



Kim Rogers
Session Staff Supervisor

My name is Kim Rogers, and I've been attending Camp Capers since I was in third grade. I loved everything about it, especially my counselors. They were so fun, so energetic and to top it off, they made it cool to love Jesus! I remember thinking that I wanted to apply to be on session staff the first moment I could because I wanted to be just like them. Now, after having the honor of serving on session staff countless times, living in Cabin 12 for half of the summer of 2008 and helping campers and counselors alike tie dye about a thousand t-shirts while I was Arts and Crafts Director last summer, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve as the Session Staff Coordinator for the summer of 2010. "Session staff" refers to the volunteers who serve as the second counselor in each cabin – working with the paid, college-aged summer staff counselors. The role of Session Staff Coordinator was added last summer with the intention of putting more focus on and giving support to the vital role that session staff counselors play in the life of camp.

To me, session staff plays an important part in keeping up the energy and morale of the summer staff as they bring a new excitement each week that breathes new life into the community. More importantly, the session staff will be the summer counselors, work crew, program staff and staff directors of the future. Their time at camp should be looked at as an investment into not only their personal growth as leaders and into the lives of the campers, but as an investment into the future of Camp Capers.

During both senior high sessions, all potential session staff counselors will be participating in a leadership and counselor training program for a short time each day. During this time, we will take an active approach in teaching the skills that are important to a counselor while focusing on the understanding that, as a counselor, you are responsible for the most precious possessions a family has: their children. The training program is based on some of the training that the summer counselors receive during their staff-training week. Skills like problem solving, listening, responsibility and enthusiasm will be taught through practical application techniques, not simply discussed in theory. The focus will be the idea that as counselor, your primary responsibilities are the safety of the camper and the intentional development of a Christ-like community in the cabin and in the camp as a whole. During the weeks they are serving on staff, I will meet with session staff counselors daily to check on progress and development and will be available to help or support whenever needed.

The high school and college students who have applied for session staff this year are all qualified, enthusiastic, Christ-filled individuals and I am honored to work with them as they develop their leadership skills and change the lives of each camper who enters the gates of Camp Capers, just as my counselors changed mine.