



Ministry Description for Venture Youth Ministry Jr. Counselors

Requirements:

- Completed Sr. High Peer Minister Course
- Will attend or has attended MEA Getaway, Sr. High Summer Festival, Mission Trip, or other retreat experience for own spiritual growth.

Expectations and Gifts Required:

1. With other adult leaders and Jr. Counselors:

- Encourage and recruit Jr. Highers to register for camp
- Set goals for Small Group Dorm Time (what do you wish to accomplish in your small group conversation?)
- Come up with small group discussion questions

2. Leading a Small Group:

- Provide a feeling of welcome and genuine care for youth participants
- Relate comfortably and get to know youth participants
- Maintain reasonable order and handle discipline as needed
- Introduce topics for discussion
- Share your faith with youth in a way that is appropriate for their age
- Lead meaningful prayer experiences
- Evaluate evening sessions

Time-commitment:

- Preparation meetings with other Adult and Jr. Counselors
- Pray for small group members before, during, and after retreat or camp experience
- Be *totally* present for duration week or weekend retreat
- Spend time before retreat learning names of small group members
- Commit to follow-up afterward with at least 2 phone calls, and a letter or email to each small group member

Important Extras:

- Get your sleep while you are at camp so that you are available and present to youth
- Connect with small group before (if possible) and after camp
- A portion of Counselor cost to be determined

Accountable To:

- Director of Youth Ministry and Jr. High Youth Minister