

Sponsor's Information for Centrifuge

Sponsor's Qualifications

The Centrifuge website contains the following statement: "Youth groups must be accompanied by a sponsor of the same sex for each 1-5 males and each 1-5 females. Sponsors are to be over twenty-one years of age; required to live in the same area with their young people; expected to assist in the youth camp activities. Sponsors should not bring children with them that are younger than the age of the Centrifuge campers."

These guidelines are enforced for the good of each camper. Failure to meet these guidelines hurts your own church and other church groups involved in the week. Prayerfully select mature sponsors who understand what is expected of them. We advise churches to do background checks on any adults working with anyone under the age of 18.

Sponsor's Duties

1. Help campers be present and on time for all classes and worship services. Almost every Centrifuge camper wants to attend the interesting classes and innovative times of worship. The ones that do not want to come need to attend. We suggest that sponsors check their areas of the dorm prior to each event.
2. Be concerned with conduct in the worship service. A few young people wish to sit near the back of the auditorium. If these young people are from your church, we urge that sponsors from your church sit with them.
3. Urge proper dress for worship services. Dress for Centrifuge is casual during the day. However, for the evening worship services we urge that no shorts be worn and that each camper "sort of dress up" for the service. Blue jeans are Ok. Nice shirts and blouses are requested. We request that cowboy hats or baseball caps not be worn during worship services.
4. Enforce the 11:00 p.m. curfew for being in your rooms. Church group devotions begin at 10:00 p.m. This should allow adequate time for sharing and prayer before 11:00 p.m. All campers must be in their rooms and remain quiet after 11:30 p.m. Sponsors who are weak in this area cause trouble for sponsors who are trying to do a good job.
5. Supervise cabin clean up each day. A clean cabin will help in making your stay easy for everyone living in your cabin. It will also ease your departure on the final day.
6. Clean cabins **THOROUGHLY** before leaving. Each camp must be cleaned and made ready for the next week of camp. Camp staff is limited; therefore, you are responsible for cabins being cleaned before leaving.
7. Sponsors cannot participate in and must stop all shaving cream wars and water fights in dorms or other buildings. Any damage to rooms during the week must be paid for by the church.
8. As you can see, sponsor's duties require mature adults who love young people and who know how to exercise "loving discipline".