

## What Makes a Great Camp Counselor

A Christian camp is a temporary community designed for the purpose of sharing Christ's love with campers through fellowship, fun, worship, and the outdoors. This has been central to our purpose at EFC-MA Summer Camp since the beginning. A summer camp benefits from quality camp counselors. That's where you come in.

We need our church pastors and leaders to recruit camp counselors. When thinking about who at your church you would recommend to counsel, consider the following:

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- Personal relationship with Christ and the desire to foster the same in others.
- A willingness to go all in – sometimes this means having difficult conversations with a student and other times this means doing ridiculous things with your cabin in order to win games.
- A positive attitude and ability to work as a team.
- Attentiveness to the individual needs of the campers (e.g. known food allergies, special needs, etc. )
- The ability to be flexible and can humbly go with the flow of camp life (including late nights and deviations in the schedule).
- Take the counselors handbook seriously.
- Someone who is in good standing with their church/college.

The primary purpose of counselors is to share the love of Christ with each camper. It is the job of the counselor to identify where their campers are at spiritually and to encourage growth in the campers lives from that point. In order to better facilitate that growth, we ask that you not recommend any counselors who:

- Has medical needs that would affect their ability to fully participate in camp activities.
- Wants to come for their own spiritual experience or vacation.
- You wouldn't trust with the spiritual formation of your own children.