



## **Florida NYI Camp: Shelter Counselor Handbook 2023**

### **Thank you & Welcome!!**

On behalf of #thefloridanyl thank you for embarking on this journey! We pray that this week will be “the time of your life” as you worship, play, rest, listen for the voice of God & hang out with our students! There will be some life-giving conversations and moments of great potential that you will share with students and other leaders across the campground. Therefore, we have prepared the following for you as a resource! May God pour out His spirit upon you! You are loved!

### **Counselor Expectations**

- ★ Be an example of Christ through your words and actions
- ★ Be patient and flexible
- ★ Ensure campers are safe at all times

- ★ Be on time to all scheduled activities
- ★ Never be alone with a camper
- ★ Dress appropriately and encourage campers to do the same
- ★ Ensure only one person per bed at all times
- ★ Encourage campers to participate in every level
- ★ Lead/Participate with your Family Group
- ★ Monitor campers wherever you are . . . even those who are not part of your church.
- ★ Watch your Remind App for updates

## **In Cabin Tips**

Living in a cabin with teenagers for 5 days is both fun and challenging. Here are a few helpful tips:

- ★ Get to know everyone in your cabin
- ★ Everyone gets their own bed
- ★ Dress & shower discreetly
- ★ There are limited outlets. Bring a power strip or extension cord for cell phone chargers.
- ★ At least 15 minutes before Lights Out, give campers time updates: “Lights are going out in 15, 10, 5 minutes. Start wrapping up what you’re doing”
- ★ Once the lights are out, have someone pray for the entire cabin (Longer prayers are suggested :-)
- ★ When waking up each morning, turn lights on and give time updates so they know how long they have before they need to head to Morning Devos
- ★ Have everyone help in cleaning your cabin
- ★ Enjoy the random conversations and God moments
- ★ Be intentional with your words and actions

## **Meal Times**

It is suggested that we stagger when groups line up so you don’t have to stand in the heat too long. Keep this in mind throughout the week.

## **Electives**

Electives are scheduled each afternoon with specific options for specific days. We recognize that no two campers are the same - they have different interests and personalities. Therefore, we are offering them the choice of which electives to attend each day. They will be able to choose what they do from the provided options. Sign-ups will be in the foyer of the Auditorium. Please encourage them to participate and do so alongside them as much as possible.

## **Family Groups**

Family Groups will meet each morning and night after Worship. This “small group style” reflection and discussion will give an opportunity for spiritual growth for you and our campers. Be prepared to lead the discussion, ask questions, to listen and to offer input when appropriate. Sometimes there may be several moments of silence . . . that’s okay! A lot can happen in silence!

## **Mandatory Reporting**

The state of Florida is a mandatory reporting state. If you learn during camp that a camper is experiencing some form of abuse, please contact Pastor Seth immediately.

## **Clean Cabins/Grounds**

Please help those in your cabin clean up daily by making beds, throwing away garbage, tidying up and sweeping. And please pick-up any garbage you see on the ground. Let’s be good stewards and great guests of Camp Geneva.

## **Dress Code**

If a student or youth worker violates the code, they will be asked to change into appropriate attire. **Please, no . . .**

- pants, shorts, skirts, tops that show under garments
- revealing swimsuits
- sleepwear outside of the dorms

- tank tops that are less than 2 fingers width on the strap
- strapless anything
- bare chested guys outside of sleeping quarters/swimming area

## **Morning Devotions**

We will start each day with Morning Devos at the Lake at 8 a.m. Please be on time as these only last for 20 minutes. We will head to breakfast immediately following devotions.

## **Remember**

- Drink yo Water!!
- Put on dat Sunscreen!!
- Got Bug Spray? Apply Liberally!
- Everyone should wear shoes/sandals when outside - No shoes, no sandals, no service!!
- Report all injuries/illnesses to the Camp Nurse - if it is life-threatening, call 911.

## **Camp Team Cells**

Camp Director - Pastor Jen Showalter: 919-451-8995

NYI President - Pastor Seth Lenderman: 865-313-5020

Camp Nurse - Pastor Valerie Kiper: 954-643-8891

Registration - Vicki Foley: 321-689-1377

Minion - Pastor Dwayne Adams: 407-495-9539

**Thanks again for investing in our students this week! We pray that God blesses you abundantly as you prove to be His hands and feet this week and beyond.**

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