

CAMP SONSHINE GENERAL HOUSING GUIDELINES

Welcome to Camp Sonshine and to your home for the summer! We are so glad God has brought you here. We want to make sure you have the best possible experience with your host home, and for your host home to have the same experience with you.

Camp Housing Culture

Living in camp housing is a privilege! As such we want to ensure that the same camp culture that we intentionally practice during the camp day is also practiced in the evenings and weekends when we are at our homes. When all roommates and co-workers are living out a heart to serve others, our community thrives!

- **BELONG / COMMUNITY** - We strive to create, maintain and participate in a community where the love of God is experienced by all.
Pro tip: Learn how your roommates feel safe and respected in their housing situation! You might value time together, but your roommate might value time alone. If you know that, you can respect each other's boundaries.
- **BECOME / TEACHABILITY** - We remain teachable as we promote and pursue positive growth to become more fully who God created us to be.
Pro tip: Work to become the best roommate you can be, through kindness, asking questions, and serving those that you live with you may find that living at Camp is the perfect training ground for future roommate relationships!
- **BELIEVE / POSITIVITY** - We infuse a positive and uplifting perspective into every relationship, circumstance and situation we experience.
Pro tip: Your roommates might do things differently than you. That's okay! Learn to believe the best about your roommates in every situation. Ask questions to understand rather than passing judgments.
- **go BEYOND / INITIATIVE** - We initiate exceptional service and do not settle for the minimum standard or effort.
Pro tip: Find ways to go beyond serving your roommates! Leave areas cleaner than you found it. Suggest things you could do together that would bring you closer together. The sky's the limit!

Camp-Provided Housing

Camp Sonshine is happy to provide you with housing for the summer. We enjoy having staff come from all around the country and the world to serve at camp! One of the ways we want to serve you is by removing the burden of finding somewhere to stay.

Types of Housing

- Host Home - families who volunteer to have staff in their home
- Sonshine - housing provided on Sonshine property at Farmhouse & Director's house
- Shiloh - housing provided on Shiloh property in The Lodge bunk room
- Solaris - housing provided on Solaris property in dorm-style living

Expectations

- Curfew - Please follow Camp Sonshine's set curfew hours. However, please also talk with your host family about curfew hours: Will they have the doors locked before then? Do they want you to lock up when you come home?, etc. (See questions below.)
- Cleaning - Everyone is expected to keep their areas clean. The cleaning tasks listed below are expected to be done each weekend and to be shared by all roommates. Since you are a guest in someone's home/camp facilities this summer, we want you to leave the best impression that you can!
- Noise/Quiet Hours - Please follow guidelines for camp quiet hours in order to respect your roommates. Please also talk with your host family to see if quiet hours need to start earlier. Please be respectful while in your homes; do not play excessively loud music/movies and keep voices at a reasonable indoor level.
- Housing Questions - Please go through the questions below with your host family/directors to best know what they expect from you.
- Respect - You are a guest at your host home. Yes, you have "your space" but it does not actually belong to you. Please do NOT treat this as if it were your own home. Be more tidy and considerate than you would be at your own home. Be respectful of what the family / camp leadership asks of you.

Roommate Relationship & Conflict

In the past, the friendships our staff have made through the process of living together have been just as positively impacting as the group counselor role! Some of our staff met their new best friend through rooming with them! On the flip side, we know that conflict may happen. It is okay. How the conflict is handled is the important part.

- Please talk about conflict with your roommate in a calm and timely manner. Be sure to not go to others to gossip or talk about the problem.
- If the conflict cannot be solved, please ask a director to assist in mediating the conflict.
- If a roommate brings a conflict to you, have an open heart and mind. Be teachable as you actively listen to your roommate about the issue.
- If someone brings an issue to you that has to do with someone else, kindly ask them to go to who they have an issue with to resolve it. If they need help with how to communicate their issue, they can talk to a housing leadership person.
- Camp Sonshine is responsible for your well-being and whereabouts this summer. You are not allowed to leave your housing assignment or live elsewhere for the summer without first talking with a director.

Clean Living

Below you'll find a cleaning schedule. Camp Sonshine has a reputation of going above and beyond, doing more than expected, and we want to carry that reputation into our host homes. You are not expected to live in perfect cleanliness, but please keep in mind **you are living in someone else's home / property**. Please be conscientious of this and clean accordingly.