



COUNSELING SUGGESTIONS for 2010 CAMP

When counseling a youth who has come forward during a worship service,
it is important to know what to say and what not to say.

What to Say

- Greet youth by introducing yourself & asking his/her name (*if not in your church group*)
 - Use youth's name throughout counseling time
- Ask youth why he/she has come forward
 - Let youth tell you how the Lord is dealing in his/her life at that moment
- Restate what youth tells you during counseling process
 - This will help you to avoid misunderstandings & allow youth to confirm what he/she is saying
- Guide youth through decision using counseling materials
 - Allow youth to read pamphlet as well as Bible verses together with you
- Allow youth time to share how the Lord is dealing in his/her life at that moment
 - The counseling time is not to be rushed - let the Spirit lead & have patience
- Once you have counseled youth, help him/her fill out decision card
 - Take time to have prayer together
 - Turn in decision card to Centrifuge team leader or camp director

What Not to Say

- Never make decision for youth
 - Allow him/her to tell you why he/she has come forward
- Listen more than you talk
 - Reflective listening helps youth tell his/her story while you occasionally repeat back to him/her what he/she has said so there is no mis-communication
- Do not be an, "Uh huh, Uh huh" person - this can be distracting for the youth
- Do not allow your focus to be taken away from youth
 - Maintain eye contact with young person
- Do not give your life story to youth - you are there to encourage him/her to share what he/she is dealing with
 - An occasional reflection upon your own experience is fine - just don't dominate counseling time
- Don't rush youth - allow Holy Spirit to work in life of youth
- Don't hunt scriptures while youth is telling you his/her story - this can be distracting for youth



2010 GENERAL COUNSELOR INFORMATION

1. The campers under your care are your responsibility AT ALL TIMES.
2. Help with cleaning dining room tables and chairs after each meal. See attached Camp Cafeteria Cleaning Schedule. (After campers have finished eating and leave the dining area, wipe tables, sweep and mop floors.)
3. Assignments of campers is attached for your information.
4. No CD, cassette, electronic games, MP3 players, computers, cell phones, pagers or radios allowed. If camper has brought any of these items, remove and return to them on Saturday before departure.
5. NO ONE is allowed off campus after evening services.
6. No visiting or talking after lights out.
7. Prior to departure time on Friday morning, campers must clean:
 - their rooms, campground, Waianae Baptist Church, Plantation House, & other assigned areas
 - ◆ Group must remain until inspection is completed.
8. Please keep campers away from the Kamehameha Daycare Building of Waianae Baptist Church. (*An alarm system has been installed.*)
9. Please assist your campers in completing their evaluation forms, and return all forms to the Camp Director before departing on Saturday morning.
10. If a camper makes a decision please counsel camper and complete a decision card (see attached). Give this decision card to the Camp Director or Centrifuge Team Leader immediately after the counseling session.
11. Remember to keep outside cabin doors locked at all times when you are not in rooms. A counselor assigned to that cabin will have the key. DO NOT GIVE KEYS TO CAMPERS.
12. Please help in securing the Waianae Church after each meeting.
13. At the beach be especially aware of where your youth are at ALL TIMES. Give special care to safety when walking to and from the beach.
14. Be prepared to lead a nightly devotion time (Centrifuge Team may provide materials to assist you.)