



Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center

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CAMP COUNSELOR JOB DESCRIPTION

PURPOSE:

1. Serving Christ by providing campers with a positive Christian experience.
2. Bring fun and faith into the lives of young people.
3. Be a Christ like role model.
4. Be an active member of the Camp Counselor Team and Lazy F Community.

RESPONSIBLE TO: Program Coordinator

DUTIES:

1. Attends leadership training and staff orientation prior to summer camps beginning.
2. Prepares for campers before camp starts by reading program materials and preparing for small group leadership.
3. Primary role is to facilitate Christ-centered small group ministry and relationships with campers while at camp:
 - Plans and leads small group times with co-leader using resources provided by the camp and other materials the volunteers bring.
 - Greets campers at registration, making an effort to become acquainted and develop rapport with each camper, and leads small group icebreakers.
 - Is aware of campers (whereabouts, behavior, safety, and to the extent possible: emotional stability and spiritual development) assigned to his/her small group at all times, including: rest time, large group gatherings, worship, campfire and sleeping hours (except during time off).
 - Encourages positive interaction between campers at all times.
 - Upholds concept of Christian community with mutual respect and caring for others.
 - Clearly informs campers engaged in negative behavior that such behavior is not acceptable at camp and alternative, positive solutions are to be worked out instead.
 - Leads or co-leads an activity time of his/her choice.
 - Participates as able with campers in all camp activities (not on sidelines), unless time off is granted, in which case it is best to be away from the camper's activities.
4. Encouraged to share special gifts and talents in any area of camp programming for both small and large groups (such as: music, song leading, storytelling, games, faith sharing, crafts, dancing, etc.).
5. Other duties as defined by Program Coordinator.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Skill to:

1. Effectively relate with children and youth in a positive and supportive manner.
2. Effectively and tactfully communicate in the English language in oral form to include the effective presentation of information to school-age children and youth in both large and small groups.
3. Flexibility to work in changing conditions and time schedules.
4. Understand and apply pertinent personnel policies, laws, rules, and regulations
5. Supportive attitude towards the United Methodist Church.
6. Establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers and campers.
7. Be a team player.

Knowledge of:

Effective and appropriate instructional strategies and supervision of children in a camp setting

Physical Ability to Meet the Following Requirements:

1. Traverse stairs, and uneven terrain that will include gravel, dirt, and mud.
2. Live and work in a setting with variable weather conditions.
3. Hike up to 4 miles in steep terrain.
4. Move up to 30 pounds of luggage or supplies to the bed of a pick up truck.
5. Reach, climb, grasp, push, pull, reach above and below shoulder level, squat, and bend.

Work Environment:

1. Must stay each night in a cabin with campers and other volunteers.
2. Must be able to work long hours, (from 7:00 am until 11:00 pm) with limited number of breaks in the day.

Environmental Exposure:

1. Temperature conditions may vary considerably depending on the site, time of day, and weather.
2. May be exposed to dust, pollen, cobwebs, dirt, bats, rodents, and rodent droppings.

Mental and Emotional Requirements:

1. Ability to make independent decisions, provide own direction and respond to immediate needs.
2. Ability to take direction from supervisor and discuss plans with Program Coordinator and other staff.
3. Ability to interact cheerfully and positively with supervisors, co-workers, guests, and campers

RELATIONSHIPS AND KEY CONTACTS:

Works closely with Program Coordinator. Communicates with Program Coordinator or Camp Director concerning program. Close contact with staff and campers.

Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center is located twelve miles southwest of Ellensburg in the heart of Washington State and the Manastash Canyon. It is situated on 110 acres of mixed forest and open meadows in the eastern foothills of the Cascade Mountains. Lazy F is part of a vital ministry of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church, serving all nonprofit groups. Our campers are typically from the Pacific Northwest and include our summer camp program supporting faith development and Operation Purple Camp for children in military families. Our guest groups are diverse in nature including different ethnic origins and religious backgrounds including family reunions, schools, nonprofit agencies, and churches. Lazy F is an ideal location for a retreat or conference, providing clean facilities, delicious meals, and attentive personal service. Recreational opportunities available at the camp include fishing in the stocked trout pond; hiking on the seven miles of trails; making crafts; utilizing our challenge course; and shooting on our archery range.