

**Responsibilities of the
Camp Chaplain**

The Camp Chaplain is responsible to the Camp Director for working to maintain the spiritual health of all those in Camp, and to encourage their growth. The Chaplain should be easy to get along with and have a sincere desire to learn about and make friends with Staff, Scouts, and leaders. The Chaplain should also possess sufficient training in the Chaplains faith so as to serve as a religious leader in Camp.

The Camp Chaplain must:

1. Be a qualified member of the clergy or a seminarian or a candidate selected, approved, and employed by the Black Swamp Area Council Scouters Association.
2. Be a minimum of 21 years of age.
3. Have or be willing to obtain a certification from the National Camping School for Chaplains.
4. Be or be willing to become a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Camp Chaplain is further responsible for:

1. Being a recognized presence in the life of the Camp by assuming a positive, high profile.
2. Assuming the responsibility for the religious life of the Camp through regular prayers and grace at meals, nondenominational worship services, and vesper services as requested.
3. Assisting the Camp Director, Program Director, and senior Staff members in counseling Staff members and campers.
4. Promoting the religious emblems programs of all religious groups.
5. Serving as a liaison between the camper and the home religious leader.
6. Helping to build Camp morale.
7. Visiting the sick at the Camp health lodge and/or hospitals.
8. Assisting with emergencies and personal problems relating to deaths, accidents, or other events and helping parents, guardians, campers, leaders, and Staff in dealing with them and providing support to them.
9. Helping Scout leaders to handle behavior problems, as requested.
10. Providing worship services and fostering an interfaith spirit in Camp.
11. Becoming acquainted to the aims and methods of Scout camping.
12. Helping to foster relations among the Camp Staff.
13. Serving as a resource to unit leaders in recognizing the possibilities for expanding the religious elements of their troop programs.
14. Abiding by the Camp rules set forth in the *Staff Understandings/Policies* and the *Staff Guide*.

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