

Expectations of Staff

Sagitawa Christian Camps

Basic Pattern for Life...

Camp Sagitawa asks our staff and Seed to remember that everything they say and do will affect the lives of campers. The basic behaviour can be summed up in two passages of Scripture.

"But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak." 1 Corinthians 8:9

"Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:12-17

Our desire is to provide an environment where your passion for Christ and your focus on ministry can be sharpened, making you more effective in ministry. If you have questions, please contact the camp office.

Alcohol, Smoking, and Non-prescription Drugs...

Please abstain from alcohol, smoking, and non-prescription drugs, during the duration of your time at Sagitawa. This includes any time away between camp sessions. If you come to camp with a habit and are hoping to break it while here, we ask that you inform us about the struggle. We are gracious, but we expect honesty and integrity.

Sexual Behaviour...

Please maintain a decent tongue while at camp, and refrain from sexual jokes and discussions. We believe that God intended sex to take place only within the context of marriage between a man and woman. Many campers come without any idea of what God wants, and can be taught these things in a wholesome way. If your lifestyle and teaching cannot reflect these beliefs, then Sagitawa is not the place for you.

Romance...

Remember that you are coming to camp to serve campers. We believe that God honours the process of courtship. God also honours intense ministry. There is a time for everything, and these two do not mix well for two reasons. First, it is unfair to your partner that the relationship is constantly interrupted by intense ministry. (Summer ministry is hard enough on married couples that already have security within their relationship.) Second, it is unfair to the camp ministry when the relationship constantly sidetracks your focus, and creates division on team.

We encourage friendship, and respect those who put desired relationships on hold for the summer. We define a romantic relationship as one where couples begin to seek each other out regularly and exclusively. We are not going to argue about whether you are doing your work, because what we seek is your focus. If we see that a relationship is affecting this focus, we will approach you as a couple and ask that it stop, or that one, or both of you leave the camp ministry immediately.

Spiritual Submission...

We expect our staff to desire Christ. Time will be given during training to spend lengthy personal time in prayer and listening to God. We also provide discipling and mentoring relationships for you to grow in Christ. We ask that you come prepared to take advantage of these opportunities with a positive outlook for what God will do in and through you this summer. (Please note that this may not apply to short term or staff brought in for other reasons. A camper's mom assisting in the kitchen for a week is not required to fit into these spiritual aspects of camp ministry.)

General...

Dress should be modest at all times. We ask female staff to wear long t-shirts over bikinis. General appearance should not draw undue attention to you.

We also want you to be aware that you are coming to a remote site. Communication and travel is not always accessible, and becomes your own expense.