

Who's Who at Camp Adventure

Executive Director

Rick VanVorst

In charge of overall organizational operations. Oversees policy & procedures, assigns and supervises Camp Director and Assistant Camp Director.

Camp Director

Responsible for overall daily operation of Camp Adventure related to staffing, programming and safety in conjunction with the ACD

Assistant Camp Director

Responsible for first aid service, handling emergencies, supervision of camp health safety and sanitation. Works closely with Camp Director in staff oversight.

Activity Leaders

Plan, coordinate, and implement specialized programs (Sports, Science & Nature, Arts & Crafts, and Performance Arts)

Counselors

Plan and implement daily activities, responsible for overall supervision of campers.

Aquatics Director/WSI

Responsible for onsite operation of waterfront including implementing swim lessons, boating, maintaining safety standards and direct supervision of lifeguards. Has the authority to direct all camp waterfront staff and campers on the waterfront.

Lifeguards

Responsible for implementing swim lessons under the direction of the WSI, maintaining safety of swimmers and the waterfront area. Enforces waterfront rules and safety guidelines.

Food Service Coordinator

Responsible for administering breakfast and lunch to campers in compliance with state and local regulations.

Taking Care of Camp Adventure

Fires are allowed only with explicit permission from Camp Director or Assistant Director. Counselors must get prior permission to have a camp fire and must follow all safety precautions as outlined during orientation.

Lifejackets must be worn by every single boater (including lifeguards)

Bathrooms must be kept clean.

- Trash in pails
- Flushed toilets
- Soap and paper products stocked

Closed-Toed Shoes must be worn at all times (except at waterfront)

Garbage must be placed in bins and all bins emptied daily and brought to dumpster

Off Limit Areas include Kitchen, the steep banks, off the trails of the woods, waterfront when closed.

Program Areas should be left neater than you found it. Please make sure all equipment is put away properly, that there is no garbage or belongings left behind.

What a Camper Expects of Their Counselor

- To be patient
- To be genuinely interested in me
- To never expect too much or too little of me
- To have a good sense of humor and to laugh...lots
- To never be sarcastic with me
- To know who I am and what my name is
- To be broad minded
- To show no partiality
- To never argue with other staff, at least not in front of me
- To like being at camp
- To like kids
- To listen to me
- To help me when I need it
- To know when to offer help, suggestions, constructive criticism and when to wait
- To have very high standards
- To know what you are doing, or to say so if you don't
- To be honest at all times
- To never make fun of me or belittle my ideas, either in front of me or behind my back

- To know lots of things, like the best spot to find frogs, how to get knots out of shoelaces, how to make a fishing pole, how to make me laugh when I am sad, and most important, how to have fun
 - To never use inappropriate language...EVER
 - To always be consistent
 - To tell me when I have done well – preferably daily
 - To be there when I need help or protection
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Your First Responsibility

For many children (and perhaps you, too) camp is an awesome experience in a brand new and strange setting. Remember it takes time for campers to become accustomed to new surroundings. Have patience and encourage all of your campers.

Your first responsibility is to your campers. The safety and welfare are our primary concern. Get to know your campers and the staff working with you. All may not appeal to you equally, but each one expects the same thing of you. Those things are trust and respect. Believe in each camper even if s/he does not measure up to all of your expectations.

Secondly, try to make your group a democracy. While it is important to have structured activities it is also important to allow the members to have their voices be heard. You may wish to give them a couple of different choices of how to go about their activities. Be prepared with more than one idea!

Third, adhere to the camp policies and procedures. They are for the health and safety of everyone. Many are mandated by the State and County Health Department, as well as BGCSORENSCO and BGCA. They are necessary for the smoother and safer running of a camp.

Fourth, respect your fellow staff members. Courtesy goes a long way. Remember that each person has her special job responsibility and is trying to do the best job possible. Be friendly to your co workers and remember that we are all following the same camp rules.

Fifth, have fun yourself! Your enthusiasm carries over to the campers. If members see that you are excited about an activity they will be excited also. Remember that your personal conduct will be a model for some, therefore be the best example you can be each day.