

EPWORTH JOB DESCRIPTION

Epworth is a ministry of the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. All staff are a part of the ministry that takes place at Epworth and are part of a team of persons, each doing different tasks and each supporting the other in a common summer camp ministry to children, youth, and adults.

POSITION: Chaplin

SUPERVISOR: Director & Resident Camp Director

QUALIFICATIONS:

- At least 18 years of age, 21 is preferred
- Understanding of and personal commitment to Christian faith
- Desire and ability to work with children, youth & adults
- Ability to accept guidance, corrective criticism & supervision
- Good character, integrity, and adaptability
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control
- Ability to teach the curriculum
- Training or experience working in a Christian organization
- Understanding or knowledge of Christian worship music

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

To help children, youth, and adults enjoy and learn about Christianity and to develop a relationship with and understanding of God and to be an example of a Christian disciple. All staff are expected to participate in camp activities including orientation, chapel, vespers, campfires, all-camp and skit-night. The Epworth Chaplain will lead activities, help plan the week events and participate fully with the sleep away programs.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To prepare a curriculum/services for Vespers (two weeks worth of material)
- To help create the two week program for sleep away campers
- To prepare music for Vespers (camp song book provided)
- To weave the Vespers around the summer camp curriculum as necessary
- To communicate planned Vesper service to the Vespers committee and helping campers
- To teach the curriculum to the staff
- To obtain materials needed for Vespers
- To keep the chapel and vespers areas neat and clean at all times.
- To nurture campers and staff in an understanding of their personal level of faith
- To assist staff with personal, professional, and spiritual tribulations

SECONDARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To assist as requested and assigned with other camp functions and activities
- To help prepare a schedule of activities as needed for the week
- To take initiative when not assigned otherwise to assist where needed
- To assist in transportation of campers and staff

To participate in community activity planning/leading
To assist with other leadership staff in the event of an emergency