



Nawakwa Chaplain Guide

Thank you for your interest in being an important part of the fabric of camp life. Your support and contributions to this community as a Chaplain help to shape the environment of faith formation that is central to all aspects of the outdoor ministry experience.

Nawakwa Chaplains are ideally rostered leaders in the ELCA, clergy in Full Communion Partner denominations (United Church of Christ, The United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), The Episcopal Church, The Moravian Church, Reformed Church in America), or experienced ministry leaders in their congregation.

Specific responsibilities:

Through spending time with camper groups and with staff, Nawakwa Chaplains provide care and insight into any and all aspects of a camp week, including, but not limited to worship, Bible study, recreation, and nature study. Other expectations include:

- Offering a brief devotion (Dayspring) for the camp community following breakfast, Mon-Fri
- Planning and leading a staff worship one night
- Participating as a full member of the camp community, e.g. attending meals, all-camp events, etc. to the best of your ability
- Offering pastoral care to camp staff and campers as appropriate
- Sharing your experiences at camp with your congregation and actively encouraging members to participate in LCC summer camps and other events
- Abiding by all LCC personnel policies regarding conduct and behavior
- Communicating joys and concerns regarding campers, staff, or procedural issues appropriately and privately with the camp director

When:

- Nawakwa Chaplains will be “in residence” for the entirety of the camp session (typically Sunday, 2 PM – Saturday, 10 AM), except for prearranged or unexpected circumstances that might arise. Please be in communication with the camp director about these situations.
- Chaplains should plan to be present and engaged with the camper groups throughout the week in a supportive role, e.g. spending a day (or portion of a day) with one or more camper groups as they move through their schedule of activities. This is a valuable time to interact with youth from your congregation and from others as you better get to know them and they get to know you in this unique setting.
- Recognizing the need for Sabbath, and honoring the gift of time our chaplains offer, Nawakwa does not require chaplains to keep the same hours as our paid staff. However, your presence in camp fills a valuable need. We appreciate your attentiveness to your responsibilities while you’re with us.