2025 YOUTH CAMP STAFF TRAINING WORKBOOK

Please print out this training packet. Fill in the blanks using the Staff Manuel and following along during the mandatory Staff Zoom Training/Video. You must bring your completed & signed packet and turn it in on the first day of the camp(s) you are working.



The Church of God in Ohio Youth Camp Philisophy

We Do At Camp
Is For The
and the
The Church of God in Ohio Youth Camp Mission Our Youth Camp Mission flows out of our Camp Philosophy, and is based on 1 Peter 4:11 and Luke 2:52.
If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ , to who belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:11 (NKJV)
And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Luke 2:52 (NIV)
Our Camp Mission is to: Bring Glory to God We seek to accomplish this by: campers to God - Evangelism campers about God and his word - Discipleship a Godly life before the campers - Mentoring campers to God - Worship campers to their in the body of Christ - Enfolding
Bring Benefit to the Campers We seek to accomplish this by: Providing activities and environments which initiate and encourage growth in each of the following realms of human development.
 Wisdom/
The Church of God in Ohio Youth Camp Goal
Our Goal is to make camp

Portrait of an Effect Youth Camp Staff Member

nonestly, and actually knows how to have clean wholesome fun with young people.
Awho places the welfare and best interests of campers above his/her own personal convenience.
Awho is congenial, proactive, and demonstrates good common sense to avoid offenses and resolve conflicts.
Awho is self-motivated and is able to get kids nvolved in having fun when the program is not what it should be.
Awho takes charge immediately upon the first sign of any-thing that could result in the harm or injury of another.
Awho makes a deliberate commitment to put the overall success of camp ahead of individual preference and comfort.
Awho accepts responsibility cheerfully, respects rules nighly, and uses the chain of command appropriately.
10 Commandments For Youth Camp Workers
1. Make the campers your in Youth Camp.
2. Show your excitement/enthusiasm for Youth Camp by
3. Treat campers with Christian love and respect.
1. Praise good behavior
5 from practical jokes, sacrilegious clowning and horseplay.
6. Hear the matter making a decision.
7. Always maintain control in an emergency.
3. Do not impose your on campers.
3. Do not impose your on campers. 9. Never camp rules to gain popularity with campers.

Protect Your Reputation and the Reputation of the Camp

Camp Staff must do everything possible to	the testimony of Chri	st, the camp, and
themselves. Therefore, a staff member must	even the	of evil. The
greatest tool for making a difference in the lives of o		
area of potential danger. Camp staff must guard ag		
sometimes have a tendency to fantasize and exagg		
to all persons at camp in a manner that honors God		
guidelines must be followed at all times during yout		racton rine renewing
galdelines must be followed at all times during your	Troding.	
1. Camp maintains a for both	and to be	in their living quarters
Under circumstances are men and women		
		ig quarters.
3. No of any kinda. Do not be in a / place w	ith a camper If a camper a	eke to talk privately
walk with them to a place that is in plain view of oth		
the worker can reassure the camper that no one wil		
5. Be cautious in campers. An appro		
plain view, can be meaningful. This same level of ca	aution should be exercised	in touching campers
while praying with them.		
6. It is best for a worker of the sex to coun		conversations with a
camper. Conversation with the Camp Pastor is the	•	
7 from verbally or physically	campers. Do not	campers to
verbally or physically tease one another.		
8. Be sure to spread your to all car		
Each child is special and needs your guidance and	•	-
group at the beginning of the week explaining your		
prevent future problems. If one camper tries to mon	•	•
ask them if they remember your goal of trying to be	there for everyone. Explain	i to them that they can
help you by spending time with others, too.		
9. If a camper behaves as if he or she is becoming		
Take steps to dive	ert some of this camper's tir	me away from you. By
letting the Head Cabin Leader know and attempting	to remedy the situation, the	e worker can show that
he/she and camp leaders were acting responsibly in	າ case an accusation is ma	de.
10. Do not sit or lie on a campers Do no	t allow campers to sit or lie	on your
11. Extreme caution must be exercised in regard to	the bathrooms/shower-hou	ses. Be diligent in
protecting your as well as the privac	y of the	Dress and undress
discretely. Allow campers to have privacy in dressin		
12. Campers are on/in golf cart		s. The exception will
be if a camper is injured and is being transported to	or by the camp medical pe	ersonnel, or by staff in
an camp capacity.		•
13. If a camper needs to be taken off the camp grou	unds for any reason, the Sta	ate Director must be
notified and a staff member of the sex sh		
14. It is the responsibility of	ate bunk area must be kep	t clean. neat. and free
of clutter at all times.		
15. Camp staff should never discuss their	or interpersonal pr	oblems with or in the
presence of a camper. Use the	if there is	a grievance. This helps
presence of a camper. Use the keep camp morale from being compromised.		

