

# **A day in the life of a Boggy Creek Counselor...**

## **7:00am**

The camp trumpet players sound off with the morning wake up Bugle-calls...okay, not really, unless of course your alarm clock plays this tune. Needless to say, it's time to start one of the longest days of the shortest summer of your life. After you've rolled out of bed and into your clothes for the day, stocked up on your duct-tape, sharpies, water bottles, sunscreen, nametags and first aid kits, it's time to get the kids out of bed and ready to head out to the morning manatee activities they chose the night before.

## **7:30am**

Who needs coffee? It's time to start playing with campers! You and a few campers from your cabin will be making GGP cars, shooting hoops on the basketball court, in the pool, firing arrows on the archery range, or tugging in that prize winning fish at boating and fishing. Morning manatee is a chance for kids to pick the activity they want to start their day with, and it is *your* first chance to start putting smiles on their faces. It's round one.

## **8:30 am**

Who's Hungry?! Did somebody say hoppers? Breakfast offers the first chance to break it down with some cheers, get fired up, and get *fueled* up for the exciting day to come. Breakfast is more than sausage, eggs, and pancakes, here you will be dancing to the Cotton-eyed Joe, Space Jam, and rocking out on your air guitar to some crazy tunes. Who said breakfast can't be a dance party?

## **9:30 am**

I said a broom-sweep-a-broom. I said a broom-sweep-a-broom. I said a broom-sweep-a-mop-a-sweep-a-mop-a-sweep-a-broom. The post-breakfast hour cabin clean up pins the Prides up against each other in a battle for the coveted Cleanest Pride Award. Be sure to leave notes for the Cabin Fairies and remember they check the counselor side too! Don't worry, here at camp everybody wins. Cleanup is an important part of everyday, not just to keep your cabin clean, but to get your kids working as a team and building cabin community. This is also a chance to regroup and prepare for morning rotation.

## **10:15 am**

Morning rotation sends your cabin to the pool, woodshop, arts and crafts, adventure course, theater, archery range, nature barn, or for a morning trail ride. No surprises here...have fun, play with kids! It's round two.

## **12:30 pm**

After a hearty meal from the kitchen staff, we take it down a notch with some after lunch songs. Counselors and campers alike lead some songs to the accompaniment of acoustic guitar. We share thanks and appreciation as we weave the Web of Kindness. After the energy level has hit that afternoon low, it's time to head back to the cabins for rest hour.

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## **1:30 pm**

ZZZZZZs for the campers. For you, it's time to plan some activities, work on committees, be on rest hour duty, or catch some precious Zs yourself. This is a great time to use your cell phone. We will not be using our phones while we are playing with kids. ☺

## **3:30 pm**

Its round 3! Afternoon rotation gets the blood pumping and the energy levels back up as you and your cabin head to one of camp's activity areas for some afternoon fun. Reload your duct-tape, sharpies, water bottles, sunscreen, nametags and first aid kits, it's time to play with kids!

## **6:00 pm**

Your third hearty meal of the day brings the energy back up to a high to prepare for evening activities. The Cleanest Pride Awards are announced and people are cheering, eating spaghetti with no hands, and celebrating the day. After dinner ends, it's back to the cabins to prepare for the evening activity.

## **7:45 pm**

Round 4 party people! It could be off to the dance to shake your rumpus, to a campfire for skits and songs, or to the sports and rec. field for the Silly-Ooooolympics. Now's the time to take it up a notch, paint yourself in your pride color, roll through spaghetti, get pudding smeared all over your face, shake your rumpus, cheer your heart out, and love every minute of it.

## **9:00 pm**

Get cleaned up and showered. Then lower the lighting and begin an evening cabin chat or late night activity. Let the kids share their thoughts and feelings, and things they are looking forward to in the days to come. This is one of the best times to work on cabin community, and to get to know the campers in your cabin. After the campers settle down and after a few games of silent bear, it's time for bed. Oldest campers get an extra activity, and on special nights, the youngest kids might be involved too.

## **11:00 pm**

Meet with you cabin to debrief the day, finish committee work, and get to sleep as soon as you can to prepare for the next day.

## **1:00 am**

*Ripped from the manual.....*

**'Staff who are not in their beds by 1:00 am are doing a real disservice to our campers!**

***Who's Ready to PLAY WITH KIDS?!***