

Message to LOMC Counselors about Camp Grandparents

Grandparents come to LOMC to share their time, energy, talents and passions with the youngest campers.

Please welcome the Grandparent & help them feel comfortable.

Give them campers' names & home towns.

The grandparent's main responsibility is to "Partner with you"

They provide a listening ear & a caring heart...

to "distract young campers from homesickness".

They will read stories for about an hour, during the day, at a convenient time.

With large groups, there may be 1 hour long group with Day Campers and another 1 hour with the program campers.

At Meals, the GP will sit at your table, helping with the campers.

Please save a seat at each table for one GP.

They help pass food, cut meat, maintain decorum.

Other activities they MAY assist with: crafts, hikes, pond rides,

Bible Studies, make ice cream, team building, swimming, games.

Share your copies of song sheets, used during devotions.

This summer, 21 Grandparents will come from around the state:

Chg. Suburbs, Batavia, DeKalb, Oregon, Dixon, Lafayette, IN.

Who are they?

A farmer, pastor's wife, teachers, a nurse,
social worker, retired speech therapist

Grandparent ages range from mid-50 to 80 years.

Many grandparents stay indoors during hot days, drinking fluids....

During the reading, it can be helpful for campers to rest/nap

That helps prevent "crabbiness" by eve.

It is an opportunity for the COUNSELOR to get some shut eye.

We invite campers to bring a pillow or sleeping bag, so they can be comfy.

Depending on weather, we can be on Hillside Deck...

or under the trees... or inside the dining hall or hospitality lodge.

Some will come only for the Reading Time. (busy schedules)

The G.P. brings special gifts. Watch & See....

Sometimes, you won't know what their gifts are before they come.

My instructions to the GP are to:

"Take care of yourself, which may mean a nap during the day"

Sometimes, for people our age, our thermostat doesn't work as well.

Heat & humidity are hard on young campers & the elderly.