



Crossways Day Camp

Dear Host Family –

Our week of Crossways Day Camp is coming quickly. The planning team would like to thank you for volunteering to house the counselors and also let you know a little bit more about your role during the week.

Thank you for opening your home to the Crossways Day Camp Team. We are really looking forward to a great week of Day Camp and know the Crossways staff will bring enthusiasm to our congregation. You'll find that housing the counselors is a fun job. They are excited to get to know you and your family and are excited to share their stories.

Crossways gives us some general guidelines for host homes. These guidelines are put in place to give the counselors a safe and restful place to sleep. Please let us know if any of these guidelines will be a problem.

- Each counselor housed in your home should have their own sleeping space.
- The counselors may be housed in the same room granted they are of the same gender
- Counselors should *not* be housed in same room as your child(ren)
- Environmental allergies are on the rise. Please alert the Day Camp planning team if you have pets or if someone smokes in your home. We may need to find alternative housing if this is the case.

A few more notes:

- The Crossways Counselors will arrive Sunday night. They will be at the church for an evening meeting to prepare for the week.
- Share with the counselors your household rules related to snacks, meal times, computer use, internet use, and laundry.
- Let them know how they can help with household tasks and point out any off-limit areas.
- The counselors' day begins with an 8:30 am meeting at church. The staff will leave your home early in order to prepare for the day.
- The counselors will be attending activities in the evenings so they will review their plans with you each day. They are given a 10:30 curfew by the camp director. You need not police this but it's important for you to know the expectations of the staff.
- The counselors leave following the Closing Program on Friday. They will plan to pack up and say their good-byes Friday morning when they leave for Day Camp.
- Counselors are not allowed to have any alcoholic beverages no matter how old they are or how comfortable you may be with this.

- Typically the host home provides breakfast for the counselors. They don't need elaborate meals...cereal and bagels make a great breakfast.
- Church will be in contact with you regarding how lunch and dinner meals will be handled.
- Occasionally there is a vegetarian counselor. You will be alerted of this as soon as we know. These counselors are used to being in host homes so please don't panic...extra starches and vegetables will work just fine for the week. Other great options include spaghetti without the meat, pizza, tacos, sub-sandwiches.

Thank you again for providing a home away from home for these faith-filled counselors. You will find them to be great role models for your children, a resource for family devotions and prayer, and an enthusiastic addition to your family.

Thank you,

The Day Camp Planning Team