Team Work and Chain of Command

in order to accomplish t	nis mission, all members of the	e camp staπ must:
and	their job assignment	. (Job Descriptions)
	of responsibility within their job as of camp represents a breakdown	•
and	the camp chain of command	(org chart)
Be, enabling the staff to functi		with all other staff,

Camp is like a puzzle...unless it stays together it doesn't make sense. If just one piece is missing, the puzzle is incomplete. A successful camp involves many people cooperating as a team for the overall good of the ministry.

Guidelines, policies, and job descriptions are essential for reasons that may not be apparent at first glance. Each policy has a legitimate purpose and is necessary for the overall well-being of camp. Details are essential to successfully minister to large groups of young people.

Camp staff members are part of a ministry team. This requires everyone's cooperation. Individual team members help make camp successful by listening, showing concern, and creating a feeling of acceptance for each camper. If the entire team follows basic guidelines, they cultivate freedom for this ministry to exist in a safe, sound, and productive environment. Guidelines work for us - they really are our friends.

ZOOM TRAINING - PART 2

The Church of God in Ohio Youth Camp Policies
(It is vital that you read the Church of God in Ohio Youth Camp Manual. The policies addressed in these training videos are covered in greater depth in the manual.)

Pre-Camp Staff Orientation/Training camp staff must participate in pre-camp training. Any exceptions due to emergency must be approved by the State Youth and Discipleship Director. Such exceptions will be made on an extremely limited basis.
The purpose of the training session is two-fold: (1) to workers in the policies, protocols and procedures of camp and their respective areas of assigned service, and (2) to the workers spiritually to work with campers.
Each staff member's completed fill-in-the-blanks training materials form must be turned in to the beginning of the first camp worked each year.
Campers at Pre-Camp Sessions 1. No campers should arrive at camp registration on the first day of camp. 2. If workers coming for the staff meeting must bring campers with them, the campers will be required to stay in a area until begins. 3. During this time, campers are the direct of the person with whom they arrive.
Parent-Child Relationships When Both are in Camp 1. At times, parents and their children attend the same camps. Unless, it is usually not best for a parent to serve as their own child's Cabin Leader. 2. In either case, parents are not permitted to interfere with normal camp in regard to their child.
Staff Meetings 1. A staff meeting will be held or as needed. Information brings cooperation. 2 staff members will attend the daily staff meeting. If needed, the Head Cabin Leaders will arrange an alternate schedule in order to supervise campers during this time. 3. The purpose of staff meetings is to and any problems relating to camp, such as discipline, spiritual problems, etc., and to inform the staff about the day's activities. A time will also be given for prayer and meditation. 4. Any discussion of grievances or problems will be considered and should be confined to staff meetings. Under no circumstances are grievances or problems to be discussed with campers.
Personal Conduct and Hygiene 1. All staff should be an example in personal and 2. Cabin Leaders are responsible for conduct and hygiene. 3. One of the goals of our camp is to establish sound health habits and promote cleanliness, adequate rest, proper diet, wholesome exercise, and to develop good attitudes toward the body as being God's 4. Positively no use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs is permitted by or campers. 5. All campers and are expected to adhere to a standard of modesty and decency in their camp attire. The official camp dress code will be enforced by the camp administration. The staff is required to set the
camper will be checked for head lice before being allowed to check in to his/her room. This process will be handled discreetly and professionally. However, anyone with head lice or nits will not be to camp. After leaving campus and being treated for lice, a camper may return for a recheck. If the recheck finds no lice or nits the camper may be admitted to camp. If lice or nits are found during recheck the student will not be eligible for admission to camp during the current camp season. Church of God in Ohio will provide for nor perform treatment for lice/nits. It is recommended each camper be checked before leaving home.
Attendance at Activities, Classes and Worship Services 1 campers and staff members are expected to attend all worship services. 2. All campers and Cabin Leaders will remain in all classes and worship services until Only authorized personnel are permitted to leave before dismissal. 3 campers and designated Cabin Leaders will attend all scheduled classes and activities.

