

# My Camp Shiloh Mission Statement

**Why am I here?**

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**Why did I choose to come to this camp?**

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**What are my three biggest goals to achieve while at camp?**

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**What do I think makes me a good counselor?**

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## Games for Monday's Cabin Meeting or the Evening Junior Cabin Time

### Instructions for the Name Game

- All campers and counselors stand to make a large circle with one of their hands raised.
- A counselor starts by pointing to someone (who has a hand raised) and saying their name. (Anyone in the circle can be chosen, but try not to pick someone directly to your right or left.)
- Once the person's name has been called, they lower their hand and choose someone else with a hand raised.
- People keep being chosen until everyone has been chosen. The counselor who started is chosen last. (People need to remember who they choose.)
- After everyone has been chosen, repeat it again with choosing the people in the same order they were chosen originally.
- As you repeat going through the series of names, it will get easier and faster.
- Try to see how quickly the cabin can get through the sequence.
- *Once the names are going quickly and easily, you can try another level where they again raise their hands and choose someone (different than whom was chosen for names) but this time they say a color like green, turquoise, burgundy etc.*

### Other Game Suggestions

- Red Ball
  - Stand in a circle.
  - The counselor (or appointed, capable camper) starts the game by passing an imaginary color ball to someone. The ball can be passed anywhere but just not to someone directly on either side to the right or left.
  - To pass the ball you say the person's name and the color of the ball. For example, "James, red ball." The person accepting the ball responds by repeating the ball's color and then with manners says, "thank you." For example, "Red ball, thank you."
  - The ball continues to be passed around randomly.
  - Once that is going smoothly, the counselor/camper starts passing other colored balls.
  - Another level is passing other imaginary objects, but this can be tricky for some.
- I'm Packing for Camp (better for Junior age campers)
  - Go through the alphabet packing items.
  - Each person has to repeat the entire list of things already packed before adding their new item.
  - I'm packing for camp, and I'm bringing, "An antelope, a Bible, and a crayon...."
- I Spy (better for Junior age campers)
- Mafia (better for Junior High campers)
- Paper airplane competitions (will need to bring paper)

- Balloon Games
  - Volleyball (will need a balloon and string/yarn)
  - Batting around/don't let it touch the floor (just need a balloon or more than one)
- Singing (possible songs listed below)
  - God Will Take Care of You
  - What a Friend We Have in Jesus
  - Day by Day
  - Great Is Thy Faithfulness
  - Young Person, Are You Lonely?
  - His Eye Is on the Sparrow
  - Amazing Grace
  - When I Remember that Christ Died for Me (To the World I Will Never Return)

Dear Counselors,

Thank you for serving God at Camp Shiloh this year. I am very grateful for your work and am excited to see what God has planned this year for us and the campers.

As listed in the staff training video, there will be a time for each cabin to briefly meet together after the whole camp organizational meeting. This will allow some time for the people in each cabin to get to know each other (especially for the campers who arrive during the opening meeting or are added to different cabins after registration). This brief cabin meeting also allows for the counselors to help answer questions that campers have. The meeting is a great time to lay down some cabin expectations. I have included a copy of the materials I have used in my cabins. I have shared some of these materials with some counselors in the past, and I have included them here for your use if you so desire. Feel free to adapt them. I realize you might not want to use them, and that's fine, too.

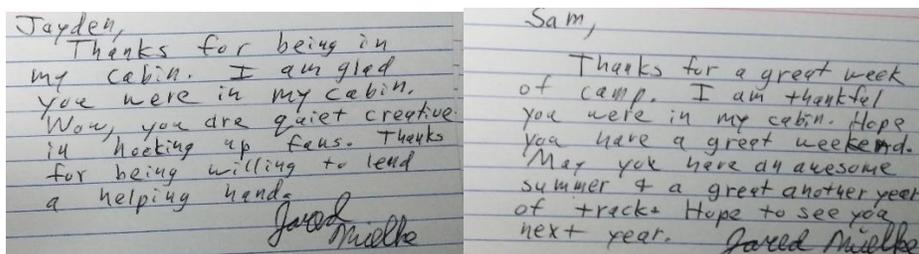
3x5 cards are very nice for labeling the bunks to help each other learn names quickly. They also work well for writing down notes for campers when they leave or for during counseling times with them. Here are some samples I have written to campers for them to take home on Saturday. When they leave on Saturday, I also give them their packet of 3x5 cards they wrote before evening devotions. This gives them a little collection of memories to bring home.

If you have any questions about these materials, I'd be glad to help answer your questions.

Looking for our Redeemer,

*Jared Mielke*

Jared Mielke, Camp Dean



The next few pages contain:

- 1) Cabin Expectations – I had this posted in the cabin, and we went over them during the cabin meeting and referred to them during the week.
- 2) Evening Pre-Devotion Procedure – I had it posted in one or two places in the cabin explaining the 3x5 cards.
- 3) Lyrics for “Young Person, Are You Lonely?”



## **Cabin Expectations**

1. Use God honoring language
2. Treat leaders with respect
3. Be kind to other campers

(Do to others as you would have them do to you.)

4. Be early
5. Be attentive

## **Evening Pre-Devotion Procedure**

- A. Take a 3X5 card**
- B. Use a pen/pencil**
- C. Label card with name and day**
- D. Answer two questions**
  - 1. Favorite part of today**
  - 2. Neat idea learned or remembered**
- E. Quietly wait for devotions to start**

**Young person, are you lonely?  
Do you need a friend?  
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