

Bethelwoods Summer Staff Training

The college age young adults that Bethelwoods hires to run the summer camping program go through an intensive two week training program of long days as well as background checks before the campers arrive. Listed below are some of the components of that staff training. We ask as you look through this list that you remember these very committed Christian men and women as they care for the youth of our Presbyteries and surrounding communities.

- **Mission & Ministry**
 - Who we are & why we do this thing called camping
 - What Presbyterians Believe –Mark Verdrey
- **Paper party** – Filling out employment forms, W-4, I-9, etc.
- **First Aid/CPR**
 - Certification training
 - How to deal with and care for first aid issues at camp
- **Challenge Course Training**
 - How to instruct & utilize comments of the Challenge Course, high course training, experiential education, initiative training, group building and teamwork
- **Curriculum Development & Implementation**
 - Taking Curriculum Draft and making the theme their own, as a staff, a day by day study component additions
- **Leading Bible Studies**
 - How to...
 - age specific
- **Archery Instruction**
 - Safety, instruction and implementation of Archery
- **Waterfront & Watercraft Safety**
 - Safety, instruction and implementation of the water front, boats, and the surrounding area, Canoe training, rescues and assists
 - Pool expectations, backboard procedures, night swims, shower house control,
 - Documentation
- **Kitchen Familiarization**
 - DHEC - health and sanitation
 - Staff- kitchen procedures and dish room procedures
- **Vehicle use and Safety**
 - Safety, instruction and implementation of the vehicles of Bethelwoods per ACA regulations, transporting campers, vehicle care, etc.
- **Worship, Campfire, and Music**
 - How to... Learn and teach songs, leading styles in worship, age appropriate teaching. Creative worship, Labyrinth,
- **Arts & Crafts**
 - How to...Crafts for resident camp, day camp and Camp In A Van
- **Games – Leading & Types**
 - How to...Field games, night games, rainy day games, Camp In A Van, Day Camp, All Camp big games

- **Camp-In-A-Van Procedures**
 - Safety, instruction and implementation of the Camp-In-A-Van Program
- **Cleaning Overview**
 - How to...
- **Sexual Conduct / Misconduct**
 - Staff Moral and ethical Expectations
- **Child Protective Services**
 - An overview of CPS and the system that protects our children and our responsibility to that system
 - discipline procedures and policies
- **Staff Policy Manual**
 - Staff Expectations, bullying, bedwetting, communication, homesickness, registration procedures, and much more.
- **Accountability (pinch / crunch)**
 - Training on how to work and live in community
- **Staff Sharing**
 - Getting to know our bothers and sisters in Christ
- **Fire Starting / Outdoor Cooking**
 - Safety, instruction and implementation of the outdoor skills
- **Blood Borne Pathogens**
 - What they are and how to deal with them
- **ACA Policies & Procedures**
 - American Camping Association Standards and what they mean to the program at Bethelwoods
- **Health Care / Standing Orders**
 - What they are and how to follow them
- **Guest Services**
 - Overview and understanding of the other components at Bethelwoods
- **Risk Management**
 - (How to Deal with)
 - Camper Discipline
 - Fires, tornado, severe thunder storms
 - Lost Children
 - Intruders
 - General safety awareness
 - rational decision making
 - Incident/Accident reports
- **Child Developmental Stages**
 - An Overview for understanding
- **Spiritual Developmental Stages**
 - An Overview for understanding
- **Personality Traits/Emotional Intelligence**
 - An Overview for understanding
- **Nature Studies**
 - A little of the flora and fauna of Bethelwoods and living with creation