4. Any absence of a	must be cleared with their respective	/e Head Cabin Leader.
	must be cleared with th	
6. Any	of any other staff member must be cleared wi	th their area coordinator or the Camp
Coordinator.		
Boy - Girl Relations	-	
	uth Camps encourage a healthy relationship of	and courteousness
among all campers a		
	luct is expected of campers and staff.	
3. All	_ must remain within lighted areas.	
4. All campers and st	taff must use walking yed in the girls' area, and girls are not allo	paths.
Boys are not allow	ed in the girls' area, and girls are not allo	wed in the boys' area.
6. Even though a hea	althy boy-girl relationship is good, it should not at an	y time either camper from
	njoying regular camp activities.	
7. All are t	o abide by the same guidelines as campers during	pre-camp sessions and camp itself.
8. At no time should	l a worker let his/her friendliness with others becor	ne a hindrance to fulfilling his/her camp
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9. Staff are strictly	from engaging in any type of	romantic relationship with campers. (In
	mp staff can be charged with a crime for having a ro	
18 years of age.)		·
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Campers and Staff	•	
	f member will be at liberty to leave the campground	
	necessary to leave the grounds, the proper chain of	
Coordinator or State	Youth Director must authorize excursions off	campus.
3. No one will be given	ven to leave the grounds with	nout administration knowing specifically
	plans to go and when he/she intends to return.	
4. Should a parent	come, send for, or authorize a camper to leave	camp, the proper check out procedure
be follow		
Use of Vehicles		
	are to be parked in designated areas d	
	s are not allowed to personal vehice	
-	approved by the State Youth and Discipleship Direc	•
	uth and Discipleship Director, the Camp Coordinate	
	_ to use private vehicles on the Conference Cente	er during camp.
Clean-Up Policy		
	A staff mambara are expected to econorate in keepi	ng their individual reams neet and clean
	I staff members are expected to cooperate in keepi	-
	operate when asked to work in cleaning the restroo	ms and general areas of the dorm, other
buildings, and ground		. I P 6 (I) (I) I . C
2. Athletic Directors,	Recreation Staff, etc. are for the	cleanliness of the athletic areas.
	al activities for each respective area on the last day	
	g of the campground. This final clean up will be initi	ated and supervised by the Head Cabin
Leaders.		
_	aning and maintenance of staff rooms will be the	e of the Area
Supervisors working	with the Camp Coordinator.	
Cafataria Policy		
Cafeteria Policy	utherized nersens are negritted in the kit	ahan araa
-	uthorized persons are permitted in the kit	chen area.
	ough-housing is allowed in the cafeteria.	be at the band of the line when fulfilling a
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	is not permitted. Staff members are allowed to l	
-	ity. In this case, they should be there before the ser	ving line is formed and should not break
	ady moving unless it is absolutely necessary.	and an annulated The control of
	of food will be only after first serving	ngs are completed. The goal of camp is
•	sufficient food without any of it being wasted.	
	utensils may not be taken from the cafeteria with	out proper from
the Cafeteria Coording	nator or Head Cook.	

