

Travel Trips

Description of the Day & Staff Responsibilities

**This is only a brief explanation of daily responsibilities & routines

Some things to remember:

- staff help prepare and clean up all meals along with the campers
 - staff help prepare and lead all dayhikes & camping trips
 - this is a 24 hour a day job - no time or days off
- Shabbat programs are created and implemented by staff along with their campers
 - daily programming is created and implemented by all staff
 - a number of backcountry overnights will be included in your trip schedule
- staff must make sure they and their campers abide by all rules & regulations of each park and camping area - such as: no noise late at night, campers cannot wander off, no destruction of property

1. Wake up - Staff are responsible for waking campers and making sure they are at morning round ups.
2. Breakfast - Talk with campers about the day; help distribute food and clean up; monitor campers' food intake - especially if a child in your group has food allergies.
3. Clinic call - Staff will make sure campers are getting their medications and having any medical concerns addressed.
4. Cleanup & Preparation for the day - Make sure the campsite is clean, do daily chores around campsite - take out trash, pick up litter, pack the bus, and preparing for the days program, are among some of the morning routines. Be a role model for campers - keep your area clean. Make sure campers are ready for the day (clothing, equipment, etc.).
5. Activity Periods - Day hikes, rafting, swimming, theme days, preparing for trips and sightseeing are some of the activities you will lead for your campers; supervise campers; remind campers to drink water and apply sunscreen, count children to be sure they are with you, be enthusiastic.
6. Free time - Supervise restful activities; slow the pace down; be mindful of individual camper problems; talk with each child - see how his/her day is going, spend a little extra time with campers who are having a hard day.
7. Snack - Supervise distribution of food; make sure every child has something to eat.
8. Evening Program - Think excitement; participate in program by leading or assisting group.
9. Bed time - Develop routine to prepare campers to go to sleep; make sure they are not disturbing other people in the campground; think wind down; generate anticipation for the next day; compliment positive behavior, etc.
10. Staff touch base - If needed staff will meet to discuss the day, specific camper issues or prepare for the next day.