

2011 CrossView Rules for Counselors/Sponsors

1. The Golden Rule: CrossView's primary rule is the golden rule: *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. (Matthew 7:12).*
2. Vehicles: Upon arrival at Camp, all vehicles must be parked in the designated visitor parking and remain there for the duration of the Camp. Camp Staff will help transport those with a physical handicap or condition that does not allow walking to and from areas on the Camp property. Only adult licensed drivers may drive on Camp property. Once Campers arrive at CrossView, they must be transported only in Camp vehicles by Camp Staff. Walking is part of the Camp experience, as it facilitates bonding and relationship building within one's group.
3. Camp Bus: When CrossView Camp is transporting a group on its bus, at least one adult Counselor/Sponsor from each team must ride with the Campers to help ensure safety and discipline. When CrossView Camp is providing transportation to and from your facility, we ask that at least two adult Sponsors are provided to help load and unload luggage. *NOTE* All Campers will ride the Camp bus to and from the swimming pool.
4. Camp Property: Campers must stay on Camp property unless escorted for a legitimate reason--with the Director's approval--by a Staff Member or Counselor. Campers and Counselors may not climb or cross fences. Appropriate gates are available for any fences they need to go through.
5. Counselor Requirements: Each group must bring 1 female adult Counselor for every 5 girls, and 1 adult male Counselor for every 5 boys. (For elementary Camps, one counselor per team may be a mature Christian high school student.) Counselors must fill out a volunteer application and complete the state required Sexual Abuse Prevention Training course (every 2 years). Counselors must be mature, able-bodied Christians ready for long days of ministry. Counselors/Sponsors should be actively involved in all group activities. The success of the Camping experience is dependent upon this aspect. An enthusiastic Counselor with a good attitude can make all the difference. Camp is about the Camper, not the Counselor. Counselors are expected to help enforce CrossView's rules; however, the Camp Director will be responsible for giving consequences and sending Campers home. It is essential that Counselors communicate with the Director about problems within their groups.
6. Staying Together: Counselors must stay with their assigned team of Campers at all times. (For exceptions like a bathroom trip, Campers must go with a "buddy" from their group.) On some occasions, Counselors may decide to divide their group; this is only acceptable when there are enough adult Counselors to properly supervise each group. Campers should never be out of sight or hearing of their Counselor(s). Counselors must sleep in the same room as their assigned Campers. The Counselors' beds should be dispersed among their Campers' beds to provide maximum supervision, with one Counselor's bed being near the door for security purposes.
7. Health Issues: Counselors are expected to watch their Campers for signs of communicable diseases (lice, ringworm, fever, etc.). Campers with a communicable disease will be sent home. In addition, Counselors should take care of their Campers by reminding them to use sunscreen and drink plenty of fluids.