Concessions and Camp Store Policy 1. Only personnel will be permitted inside the Concessions and Camp Store areas.
2. The general schedule for the opening of Concessions and Camp Store is as follows: a) during the morning break, b) during afternoon activities, c) after evening services. Everyone is expected to for all items consumed.
3. The opening and closing of the Concession Stand and Camp Store will to the Daily Camp Schedule.
4. All staff members will be issued a \$ card at the beginning of camp. All workers should present their card for all purchases.
Discipline 1. In the event of violations of camp rules, it is the responsibility of the Cabin Leaders and Head Cabin Leaders to handle these violations with love and prayer. Disciplinary action might include such methods as removal of privileges (loss of swim time, etc.), minor work details (sweeping floors, mopping, picking up trash, etc.), but in no case will it include punishment. 2. All disciplinary action is the responsibility of the Board of Directors. 3. Under circumstances shall a camper be deprived of food, isolated, or subjected to corporal punishment or abusive physical exercise as a means of punishment.
Sending a Camper Home 1. Every effort will be made to make camp enjoyable and to retain all campers for the duration of 2. In the event a camper is to leave camp (due to disciplinary action, homesickness, emergency, etc.), he/she will be permitted to leave the campground with his/her parent or legal guardian, pastor, or someone specifically designated by the parent or legal guardian. The camper's Cabin Leader should make a full report (including date, time, reason for dismissal and the person with whom the camper leaves) to the Head Cabin Leader, who will then report to the Camp Coordinator prior to the camper's departure. Personal follow-up will be the responsibility of the Camp Coordinator. 3. No camper will be kept at camp against his/her Any camper desiring to leave camp must be properly checked out according to the check out procedures.
Swimming Pool Policy 1. All campers and staff must be properly covered when going to and from the pool. Shoes or sandals must be worn to protect feet from sharp objects. 2. Campers are permitted to enter the pool area unless lifeguards are present and in their proper position. 3. The lifeguard is the authority while on duty at the pool. All instructions from the lifeguard regarding pool, pool area, and swimming activities are to be adheared to by both and 4. The lifeguard is to be treated with respect by both campers and staff. Staff must be conscious at all times. 5. All rules posted at the swimming pool apply to campers and staff. 6. No boys are in the pool area while girls are swimming, and vice versa. This applies to both and 7. There will be horse-play in the swimming pool area, such as running, pushing, throwing others in the
7. There will be horse-play in the swimming pool area, such as running, pushing, throwing others in the pool, or wrestling. This includes the staff. Violations will result in the revocation of swimming privileges. 8 cameras/cell phones are allowed in the pool area, except during water baptism.
 Medication medication, for both campers and staff, must be turned into the Camp Medical Personnel at registration. medication, for both campers and staff, will be administered only by the Camp Medical Personnel. Prescriptions must be clearly labeled in their prescription container. Campers and staff should bring only the exact amount needed for their time at camp.
Areas Off Limits 1. All buildings, and wooded areas not directly involved with the camping program are, unless authorized by the proper personnel. 2. Unauthorized persons are not permitted in the Camp Office, Nurse's Station, Concession Stand, Camp Store or the Kitchen. Please be cooperative and set a good for others to follow. 3. No one is to be near the pool at any time unless there is a scheduled event and proper supervision. A certified lifeguard must be

