

How You Can Help Camping Ministries

Volunteer. Volunteers are needed in various areas. Here are the main areas volunteers help and what they do.

Kitchen Helpers help prepare breakfast, lunch, and supper for campers. Breakfast prep starts at 7am, lunch prep at 10am, and supper prep at 4:00 (times may be adjusted dependent on the menu). Kitchen helpers also wash dishes after each meal.

Counselors get to hang out with the campers all day and all night. Each counselor is assigned a group of campers for which they are responsible for. Counselors also help lead activities, devotions, morning watch, vespers, and meal time prayer.

Dean: the dean is responsible for the schedule of the camp, assigning counselors vespers/morning watch/prayer times. The dean also leads vespers, morning watch and a bible study session. Camper medications are distributed by the dean. Campers' workshop choices are assigned by the dean.

Camp-set up is also another time to volunteer. Camp set up at Cricket Holler involves several activities. Volunteers may help bring camp items from the storage unit to Cricket Holler. Volunteers also help clean the lodge by wiping out cupboards, cleaning the fridge and oven, sweeping all the floors, and putting camp supplies away. Cabins are also cleaned and checked as well as stocked with toilet paper, soap, and paper towels.

Bible Study leaders lead an hour long Bible study Monday through Thursday of camp.

Workshop leaders lead the campers in 45 minute workshops teaching them various crafts and activities. Some that we have had recently were: woodworking/making stilts, card making, origami, learning to crochet, making and launching bottle rockets, seashell creations. Anything that is fun, interesting, or a life skill can be a workshop. In previous years, communion bread has been made and check writing has been taught. The sky's the limit for creative workshops.

Other areas you could participate in are leading songs or telling stories at a campfire. Perhaps lead a drumming circle or teach the campers a special way to pray. Do you participate in a special ministry of the church? You can come share that ministry with the campers. We have recently had Bethany Seminary present their opportunities to older campers. Or perhaps there is a service project you know of that the campers could participate in. **If you have an idea to share, I'd love to hear it!**

You can also **pray** for camping ministries, campers, counselors, deans, Bible study leaders, workshop leaders, kitchen helpers, and camp set-up volunteers.

Send campers to camp, kids in your congregation and those anywhere else in your life such as your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, and neighbors. Who in your life could benefit from camp? Send them.

Also, you can **come** to Camp! We have camps for all ages.