



Host Home Guidelines

Thank you very much for your willingness to host the camp staff and share your home. As hosts, you are providing a key aspect of the ministry of Camp Perkins. Without you, we would not be able to serve congregations as we do. The staff always rate the experience of staying with kind and caring people as a highlight of their summer. You are helping young people grow in understanding of the Body of Christ.

We consider serving on camp staff as more than a job. It is an opportunity to serve in ministry and live in Christian community. Because of this, we have clear expectations of our staff to enable them to do the best job they can do. Here are some helpful things to know about the expectations we have of the staff:

Life in Your Home

- **Arrival:** The staff will arrive on Friday evening and will need a dinner meal. If you have hosted staff previously, this is new. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions. It is possible that staff may be housed in two different locations – one on the weekend and one during the week.
- **Pets:** Please communicate with the Camp Perkins office if you have pets. Pet allergies are common and we'd like to pair you with folks who can enjoy your pets!
- **Transportation:** Transportation arrangements should be made in conjunction with the entire day camp team and the day camp coordinator from your congregation. You may be asked to help transport staff to and from the church or park for the day camp.
- **Down Time:** Saturday is their Sabbath rest. We appreciate your hospitality for this day and allowing them to rest, relax, read, sleep, nap, chat on the phone with family, and whatever else they need to recharge their batteries to invest in the kiddos for the coming week. Staff will need some additional time during the week to relax and plan their next day's lessons.
- **Sleeping:** Because the staff are on the road for three weeks in a row, we would be blessed if you could provide towels and bedding or sleeping bags so they do not need to use valuable space in their packing for those items. Beds, couches, and floors are all acceptable! Male and female staff should be housed in separate rooms, but it is not necessary to house them in separate homes.
- **Curfew:** We encourage staff to be sensitive to the schedule of their host family. We require staff to be back to your home by 10:00 pm. However, if your family lifestyle calls for an earlier time, don't hesitate to inform the staff.
- **Community Life:** If you are able to share special aspects of your local community with the staff, please do so. But please do not feel obligated to "entertain" the staff. We don't want to disrupt your family's schedule.
- **Meals:** Keep meals simple, especially breakfast. Cereal, toast, and juice are adequate. If you are providing sack lunches, sandwiches are great! Please include a beverage as well. We will try and let you know ahead of time if someone has a food allergy or is a vegetarian. Evening meal time can be a special time spent with host families or being hosted at other homes. Teams should not travel more than 15 miles away without permission from the Executive Director.
- **Internet/WiFi:** Internet privileges are left up to you to grant if it is not an inconvenience to share.
- **Laundry:** The staff will be on the road for three weeks without returning to camp and will need access to laundry facilities.

Personnel Policy Information

- **Alcohol use:** Because of the importance of the ministry to children and the role models we serve as, our staff are not permitted to consume alcohol during their time at day camp. Please do not offer alcohol to any staff members.
- **Drug use:** Drug use is prohibited at all times.

Camp Perkins Information

- Should there be any questions or concerns that arise during the day camp experience, please talk with the Day Camp Coordinator from Camp Perkins or contact the Executive Director at Camp Perkins.