

Effective Youth Ministry Free Resource

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Camp Parents

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CAMP PARENTS

Why have camp parents?

Provide role models to the young people of older Christians.

Protect the reputation of the youth ministry with the presence of older Christians.

Provide assistance to leaders with supervision of young people.

Support and encourage the leaders as they run the camp.

Provide assistance in case of emergency.

What do camp parents do?

The level of involvement of the camp parents on a camp will depend on the personalities of the camp parents themselves. All spiritual activities and meals will require the camp parents' attendance. They will not be expected to be involved in strenuous activities if they are not so inclined however their presence is appreciated.

- *Assist leaders in the event of an emergency.* This could include: calling emergency services, contacting church leaders and parents, in less urgent cases driving a camper to a see a local doctor, assisting those in charge with any other needs. It is advisable for the camp parents to have a copy of emergency parent/guardian phone contact details.
- *Supervision.* During leaders meeting the young people will need supervision. (If you have your leaders' meeting in the late afternoon, you may wish to have the youth in prayer groups (see free resource: Camp Schedule). The camp parents can make sure everything runs smoothly during this time.

Other important information:

Camp parents will always have their own separate room.

There may be times when the houseparent may feel they are not doing much - that is OK. They need to continue to communicate with the camp leaders as to how much they want to be involved.

Criteria for choosing and approving camp parents should be based on the approval of your church leadership. Camp parents should be regular members of your church, good examples for the youth of older Christian believers and considered trustworthy by your church minister. All adults attending your camp (in any capacity) should meet the criteria of your church's child protection protocol.

OTHER RESOURCES FOR CAMPING:

See also, "Camp schedule" in "Free Resources" at effectivelyouthministry.com

See also, "Camp preparation" in "Free Resources" at effectivelyouthministry.com

See also, "Hot tips for camp cooks" in "Free Resources" at effectivelyouthministry.com

See also, "Tips for running a discussion group" in "Free Resources" at effectivelyouthministry.com

See also, "Powerpoint: End of day Compline" in "Free Resources" at effectivelyouthministry.com