

ROPES COURSE DIRECTOR Summer 2018

The Ropes Course Director is a Support Staff member that provides leadership, supervision, and teaching for Summer Camp programs and activities focused on the environment and the ropes course. The Ropes Director supervises all activities on the Team Challenge and Team Adventure courses (aka The Ropes Course) and works closely with the Activity Directors to provide experiences to campers with a sense of 'environmental adventure'. All training associated with this position, including training on high and low ropes and certification in Professional Rescuer or Wilderness First Aid Certification, must be complete for this position. The Ropes Director is accountable to the Head Counselor and Summer Camp Coordinator.

Specific responsibilities and duties of the Ropes Course/Team Challenge Director include:

- serve as a model of sacramental ministry to all campers and other staff
- provide feedback and assessment for staff members and summer camp program
- maintain and enforce impeccable standards of safety
- provide a good model of environmentally-sound living
- display enthusiasm to staff and campers
- plan and implement ropes course activities for every afternoon activity (and some evening activity and small groups) for Middler Camp, Junior High 1, Junior High 2, Sophomore, and Senior Camp
- coordinate/confirm daily EA plans with Activity Directors; assist ADs with planning and implementing other EA activities (i.e. guided nature hikes, "Pond and Stream", extended hikes, farm activities, etc.)
- Give opening-night orientation to campers on recycling and keeping Camp beautiful
- be thoroughly aware and able to communicate safety practices and procedures to all participants
- be welcoming, friendly, and encouraging to all participants while maintaining a professional demeanor
- maintain supplies and equipment used for activities, including equipment in the "Program Closet"
- participate in the program (serve as a small group leader), push dishes, regularly provide Cabin Watch
- facilitate training in environmental classes and trail safety for Summer Camp staff
- Ropes Director will maintain inventory and supplies for the Program Closet (by ball field)
- other tasks as deemed appropriate for the scope of the position

The Environmental Adventures Director should be able to:

- stay calm in an emergency situation
- stay enthusiastic about the adventures in and care for the environment
- instruct other staff members to assist in facilitating activities & maintaining equipment if needed
- be patient and loving with all participants