



# how to be a... **Good Camp Counselor**

## **GO HARD OR GO HOME**

### **Before Camp**

1. Get your registration/medical release forms in asap and/or communicate to staff that you will be going.
2. Get extra forms to hand out in Cell Group.
3. Encourage your Cell Group to go: call them, email them, facebook them. Students show up because they are asked to go by someone they know.
4. Let your students know if they need anything special for parties. Example: Theme Party-decide what you want to be, and go all out on costumes. If you say or think that dressing up is stupid, then they will too.
5. We generally have Leaders Meetings before camp. Please make them a priority so that you can have more ownership in each camp.

### **At Camp**

1. Go Hard or Go Home!
2. Be with your Cell Group! If you need to go somewhere take one of them with you.
3. Participate in whatever is going on.
4. Have your spiritual antenna up, looking for teachable moments.
5. Don't go to bed until all planned activities are over.
6. Be aware of where your students are after 11:30 p.m.
7. Make sure your students are drinking water.
8. Make sure your students are participating in the activities, they shouldn't have come to camp if they just want to sleep or sit around.
9. Take pictures! You will want them in a few years!
10. Girls: Dress appropriate and make your girls do the same. Don't allow them to walk out of the cabin if their shirt isn't covering enough or their shorts are too short!

### **Devo Time**

1. Be prayed up. Only God will change a student's heart. He can do some incredible things at camp.
2. Be prepared for the lesson, even if you have to get up in the morning and do the devo for your quiet time.
3. Remember, the spiritual moments are the ultimate reason that we come to camp. Make the most of them.
4. Ask for help from the staff if you need it.
5. Ask good questions, don't simply read straight from the paper.
6. If the spirit is leading somewhere else, then let the spirit lead.

### **Leaving Camp**

1. Make sure everyone has everything! Lost and Found is out of control.
2. Help to clean the camp. Better yet, make the students clean it up.
3. Make sure if a student has made commitments at camp, then there is follow up on their commitments.

