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Summer Camp Chaplain Job Description

General information:
Serving as camp chaplain in summer camp is a unique opportunity. It will enrich the lives of many campers as well as the life of the chaplain during their days at summer camp. The exclusive purpose is to be a *real* chaplain, serving people of all faiths—not to be a Scoutmaster, a camp or program director, a merit badge counselor, a medic, a commissioner, or an administrative or maintenance worker. It is an opportunity for a chaplain to use skills, abilities, hobbies, special interests, and previous Scouting background to get close to the campers and staff.

The chaplain reports to the camp director.

Primary Responsibilities:
1. Be a recognized presence in the life of the camp.
2. Assume responsibility for the religious life of the camp.
3. Counsel campers and staff.
4. Promote the religious emblems program of all religious groups.
5. Be the liaison between the camper and the home religious leader.
6. Help build camp morale. Visit the sick at the camp health lodge, and assist with emergencies and personal problems relating to deaths, accidents, etc., from the camp to parents, guardians, or relatives and provide support for them.
7. Provide worship services and foster an interfaith spirit in camp.
8. Help Scout leaders handle behavior problems, as requested.
9. Know the aims and methods of Scout camping.
10. Visit each unit regularly and offer services as appropriate.
11. Help foster positive relations among camp staff.
12. Establish a good rapport with the camp director.
13. Work closely with the council relationships committee

Specific duties:
The chaplain's specific duties include the following.
- Provide an adequate spiritual counseling service.
- Help youth, leaders, and staff members grow in their relationship to God and to fellow campers.
- Help foster high moral standards among all members of the camp community.
- Develop interest among youth in participating in the religious emblems program for their respective faiths.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Camp Director.
- Deliver emergency messages and console recipients.
- Make the camp director aware of special needs and concerns within the camp community.

This Camp Chaplain must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America

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