



Camp Kwasind

SUMMER 2024 JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: Cabin Leader Coordinator (CLC)

Purpose and Scope

Camp Kwasind, a ministry of the Canadian Baptists of Ontario & Quebec is a Christian Camp that seeks develop and nurture Christian faith and relationships through effective programs in a safe, exciting, and natural environment. It is our aim to be a living demonstration of God's love which is demonstrated through our care for all of creation, providing quality programming, and the intentional reaching out to those on route to Jesus as we live as a community of faith.

The Cabin Leader Coordinator role is focused on the successful oversight, training, resourcing and support of the cabin leading staff and the camper experience. This includes providing mentoring, coaching, troubleshoot, creative programming and devotional support to cabin leaders as they invest into the lives of campers. They are also to support the Managing Director where needed as they serve as part of the Leadership Team. They will report to the Managing Director. This is a seasonal summer camp position.

This position serves as part of the cabin staff team but does not necessarily stay in a cabin with campers unless there arises the need.

Qualifications:

- A mature faith in Jesus Christ and an active part of a local church.
- Commitment to the mission, faith, philosophy, staff code of conduct and core values of CBOQ & Camp Kwasind.
- Be a minimum of 19 years of age by the end of calendar year.
- Have experience working with children and young people, ideally in a cabin leading context.
- Have proven leadership ability, team player and display excellent initiative and judgment.
- Have a desire to develop their leadership ability.
- Possession of a valid First Aid certificate preferred.

Responsibilities:

- Attend and participate in senior staff training at the beginning of the camping season.
- Attend workshops, seminars and training pertaining to your position and as requested.
- Provide training at the May Orientation Weekend and oversee additional training during Staff Training Week.
- Attend all staff meetings, trainings, and staff bible study/faith practise and weekly chapels
- Active participation in Campfires, Vespers, Camper chapel, Camp Wide-games, and other programmatic elements as is requested and that is possible with this role

Management

- Work with the Assistant Director - Logistics to assign campers into cabin groups – cabin groups should be shared with the Cabin Leading staff on the Saturday before campers arrive to give time to creatively make campers feel welcome in their cabin.
- Work with Assistant Director – Logistics to pair cabin leaders with cabin leader assistant's weekly.
- On the final night of each camp session, communicate to cabin staff which of their campers are going home on the camp bus, which are being picked up at the camp and which campers are stay-over campers.
- Provide regular one on one mentoring/coaching to each cabin leader.
- Distribute welcome cards and drive home questions for cabin leaders to give out.
- Communicate to all cabin leaders what cabin they will be placed in during the next camp session so that they can be prepared and move their stuff.
- Arrange cabin placement for cabin staff during training week and Epic Family Getaways.
- Remind cabin staff to clear items from their cabin clothesline before the campers leave.
- Collect and record information to form a handbook / manual of how and what to do in this position.
- Record all interactions of importance regarding the management of cabin staff.
- Manage the distribution, collection, storage, and use of cellular phones by cabin leaders.

Supervision of Cabin Staff

- Ensure cabin staff are where they should be according to the weekly schedules.
- Ensure that there is always appropriate supervision of campers by the cabin leader staff.
- Doing "Rounds" 1-2 times a week 10:30pm-12am. Make sure the camp is safe and quiet at night.
- Ensure that cabin staff keep their cabins safe and clean as per public health requirements.
- Conduct daily check-ins with all cabin staff to ensure that issues are known and being appropriately managed and ensure that all concerns are communicated to all other members of the camp leadership.
- Arrange for and conduct formal written end of season reviews with all cabin staff.
- Assign cabin staff to oversee specific tables in the dining hall at each meal and ensure that they are where they should be and are doing what they should be doing during mealtimes.
- Follow up with cabin staff who are not meeting the expectations in their positions.
- Ensure that cabin staff are aware of where their campers are during 'free time'.
- Ensure that cabin staff engage with the campers in a proactive manner during free time.
- Monitoring the nighttime curfew of cabin staff.
- Monitor and promote the wearing of camp appropriate clothing by cabin staff.
- Monitor and observe cabin staff in their afternoon devotions.
- Ensure that cabin staff have cleaned their cabins fully and disinfected all mattresses in their cabin before they begin their day off.

Resourcing Cabin Staff

- Serve as a resource for cabin staff with problem campers. Advise on camper discipline, refer for health issues, homesickness.
- Ensure coverage of the responsibilities of cabin staff in case of staff illness or fatigue.
- Ensure that bedding is washed when campers have accidents.
- Provide resources to cabin staff for daily cabin devotionals.
- Set up and run weekly meetings with all cabin leaders and all cabin leader assistants to share and encourage them as a group.

Mentoring Cabin Staff

- Check in daily with each cabin staff member. Update and communicate this status and any concerns to the Managing Director. Set a weekly goal to meet one on one with each cabin staff to go over goals and performance.
- Pray for the needs of the cabin staff and campers.
- Remind and refresh training points with all cabin staff.

Other Duties

- Ensure that camper cabins are safe and in good repair. Check and monitor them regularly. Report any deficiencies and act to correct the problem.
- Monitor the departure of cabin groups from the dining hall following nighttime snack.
- Ensure that you have a personal hour off each day.
- Manage the lost and found items at camp.

Accountability:

- This position is accountable to the Assistant Director (Land and Logistics).

APPENDIX:

Training Cabin Staff

Conduct or arrange for training of all cabin staff in the following areas:

- Staff vision statement and its use.
- Health and safety, work refusal, WHMIS.
- Developmental stages of children.
- Special needs campers – what the issues are and how to manage them.
- Teaching electives, their activities and instruction.
- How to deal with a scared child.
- How to manage homesickness.
- Child abuse and disclosure.
- Understanding age / behavior patterns in campers.
- Bullying – what to do and the camp policy.
- Overseeing campers during worship, chapel, and vesper times.
- Protecting yourself from false allegations.
- How to protect against wild animals at camp.
- How to recharge and take a day off.
- Days off – notification when leaving the grounds - signing in and out.
- What are the expectations of staff conduct.
- Staff and camper dress code.
- What are you supposed to do in the dining hall - dining hall etiquette.
- Monitoring campers eating at your table in the dining hall.
- Special diets at camp.
- How do you deal with a clogged toilet without calling maintenance.
- Daily devotionals – personal quiet times.
- How to lead a devotional in your cabin.
- How to lead someone to Christ.
- How to give a testimony.
- Cabin devotionals – how to conduct them.
- How to approach vespers – expectations.
- How to conduct discipline with dignity.
- Logical and appropriate consequences for campers.
- How to get campers need to change their clothes.
- How to get campers to take a shower.
- What to do when a camper wets their bed.
- Injury / First aid / Epi pens / nurses at camp and how to utilize them.
- “Heads up” information sheets about campers.
- Lice and bed bugs.
- Leading in cabins with campers.
- Managing a cabin of campers with only one leader (during staff Bible study – cabin cleanup & cabin time).
- Listening skills – active and passive listening.
- Understanding your leadership style.
- How to work as a CL / CLA team together.
- Working with the LIT’s in your cabin.
- How to build ‘team’ in your cabin of campers from day one.

- Relational problem solving.
- Change-over day procedures.
- How to talk with parents on changeover days.
- What parents look for on drop off days.
- What parents want on pick up days.
- Orienting campers to camp – camp tours, how to operate a shower.
- Emergency procedures.
- Planning activities for cabin time.
- How to run the buddy boards.
- How to plan campfires with your cabin group.
- How to win cabin cleanup every time!
- Bus monitoring.
- Being part of the worship team at camp.
- When can campers call home?