

# *AFL Kids' Camp*

## *Advice for Leaders and Junior Counsellors*

1. Campers always come first. Our purpose is to provide for the campers a wholesome camp experience which reflects our union and progressive values. Camp leadership is a 24-hour responsibility!
2. Leaders should try to participate fully in all activities and set an example for the campers. If you don't want to play a game, for example, set yourself up as a cheerleader or as a team manager. Sing the loudest at campfires and don't be afraid to look silly having fun. Be enthusiastic about everything – it's catching.
3. Leaders are encouraged to come to camp with ideas for songs and skits for campfire, ideas for rainy days, things to do at rest hour, ideas for decorating cabins, and a ready supply of knock-knock jokes and stunts.
4. All Leaders and Junior Counsellors will be assigned to particular groups of campers. Try to get to know them and encourage them to get to know each other.
5. Efforts will be made to ensure each person has some time away from camp responsibilities.
6. Union time will be allotted each day for both age groups. Leaders are encouraged to take part in the curriculum sessions or to co-instruct a section that they are familiar with. Please speak with the Education Director about camp curriculum.
7. Leaders and Junior Counsellors will meet daily with the Camp Director. This will be a time for share the events of the day, to talk about campers who need some extra attention, to solve any problems, and to plan the activities for the next day.
8. Alternatives for really rainy weather will include crafts, theatre, sports, videos, etc.
9. No drinking or drugs are allowed. There will be a designated area set up for smoking. Please try not to let campers see you smoking.
10. Let's recognize that things will go wrong during the week. We will learn as we go.
11. To minimize confusion, please deal with Camp staff through the AFL Camp Director.

## *Cabins and Groups*

1. Each cabin will be assigned two Cabin Leaders and a Junior Counsellor.
2. The Leaders will have primary responsibility for campers during all the non-recreational times such as getting up in the morning, cabin clean-up, meals, rest/free time, and bedtime.
3. Each camper will be assigned to one Group Leader and a Junior Counsellor. (These may or may not be the same as the Cabin assignments). The Group Leader will have primary responsibility for campers during recreational periods. They should take meals with their cabin groups.
4. Cabin and group leaders, and junior counsellors, share responsibility for the general health and safety, and enjoyment of the campers in their cabin. All should work cooperatively to ensure that campers are properly supervised.
5. Cabins will be inspected for cleanliness each morning during the curriculum session, and a report will be given at lunch. Please don't let your campers take this too seriously. However, do try to maintain a minimum level of hygiene in the cabins.

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