Telephone Calls 1. Since camp only lasts a few days, campers do not need to make or accept calls unless an emergency arises. 2. A Cabin Leader be present if it becomes necessary for a camper to call home. Campers need close supervision, because they sometimes will exaggerate circumstances and camp treatment when they are homesick. A designated leader should talk with the parent personally, giving assurance of our care for their child. The designated leader must have the of the Camp Coordinator prior to making any phone calls.
Golf Carts/Four-Wheelers 1. Only adults are to use the golf carts/four wheelers. No campers are to be on golf carts/four wheelers at any time. 2. Camp Medical Personnel (CMP) will be assigned a designated golf cart. This cart will be for the use of the CMP in the course of his/her official duties. 3. Staff members must be at least years of age and have a valid drivers license. 4 alterations or modification shall be made to rental or borrowed equipment.
Cell Phone Policy Campers allowed to bring cell phones to camp. The camper assumes ALL liability for their cell phone while at camp. There will be certain times during the day and certain areas of campus where cell phone use will not be permitted. Any camper who takes a compromising picture of another camper or staff member will be subject to dismissal from camp and the incident may result in investigation by law enforcement and criminal charges. If the law is broken, the appropriate authorities will be notified. Headphones and/or earbuds are allowed at camp. In the event a camper disregards this policy, camp staff may confiscate the phone until the end of camp.
Use of Handheld Radios/Walkie Talkies Handheld Radios are the source of communication between Team Leaders while at camp. Radios are generously provided by the camping program and should be cared for to ensure future use. Radios should be turned on for the duration of Youth Camp. Volumes may be appropriately adjusted during sleeping hours, but radios must be able to broadcast emergency information 24/7. Replacement batteries are available in the camp office. Radios must me used for official camp business Because sleeping patterns will vary from day to day and from person to person (for example Kitchen Staff is usually in bed by 10pm.) DO NOT broadcast songs or other unnecessary information at lights out or morning wake up.
Violence Policy Violence, in all of its forms, is at the Church of God in Ohio Youth Camps.
Youth Camp Security and Visitors Policy Church of God in Ohio will provide 24- hour security with a full-time Coordinator and Safety Team.
Church of God in Ohio Youth Camp will be a closed camp with no allowed.
Weapons of all types, including, but not linited to: firearms, explosives, bow & arrows, cross bows, knives, swords, blowguns & darts are on campus at youth camp. General camp personnel, even those with a valid CCW permit, are to carry weapons on campus during youth camp. The exception will be designated security personnel and designated executive staff. All non-designated staff members who possess a weapon on campus, even for CCW purposes, must place the weapon out of sight and securely in a automobile. Amunition must be stored and secured in a location within the locked automobile. The presence of firearms and/or live ammunition in any camp dwelling used for housing students is strictly
Youth Camp Reporting Policy In the state of Ohio, any person acting in locus parentis of a child, which includes, should assume they are responsible for reporting any information a child tells them that comes under the categories of

abuse and/or neglect. (Based on Ohio Revised Code 2151.421 Reporting child abuse or neglect)

ZOOM TRAINING - PART 3

Code of Conduct

1. All Campers will be under the	of their Cabin Leader at all times.
2. Cell phones allowed in designated only. The Church of God in Ohio is not responsi MP3 players, or other electronic devices broug brought to camp are brought at the full risk of the	ble for cell phones, iPads, cameras, tht to camp. Any of the above items
3. Alcohol, tobacco, ecigs/vaping devices, ill	
left with the camp medical personnel.	
4 fireworks, lighters, firearms, knives light, or other weapons are allowed.	, items capable of projecting laser
5. Violence, in all of it's forms, is	at the Church of God in Ohio Youth
6 campers are expected to attend the Head Cabin Leader.	_ camp activities unless excused by
7. All and must adh clothing deemed immodest or inappropriate allowed at camp. The following guidelines show RECREATION: Bring play clothes (no tank to shorts of modest length are allowed); swimsuit to wear one-piece suits); and athletic shoes. FOR EVENING WORSHIP (HS & MS Camps Colothing considered appropriate for normal S worship/youth group should be worn to youth a God by presenting oneself before him as prepared.	for particular activities will not be ald be observed: ps, strapless tops or halter tops — and cover-up (girls are encouraged Only): unday evening and/or Wednesday camp evening worship. This honors
8 at camp will be expected to clean. Dorm rooms will be inspected daily.	help keep the grounds and facilities
9. All automobiles are to remain parked until ca leave the grounds without special permission from campers and staff.	mp is No one may om the Camp Director. This includes
10. No camper is to be out of their dorm	"lights out" or "rise & shine."
(Any breach of proper conduct or disregard of camp Serious or repeated infractions will resu	

