



Crossways Day Camp Digest

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What do the counselors do in the evenings?

Although the main work of the counselors is running Day Camp from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm (or so...depending on your congregation), evenings are also part of the counselors work.

Meals

Many churches choose to arrange families to host dinner meals for the counselors. The hosts do not need to be the family with whom the counselors are staying. This is a wonderful way to involve more people in Day Camp. The counselors enjoy getting to know other families of your congregation. Often, both the family and the counselors find their faith strengthened from conversations had over dinner.

Evening Programs

Some churches choose to host a youth night or intergenerational night during the week of Day Camp. Counselors are ready and willing to participate, however their work does not include running and planning the event. However, they are willing and excited to share their skills & talents, including song leading, leading Bible study, leading group building games, and playing guitar.

Examples of Evening Programs planned by your church may include:

Jr. or Sr. High Night

- Bowling and Bible Study
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Youth Group
- Service Project
- Campfire

Intergenerational Event

- Games and Bible Study
- Family service project

Thursday Night Closing program

It is customary for Thursday evening to include a closing program for families & friends of day campers. The children and counselors typically put together a program/worship service, sharing songs, skits and other things that they have done during the week. Many churches plan an ice cream social or a refreshment time following the program.

Free Night

We ask that at least one night be free of planned events (even free of "fun" activities) after dinner unless you are doing a split day camp or an evening day camp. In this case staff should have completely off during one morning or afternoon. The counselors' busy schedule during Day Camp and onsite necessitates some free time. The counselors will make their own plans as a team or as individuals. Churches do not need to schedule their time. Counselors are expected to return to their host homes by 10:30 pm on their free night (and other nights as well.)