



To Know God, His Word, and to Walk in His Way

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Camp Kanesatake Summer Staff FAQs

Where do I sleep?

Our summer staff stay in dormitory-type cabins. Between 6 and 8 people share the single gender staff cabins. Counselors stay in cabins with their campers. We have a central bathhouse for the whole Camp. There are bathrooms and showers for program/kitchen staff that are separate from those used by campers and counselors.

Is there personal time (free-time) during the day? What is there to do?

Depending on your area of responsibility, you may get time off in the middle of the afternoon or after dinner. Program staff downtime is determined by the camper schedule each day and their specific areas of responsibility. Your supervisor will let you know when your specific break will be. Staff members are allowed to swim if they are on a break when the pool is open.

When do I get paid?

We pay by direct-deposit into your bank account every 2 weeks.

What expenses will I incur?

You can get by without spending any money throughout the week at Camp. We will give you some free food & drink items from the shops each week. There is a camp store with ice cream, candy, and clothing for sale. We also have a coffee shop and ice cream shop. You may want to bring money to do different things on the weekends such as eating out or mini golf, etc.

What's the food like?

We aim for a varied menu for the staff and campers. We usually also have additional items for the staff to eat throughout the day such as fruits, veggies, meal leftovers, or frozen s'mores.

What about my special diet?

If you have special dietary concerns, we will need to know in advance of your arrival in order to help you prepare. You will need to bring your own necessary supplements or meal replacements. We will have a designated area in the kitchen for those staff & campers who need to store their personal food such as gluten-free bread or almond milk. Unfortunately, we are sorry that we cannot accommodate vegan diets or any intense food allergies.

Are there laundry facilities?

There are three washing machines and three dryers at the Camp that staff may use on the weekends. We provide generic laundry detergent, but if you need a special kind you will need to bring that yourself.

Can I have visitors?

Yes, by prior arrangement with the Camp Director. Please contact the camp office to set up any visits from family and friends throughout the summer.

Is there anything I can't bring?

We have a list of prohibited items including, and not limited to: weapons (guns, knives, etc.) tobacco, drugs, and alcohol.

Music?

We ask our staff to listen to Christian music while working for Camp K. Staff members should not play music in their cabin. If a staff member wants to play music publicly for others to hear, please bring it to the Camp Director for approval. We reserve the right to stop this privilege if it distracts from the people you are serving or the job you are doing.

Is there a dress code?

Our staff is expected to set the standard with a high standard of modest dress at all times. We will give you a staff t-shirt to be worn when campers arrive and depart. Girls should wear modest swimsuits at the pool (one-piece swimsuits or tankinis are perfect). All staff should wear t-shirts and shorts or a cover-up to and from the pool. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be modest even on the weekends. Modest tank tops are allowed for both guys and girls. Sleeveless shirts are also acceptable as long as they reach to the end of the shoulder. We want the campers to see in our staff what it means to dress with pleasing God in mind.

For evening Camp chapel services, staff should clean up and look presentable. The purpose is to show campers that chapel time is the highlight of the day. The heart of the matter is to show that these events are important to us. Nicer shirts and shorts are appropriate for both guys and girls.

On Sundays, please plan on dressing up for the morning service. Many of the girls wear skirts, and guys wear polos or button-ups. These guidelines are not mandatory but would be appropriate.

Is there a curfew?

It will change from week to week depending on the schedule for the campers each day, but we know that your ability to do your job during the day is affected by lack of sleep. We want you to be able to do your job well. Normally if you are onsite on the weekends lights out is at 11:00 PM.

Connection to the outside world? Internet? Telephone? Cell phone?

The Staff Lounge will be open for staff whenever they are on their break. We want to give you a relaxing place you can go when you are on your break, but remember why you are at Camp in the first place--to serve God and these kids.

Internet access and phone calls will be on a very limited basis throughout the week and only when on break.

Cell phones usually do not have signal at camp and are not permitted to be used during the week except while on break. You will turn them into the office at the beginning of each week. You will be able to ask your supervisor for access to your cell phone if a need arises.

Snail mail will become exciting so hand out the Camp address to friends/family if they would like to write:

Camp Kanesatake, c/o (your name), P.O. Box 11, Spruce Creek, PA 16683.

How big is Camp? How many campers? Staff?

During a week at Camp there are around 150 campers supported by 35-40 full-time and summer staff.

Weekends?

Food will be provided at Camp on the weekend, primarily leftovers from the week. Staff will be allowed to leave on the weekends to go shopping, out to eat, etc. No two people of opposite genders should leave alone together (see note on dating). Please remember to go out of your way to include as many as possible staff members when doing things on the weekend. Remember we are a team.

Staff will sign out on a sheet in the staff lounge whenever they leave, providing info on where they are going, who is in the group, and when they plan on returning. This is for safety reasons.

Local staff may return home when Camp cleaning is finished on Friday evenings after the campers depart, but staff must be sure to return at the appropriate scheduled time on Sunday or Monday afternoon. Church attendance is still required for all staff. Non-local staff are welcome to accompany local staff to their house if invited and if approved by the director. Please remember to still sign out on staff sign-out sheets.

As a staff we often do things together Saturday afternoons and evenings such as playing games, rodeos, amusement parks, mini golf, baseball games, etc. The Camp Director will announce what activities are happening each weekend at the Friday night staff meeting.

What about dating at Camp?

The staff is here to be role models to the campers and to serve them. Because Camp is about community and building relationships with the campers, no one should become engaged in exclusive relationships while Camp is in session. When you are more focused on spending time with one person, rather than the community of Camp, the opportunity for ministry suffers. Public displays of affection are not allowed. Couples should be spending time with their campers and not with each other. The Director will meet with all dating

couples during staff training week. Dating couples should exercise discernment when and where they spend time alone together. Couples should be in open view in the main part of Camp when spending time alone together and never in secluded areas. If the couple wants to go off Camp property together on the weekends, they will need prior approval from the Director.