



TRAVELING DAY CAMP

FAQ--Volunteer Counselors

You probably have many questions for what your role will be like as a Traveling Day Camp Counselor. We hope that this FAQ will help prepare you and answer some of those basic questions.

Q: What is my role as a Counselor?

A: As a volunteer counselor, you will be partnered with a Montlure staff member. Montlure staff are trained on how to lead all the activities and will make sure you are in the loop. You will help with daily activities such as games, crafts, songs, and Bible study time. You will also help with overall supervision and safety. You will remain with your group for the duration of the week in order to build lasting relationships with the campers. Ultimately, a counselor is there to serve the campers. Whether it is listening, acting silly, or engaging in meaningful conversations, you will have a fun and rewarding experience right alongside the campers you have all week!

Q: What are the expected hours for me at Day Camp?

A: We ask for you to arrive between **8:30-8:40am** every morning in order to look over the schedule, connect with your Montlure staff counselor, and have any questions answered. Camp is over at 3 pm. We ask you to stay until **3:15 pm** to help tidy up group areas and reset the tables for the morning. If you can stay longer and wish to help us with extended care or with prepping for the next day's activities, please communicate with us so we can make arrangements.

Q: Am I allowed to help with Bible Study/Small Group?

A: Of course! We value what you have to say! Our staff has been thoroughly prepared to lead Bible studies during small group time, however, we want to encourage you to lead wherever you feel comfortable. This is a great growing opportunity for you as a counselor, too! Any advice and help is always appreciated even if you do not wish to lead the whole Bible study time.

Q: Will I have any training?

A: Yes! The Sunday evening prior to camp, we will gather all volunteers and staff to go over the week, rules, procedures, and more. You will meet your staff counselor who you will be paired with all week and have a chance to connect with them on the ins and outs of camp. This meeting is a **mandatory** training for any volunteer Counselors and Junior Counselors.

Q: What will my typical day look like?

A: When you arrive to Day Camp, you will check in with your staff counselor at your group area. You will go over the schedule for the day and make sure everything is set up and ready to go for campers. Campers will check in and head over to their group every morning where you will be waiting with a smile! Every day will have a similar schedule starting with energizes, followed by Small Groups, and then off to activity rotations. Lunch will be provided every day and you will eat at the table with your campers. After lunch, there will be a small opportunity to have a break during story time. You can work out with your staff a rotation to make sure everyone has a break but that ensures the campers are still supervised. After story time we continue through activity rotations, followed by a time of Worship. At the conclusion of Worship, all groups will be at their assigned tables where you will converse with campers or play table games with until parents arrive for check out.

Q: What else is expected of me?

A: As a volunteer counselor, you are just as much part of the Montlure staff as anyone else. Which also means, we expect you to uphold Montlure's policies and procedures. In addition, young campers will be looking to you as a role model. Montlure counselors are to exemplify the love of Christ in both words and actions to our campers *at all times*.

We expect that you will stay with your group for the duration of the week. We expect you to actively participate in worship, energizes, and other activities when needed. Remember - eyes will be on you and in order for young campers to feel comfortable, you must participate, too!

Q: If I have never been a counselor before, what else should I know?

A: One of the most important things to remember is that you are a counselor, not a camper. When engaging in games and activities with campers, we expect you to participate, but know the difference in the role as a counselor versus a camper. Campers need to see you as their leader, not another camper. Ultimately, Remember what you are called to do, even in the times when you are tired, the campers are tired, or you want to get lost in distractions. You are called to serve campers through the love of Jesus Christ. We are so incredibly thankful that you have answered the call and are willing to serve alongside Montlure.

Q: How do I sign up!?

A: First, contact your church site and let them know you are volunteering so they can work with you on arrangements. Second, if you are over 18+, head to Montlure.CampBrainStaff.com to complete a volunteer application.