

CAMP COUNSELOR'S MANIFESTO

I am a summer camp counsellor.

I believe in camp.

I believe in shorts, t-shirts and sandals.

I believe in singing at the table.

I believe everyone should know five games to play on a bus.

I believe in early morning dip (even if I don't always go).

I believe that if you play with children you will stay childlike.

I believe that camp makes a difference in every camper's life, as well as my own.

Camp is a place that I can get away from the rush of everyday life and back to the basics.

I come to camp for the campers, but also for myself.

Every camper is an individual and I need to treat them as such.

One method does not work with all campers.

I will strive to find the balance that will help me to see each camper as an individual.

And help me to give them each the summer of their lives.

I will remember my favorite counsellors and teachers.

By remembering I draw on the positives of these people to make myself into a better counsellor.

I am the most important person at camp to my campers.

My campers will watch everything that I do and say this summer.

So I want to do what is right and say what is good.

Camper see, camper do.

I need help and I will not be afraid to ask for it.

The staff want to see me succeed and will help me to do so, but only if I ask.

Camp is camp because of the people that are there.

I believe that every child should have an opportunity to attend camp at some point in their lives.

Camp is good, no camp is great

- in fact, I believe camp is the best place to be.

I believe this is going to be the best summer yet.