



## **A DOZEN and ONE Things You Need to Know About CHAMP Camp**

1. You NEED to like the outdoors and its unpredictability.
2. You NEED to be able to go with the flow. Electricity goes out? No problem!
3. You NEED to be able to relax and enjoy the campers and activities... giving appropriate care and taking every precaution without being overly focused on the lack of a sterile environment. This is camp. This is fun!
4. You NEED to think of campers first. Always. At all times. If you think you are on a vacation or a honeymoon, you'll be very disappointed.
5. You NEED to be able to live without a lot of sleep for a week. Please don't expect to take naps (unless it's your scheduled time off) because it builds resentment with others who are also tired but still going strong.
6. You NEED to be able to eat camp food for a week without complaint. The lasagna and scrambled eggs will probably be cold, but the cereal, fruit, and coffee are really great.
7. You NEED ENERGY and ENTHUSIASM and the ability to pull something out of your hat when the going gets rough.
8. You NEED to be a good sport. Not everything will go your way.
9. You NEED to be a mentor and set a good example. We're watching you!
10. You NEED to be secure in yourself, your ability to work with others, follow directions, give support, listen, lend a hand whenever and wherever you are needed. Be a friend.
11. You NEED to know that if you are single, you will probably not find the love of your life at camp. If you are married, and your spouse comes with you, you will not share living quarters. (No kidding! But, hey, it's just for one week, and we all make many sacrifices for the children.)
12. You NEED to love kids unconditionally. All of our campers have respiratory concerns. Most of our campers are physically challenged, and some of our campers require your patience in listening and learning their communication strategies.
13. You NEED to sing when the spirit says sing. Get involved. Get to know all the campers. Your experience will be far more meaningful if you extend yourself and be a part of this wonderful adventure we call CHAMP Camp.