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WHAT DOES A CAMP STAFF MEMBER LOOK LIKE?

This is an important question to ask if you are thinking of applying for a job. Well, each staff member must be perfect in every way. **NOT!** But there is a level of behaviour and attitude that is required.

It is important to keep in your thinking that **this is a Christian based camp** which means the staff must reflect Christian standards in their work ethics, language, general deportment, clothing and team relationships. They must be willing to uphold these standards, to the best of their ability, whether they are working or on time off, whether they are on the camp grounds or in surrounding communities. For example no one will be allowed to continue on staff if they are found to be using alcohol, drugs or cigarettes at any time during the summer.

We all have days when we don't reflect Christian standards as well as we should, which is why we ask each staff member to hold the other staff members accountable for their actions. We need to be willing to build each other up which sometimes means pointing out behaviours that are not up to standard, with the purpose of drawing another closer to God.

You may have heard of people who met their spouse through working on a camp staff. It happens; however, if that is your reason for wanting a job, please apply somewhere else. The intensity of living together 24/7 for eight weeks or more, with this as your objective, does not honour God and the work you are here to do, and more often leads to unhealthy relationships.

Camp is not a place to come to work out your personal problems. It is not the place to be because someone thinks it will help you grow up or because you want to get away from issues at home. It's not the job to take because you can't get anything else.

So we are back to what is important in the person who would be a camp staff member.

It is important that you are willing to learn, to not take short cuts in the work you are expected to do, that you are willing to follow rules even if you don't like them, that you are willing to follow guidelines to handling issues, that you are willing to be flexible, to work as a team member, and that you come with a desire to grow in your relationship with God as well as share your faith with staff and campers alike.

God Bless and guide you as you consider sending in an application for being on the camp ministry team.