respond to the call of the Holy Spirit.

General Responsibilities

- Enhance the spiritual development of participants through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the doctrine of the United Methodist Church.
- Identify and meet camper safety, emotional, and physical care needs.
- Apply appropriate behavior management techniques.
- Instruct/assist a specialty area of camp.

Specific Responsibilities

- Invest time and energy in getting to know your campers.
- Recognize and respond to opportunities for problem solving in the group.
- Provide opportunities for group discussions.
- Help each participant meet the goals established by camp for camper development.
- Awaken campers on time and insure that proper hygiene is being conducted every day.
- Monitor eating habits of participants.
- Provide appropriate supervision at all times.
- Insure that curfews and camp safety regulations are followed.
- Instruct campers in emergency procedures such as fire drills, evacuating the cabin, tornadoes, lightning, wildlife at camp, etc.
- Set a good example for campers and others including cleanliness, punctuality, sportsmanship, table manners, sharing, cleaning up, and cabin chores.
- These are not the only duties to be performed. Some duties may be reassigned and other duties may be assigned as required.

Essential Functions

- Ability to communicate and work with participating groups (age and skill levels), in addition to providing necessary instruction to campers.
- Abilities to observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, and enforce appropriate safety guidelines and emergency procedures.
- Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the activity.
- ♦ Physical ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid. Must be able to assist campers in an emergency (fire, evacuation, illness, or injury) and possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers.
- Some physical requirements of a General Counselor position could be endurance including prolonged standing, some bending, stooping, walking long distances, hiking, climbing, and stretching; requires eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity to manipulate outdoor equipment and camp activities; requires normal range of hearing and eyesight to record, prepare, and communicate appropriate camper activities/programs and the ability to lift up to 50 lbs; willing to live in a camp setting and work irregular hours with limited or simple equipment and facilities; and with daily exposure to the sun, heat, and animals such as bugs, snakes, bats, etc.