



Living River Summer Camp Chaplain Job Description

Thank you for volunteering your time, energy, and love to provide leadership and faith formation for our campers during Summer Camp

Theme and Curriculum- Living River uses the theme and curriculum created for summer camps by InsideOut. The Small Group Manual will be made by Living River for counselors to implement and will be provided to the chaplains so they can develop their plans knowing what the campers will experience during their small group time.

Chaplain Leadership Responsibilities- Summer Camp Chaplains help counselors and campers lead morning chapel and nightly campfire evening devotions.

- **Morning Chapel:** The Chaplain leads a short message, story, or activity after the Scripture reading. Counselors lead the rest of chapel as described in the Small Group manual. Camper volunteers may also be recruited to help with morning chapel leadership. Chaplains are welcome to work with counselors to implement any creative ideas or recruit additional camper leadership during morning chapel. A songbook of familiar songs is below. Counselors will lead the music, but chaplains are welcome to communicate any specific requests ahead of time.
- **Evening Devotion:** Each evening at the campfire, the chaplains provide a brief devotion on the day's theme and experiences before campfire singing. This has taken the form of stories, skits, meditative exercises, etc.
 - On the last night of camp, we have candlelight communion around the campfire. If you're a pastor, we would like you to preside over this.
 - If not, Living River staff will preside and you are welcome to help serve if you are an ordained deacon or elder.

Pastoral Care- Life together at camp reflects the Iona Community's belief that worship is "all that we are and all that we do." Summer Camp staff, leadership, and adult volunteers are all encouraged to model for the campers Christian ideals through your living at camp. Have a joyful, flexible attitude, be thoughtful and engaged with activities and with those who might need care, jump in and help when able, etc.

Campers will be most interested in learning from and modeling after their counselors. **All other adults present are teachers to campers but are also teachers and support to the counselors. The counselors need our encouragement and wisdom.** Affirm them when you see them doing something good, encourage them when they seem stuck or tired, and offer advice and support if something difficult with campers occurs. Development of our counselors is also a ministry of Living River!