Youth Camp Protocols

Inclement Weather

Ligh	htening/Thunderstorm
1.	Look for the closest available
2.	campers into the building.
3.	Attempt to location to Head Cabin Leader (HCL). Await from HCL.
4.	Await from HCL.
5.	Once instructed or the storm has passed, camp schedule.
Tori	nado
1.	In the event of a Tornado, move quickly and calmly to a safe shelter
	when the command is given (safe shelter areas will be pointed out at
	orientation). Place campers away from windows and doors in seated position.
	Remember that campers will be affected by your attitude and demeanor, so
	remain upbeat and positive.
2.	Direct campers from windows and doors and have them get in a
	seated position.
3.	Make sure campers are accounted for.
4.	Close doors; outside, hallway, lobby, and dorm rooms.
5.	Await from HCL.
	oding the cituation to determine the leastion, course, and direction of rigins
1.	the situation to determine the location, source, and direction of rising
2	waters.
2.	Look for an route leading to higher/dry ground.
3.	campers to higher/dry ground.
4.	HCL to report flood and give your location.
5.	Await until further from HCL.
	Building Fire
1.	Assess the of the fire.
2.	campers out of the building via an escape route farthest from the fire.
3.	Alert others of the fire by
4.	Assemble the campers in a group in an area at least from the building
	that is on fire.
5.	Make sure all campers are for.
6.	Communicate to the Head Cabin Leader (HCL):
	1. That there is a fire in the building.
	2. That you have your cabin with all campers accounted for in
	(location). instructions from the HCL.
7.	instructions from the HCL.
	Injury
1.	Assess the injury and provide necessary rescue.
2.	Send/call for help from (HCL) and camp medical personne
3.	Render 1st Aid and comfort care as needed and as you are trained, able, and equipped
	medical personnel arrive.
4.	Provide medical personnel with all you have regarding the person and the
	injury.
5.	Move by-standers away from the injured person to a at a distance
	away.

	Illness	
1.	Assess the situation seeking to determine the level of need. Provide	
	necessary rescue.	
2.	Send for/call the (HCL) and Camp Medical	
	Personnel (CMP).	
3.	Provide to the sick person until the CMP arrives.	
4.	Provide all you have regarding the and the	
_	to the CMP.	
5.	Move other campers from the sick camper and from any bodily fluids	
•	discharged from the sick camper.	
6.	Clean up or camp maintenance/janitorial staff in showing where cleanup is needed.	
7.	Provide HCL with an incident	
	Violence	
1.	Assess the situation and determine, to the best of your ability, the source and degree of the	
	and what is necessary to bring an to the violent act.	
2.	Physically intervene, using force, to end the immediate act of violence. The k	
	to reasonablness is that it is not justifiable to use a greater degree of force than is necessary	
	or you have yourself committed a criminal act of assault.	
3.	Send for/call the Head Cabin Leader (HCL) and the Area Coordinator.	
4.	Move non-involved campers away from the immediate area where the	
	violence occurred/is occurring.	
5.	Work to restore and maintain order until the HCL and area coordinator	
	arrives.	
6.	Call the Camp Medical Personnel if needed to treat injuries or provide	
_	medical assistance.	
7.	The HCL or Area Coordinator will call the Camp Violence Response Team (CVRT) to	
_	the location of the violence as soon as it is possible.	
8.	Provide any and all information for an incident so that the CVRT can fu	
	investigate the incident of violence and take necessary steps to deal with it.	
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	nio online youth camp staff training videos in their entiriety. I also certify that the answers above	
are t	he result of my having followed along with the videos and filled in the blanks according to the	
infor	mation provided in the videos.	