

DEAN/COUNSELOR DAILY CHECK LIST

This checklist is for the personal use of the dean(s) and counselors during the camp experience. Find a convenient time each day (during rest period, after a meal, before bed, first thing in the morning). Be prayerful, asking God to make you aware of what you have done well and where God can help the campers and you grow. It will be a helpful discipline.

- _____ Have I made each camper feel welcome, that I am glad to see her/him, that s/he has status with me and in the cabin group?
- _____ Am I aware of the individual needs of each camper in my group?
- _____ Have I been alert to recognize any cases of homesickness and reported these to the Camp Dean(s)?
- _____ Do any of my campers seem lonely or apart from the group?
- _____ Have I checked on the health and personal hygiene of my campers and reported illnesses?
- _____ Am I aware of open wounds or sores of any of the campers? Are they being properly bandaged? Am I checking carefully for infection? Have I reported these incidences to the Camp Dean and Care Coordinator?
- _____ Have my campers had sufficient rest?
- _____ Have I helped my group plan cooperatively and carry through their plans, or has it been a "one person" show?
- _____ Have I discussed general camp policies regarding camp limits and safety in order to avoid any misunderstanding among my campers?
- _____ Have I helped to keep the cabin and the grounds clean and sanitary by suggestion and by my example?
- _____ Have I known where my campers are and what they are doing every hour of the day when I am responsible for them?
- _____ Am I helping my campers learn Christian Stewardship at the table?
- _____ Have I been aware of outstanding teaching opportunities in terms of helping my campers to:
 - a. Examine their relationships with one another?
 - b. Share new experiences?
 - c. Have a new understanding of God and the purpose for each of our lives?
 - d. Find time for reflection and prayer?
- _____ Have I used the Bible as an effective resource?
- _____ Can I recall specific moments where I missed teaching opportunities? (Recognizing these moments let me prepare myself to be ready for similar situations today and tomorrow.)
- _____ Have I helped my campers in their prayer life?
- _____ Is my behavior witnessing to the Good News of God's forgiving love?

The above is the ideal for which we are striving. If we have missed any of these things today, let us thank God that we recognize it, and with God's help strive to do a better job tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.

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