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8. Food: Access to the Camp kitchen is limited to designated Camp Staff only. Due to stringent health regulations, we must ask that no outside food or drinks be stored or consumed in the Camp kitchen. Those Campers or Counselors requiring a special diet must coordinate with the Camp Cook at least one week prior to the set Camping date. A refrigerator is provided in both cabins so Counselors may store personal drinks or snacks. Campers and Counselors will be allowed to keep snacks in their Cabins, as long as all food is in a sealed container and all food messes are immediately and completely cleaned up. The first time a Staff Member finds food crumbs, food trash, or food spills during a Cabin inspection, we will confiscate the food and go to a "no food in the Cabins" policy. (We desire that all our Campers and Counselors have a clean and attractive Cabin environment, and we work hard to clean the Cabins in between each Camp session. However, there is not time to take apart and clean food from every bunk bed nor to scrub down every wall each week. Please consider others who have to use the Cabins after you.)
9. Electronics and Cell Phones: Campers and Counselors are not permitted to bring electronic devices to Camp. Walkmans, DVD/MP3 players, personal computers, and similar devices distract from the overall Camp experience and are a financial liability. Campers are also not allowed to bring cell phones; we strongly encourage Counselors not to bring cell phones to Camp, either. But if you feel you must, please limit their use. A Counselor who is on their cell phone is distracted from their responsibilities and sends a mixed message to their Campers.
10. Dress Code: All clothing must be modest. This includes swimsuits, which for girls must either be a modest 1 piece or covered by a t-shirt that is not see-through when wet. Campers and Counselors may wear shorts, but we do not allow short-shorts, tank tops, anything low cut or very tight, or anything with crude or suggestive language. Counselors are setting the example for modesty at Camp, so we ask that you be above reproach in this area. If in doubt, please don't wear it.
11. Camp Staff: CrossView Staff report to the Director of CrossView only. Please bring any special requests, concerns, or other issues involving Camp Staff to the Director.
12. Pranks & Weapons: CrossView Camp is a prank safe zone. Pranks and practical jokes are not allowed at CrossView. Fireworks, Airsoft guns, slingshots, knives, weapons of any kind, or any other items potentially harmful to others or Camp property are not allowed. No fighting.
13. Alcohol/Tobacco Policy: Absolutely NO tobacco or alcohol is permitted on CrossView Christian Camp property. Smokers should not be Counselors--since Counselors must be with their Campers at all times and there is no tobacco permitted at Camp, a smoker cannot be a Counselor at CrossView.
14. Curfew: Lights out is 11:30 p.m. for teen Camps, and 11:00 p.m. for elementary. Counselors must not leave the Campers unattended in the Cabin (or any other place) at any time. Campers and Counselors must be rested to get the most out of their Camp experience, so getting to sleep on time is critical. One Counselor per team should sleep close to the door to enforce the curfew.
15. Staff Housing: Please do not go in or near Staff housing. This includes Cabin #1 (the Director's home), Cabin #4 (female Staff Cabin), Cabin #5 (the Maintenance Man's house), & Cabin #6 (male Staff Cabin).

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16. Animals: Snakes, rodents, insects, and other wild animals live at CrossView. For the safety of both our participants and the animals, we require that Campers and Counselors leave the wildlife alone (no petting, capturing, feeding, etc.). Teams must stay together on roads, trails, and other designated recreation areas so they can all watch for snakes. NEVER wander into tall grass or brush. Please do not allow Campers to feed Camp animals. Animals other than Camp animals are not allowed at Camp.
17. Facilities: Please respect Camp property and set a good example for your Campers. This includes things like keeping Cabin doors shut, using reasonable amounts of toilet paper and paper towels, putting all trash in the trash cans, etc. All groups are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their cabins. All groups can be held financially responsible for damage to Camp property caused by negligent and/or intentional behavior.
18. P.D.A.: Displays of affection (public or private) are not permitted except between married couples.
19. Language: Crude or obscene language will not be permitted. Jokes, songs, stories, gestures, slang, etc. must all be God-honoring. Counselors set the example.
20. Social Network Sites: The reason CrossView utilizes Volunteer Counselors for the Summer Camp Program is so that as the Campers spend the week growing spiritually, they bond with mature Christian adults from their own neighborhoods. Counselors are supposed to become Mentors when Summer Camp is over. Counselors should give serious consideration to how their "private" lives line up with their public proclamations of faith. An important area to consider is your social networking (MySpace, Facebook, etc.). Your music, pictures, videos, blogs, and comments should honor God and be a positive example to anyone, especially an impressionable Camper, who may visit your site.
21. CrossView's Focus: We desire that each person who attends CrossView has fun and makes friends, but our primary focus is teaching kids about Jesus Christ. Any situation or behavior that conflicts with this purpose will not be allowed.
22. Going Home: If participants cannot follow Camp rules, then we cannot keep them safe. If we cannot keep participants safe, we will send them home.
23. Attendance: Campers & Counselors are not allowed to come late or leave early without the Director's approval, as this can seriously affect the flow of Camp activities.
24. Schedule: Counselors must follow the Camp schedule. Many hours of prayer and preparation go into setting the Camp schedule. It is designed with the best interests of the Campers in mind. A Camper or team of Campers cannot deviate from the schedule (i.e. skipping an activity station) without affecting all the other Campers and teams. Any deviations from the schedule must be approved in advance by the Camp Director.

If you have questions about these rules call (806) 294-5021.