

Florida District Kids Camp

Camp Counselor and Staff Information

The role of Camp Counselor/Staff member should not be taken lightly. This position is one of the most important influences on a child's experience at camp. When making this commitment, please realize the importance of this role. **You MUST like kids!**

We want to partner with you to provide the best experience for our campers. We will provide activities and instructions to help you along the way. Please don't hesitate to ask questions before and during camp! Remember we are all in this together for the Glory of God!

A camp counselor/staff member MUST:

UNDERSTAND THAT CAMP IS FOR THE CAMPER!

BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LOCAL CHURCH SENDING THEM!

BE SPIRITUALLY MATURE...Counselors are responsible for leading small group discussions, prayers and devotions with their campers. We don't expect you to have all the answers (we certainly don't!) but you should be spiritually grounded with a close relationship with Christ.

BE FUN AND FLEXIBLE!

COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK... Existing background checks will work as long as they are on file with your Camp Coordinator and have been completed within the last two years! If you need to file for one, you can do so here: <https://www.ministryopportunities.org/Application.aspx?oid=4845> . Your Camp Coordinator will NOT give you the CODE you need to complete Registration, without verifying your background check.

COMPLETE THE NAZ SAFE TRAINING... If you have completed your Naz Safe Training within the last two years, then you will just need your Certification of Completion and you're good to go! If you need to do this training, please do so. You can have your Camp Coordinator email Pastor Missy requesting a link to the Training, or you can complete it at your church! Either way, it is important that it's done prior to registration and camp. Your Camp Coordinator will NOT give you the CODE you need to complete Registration, without verifying Naz Safe Training Completion Status.

BE IN GOOD HEALTH...You will walk a lot! You are required to keep up with your campers and arrive on time to all activities. Please be prepared.

BE IN GOOD SPIRIT...You are expected to play games with your campers during recreation and free time. Campers rely heavily on their counselors for emotional support and guidance and will feed off of your energy. If you are a grump – they will be grumpy! If you are happy and having a good time – they will do the same! We will schedule a "rest" time for each counselor every day.

FOLLOW RULES...With fun comes rules. You will be expected to follow all rules communicated to you through the camp administration (i.e. all campers must remain with counselors, all activities are required, attire, campers cannot use your cellphone to call home, etc.). We want everyone to have a fun, memorable experience but we must all respect certain rules to ensure the safety of our campers. You are required to adhere to these rules no matter how small they seem. You are also setting a huge example for your campers on respecting authority. If you don't understand, please ask.

CELL PHONES...Counselors and Staff Members may use their cell phone Bible App or Camera in sight of the children, but must not call or text during the day or when around the children! Counselors or Staff members must not allow a camper to use their personal cell phone. If a child is homesick or ill, please notify the Nurse or Camp Directors.

CAMP HANDBOOK AND TRAINING VIDEOS...All counselors and staff members will receive and must read a copy of the Camp Handbook and watch all training videos.

CAMP COST: \$200

COUNSELOR REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- 1. Background Check & Naz Safe Training:** Verify that a *current* background check is on file with your church (within 2 years of camp date) and that you have completed your Naz Safe Training within the last two years. You will need to provide proof of both before registering (completion certificate should be filed with your Children's Pastor/Director).
 - If needed, fill out a background check online.
You can go to floridanaz.com, under Resources, click "Background Check Form for District Volunteers", or use this link:
ministryopportunities.org/Application.aspx?oid=4845
 - If you need to re-up your Naz Safe (or Ministry Safe) Training, you can have your Camp Coordinator email Pastor Missy at segotazoo@yahoo.com. You will then be sent a link to complete the training.
- 2. Deposit & Codes:** Give non-refundable \$100 deposit to your Church's Camp Coordinator. Receive Camp *Code* and Coordinator's *Email* Address (You will need this for registration)
- 3. Register:** Register online at FLNazKids.org/KidsCamp2023 under "Counselor Registration"
 - **References:** The 3 references you provide (one being your Senior Pastor) need to complete a recommendation for you. This is an online form that the district will email directly to your references.
- 4. Balance Paid in full:** Balance of camp fee due to your Church's Camp Coordinator. **(must be completed by *Monday, July 15th*)**

Registration CLOSSES at 8pm on Monday, July 15th. If we do not have your registration, you CANNOT come to camp. This is a security measure that we hope you understand, and WILL be enforced.

STAFF APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Step 1:** Verify that a *current* background check is on file. If needed, fill out a background check online. You can go to floridanaz.com, under Resources, click “Background Check Form for District Volunteers”
- Step 2:** Receive Camp Code from your Camp Coordinator (You will need this for your Application)
- Step 3:** Print and fill out Staff Application (find it at FLNazKids.org/KidsCamp2023 under “Staff Application”)
- Step 4 (must be completed by Thursday, June 1st):** Scan and email your application to Pastor Missy Segota at segotazoo@yahoo.com . Your application will be reviewed and you will be contacted if you have been selected to serve at camp this year.
- Step 5 (If accepted)** Balance of camp fee due to your Church’s Camp Coordinator by *July 15th*.

THINGS TO BRING:

Bible	Coat Hanger
Positive Attitude	Good Manners
Enthusiasm	Sweatshirt or Jacket (it may be cold in chapel)
Sun Screen	Twin Sheets or Sleeping Bag, Pillow & Blanket
Towels	Bug Spray
Wash cloth	Soap / Shampoo / Deodorant
Brush	Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Tennis Shoes	Garbage Bags for Dirty Clothes
Rain Poncho	
Any <i>prescription</i> medication you may take.	
Water Shoes (highly recommended!)	
Theme Night Costumes/Accessories	

If you can, consider bringing extra toiletries for campers who might forget theirs: travel-sized toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap and spray sun screen.

Please abide by the following guidelines for swimwear and clothing! This is the same for campers, counselors and leaders!

Girls - one piece swim suit or tankini only. Tank tops must have wide strap. No short shorts or halter tops.

Guys - swim trunks – no Speedos. No short shorts or sagging pants.

CHAPEL NIGHTS:

Monday: Favorite Superhero - Dress up like your favorite Superhero!

Tuesday: Favorite Superhero COLOR - Deck out in your color from head to toe!

Wednesday: Superhero SOCKS - Do your socks make you SUPER cool? I think so!

Thursday: Cape Night - Come ready with a dashing towel cape!

Please feel free to contact the Camp Director with any questions:

Pastor Missy Segota

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