



Speaking At Rough Acres Bible Camp

Rough Acres loves its chapel speakers! Chapel sessions are often the part of camp that the campers look forward to the most. It is an amazing opportunity to grow a camper's faith in Christ and often, share the gospel to camps who have never had an encounter with God before. During each week at camp, the chapel speakers are present to witness to the camper's and to partake in the fun! Campers come from all sorts of backgrounds and will always remember their time at camp. Being able to speak into their lives and even provide them with their first Bibles, is a life changing experience!

What the schedule looks like for a Chapel Speaker:

The summer camp and retreat schedules change every year. However, you can usually expect to do two sessions a day for the length of that camp. (Normally one around 10am and the other around 6pm) For the kid's camps, the weeks are five days long. The first day, campers arrive in the afternoon, and you can plan to do a nice simple introductory session that evening. Then for the next 3 days, you will do 2 sessions a day. On the final full day, you would just do the morning session as your wrap up. That evening, a full event is usually planned for the campers. You are welcome to stay the rest of the week and participate in the activities or you can wrap up your stay that morning after your session is over.

The Ladies' Retreat is much shorter, but the schedule is very similar. The retreat starts Friday evening. Check in time is between 6pm-9pm. We kick off the weekend with the first Session usually around 7:30pm. On the Saturday, we do a morning and evening session and then just one session on the Sunday morning. Speakers also often plan small group time after their sessions for prayer and discussion on the session's topic. However, it is not required!



How to plan your chapel sessions:

Chapel for kids' camp is usually about 40-45 minutes long. When we have a live worship team, we usually sing 3-4 worship and praise songs before chapel and then sometimes one afterwards. When we don't have live worship, we play YouTube music videos for the campers and encourage them to sing along and do the actions if there are any. Sometimes, we have videos to show before or after chapel sessions that are linked to our theme that year.

When you're planning your chapel sessions, plan to speak for about 15-20 minutes for the Junior camps, and 20-25 minutes for the Intermediate and teen campers. You're encouraged to make it as engaging as possible as we have a rise in ADHD among the campers. (We also provide those campers with pencil crayons and paper so they can doodle to pay better attention) Ways that previous speakers have kept things interesting, per say, would be through minute to win it games before each session, fun videos that correlate with the topic, Bible sword drills, flip board illustrations (We can provide), and skits. For games or sword drills, you can award campers with candies or with cabin points. (Ask the Director for more information on that)

The session topics are usually based on that year's theme/theme verse. You can share how that topic has impacted and influenced your life, how it can make a difference in theirs, and why it's important. Some examples of past themes are: Heart of a Champion Romans 12:21, and Uncharted Mathew 6:19-21.

The Ladies' Retreat sessions are usually longer (30-35 minutes), and we try our very best to have live worship with the same number of songs as the kids' camps. If you have some song requests, please let the Director know so that they can plan ahead. The topics for the Ladies' Retreat is usually picked out by the speaker as the retreat is focused on the sessions. If you are having trouble finding a topic, you could go with the kids' camp summer theme and put a more mature twist on it.



What to pack/ accommodations:

The camp lodge has rooms in the downstairs that are divided into two halves. The first half has a door to the hallway, and the second half has a door to the outside, but there is a door in between them that can be locked if so desired. The rooms are labelled 1A/1B, 2A/2B, etc. Each room has a double sized bed and a twin sized bunk bed. There is also one night stand, a beside lamp, a garbage can, and two pull down surfaces to put your things on. The bathrooms are shared. (Men's and Women's) You also might have the option to sleep in a cabin, if there are some empty.

You will need to bring your own bedding with your own pillow. It's also wise to pack a flashlight, sharpies (Because campers will want you to sign their shirts), a water bottle, and possibly a heater as it gets quite chilly downstairs at night. Of course, don't forget to pack warm clothes, toiletries, sunscreen, bug spray, etc. Make sure to pack enough clothing for the whole week, as our laundry facilities are only for camp use.

What to expect overall:

With the kids' camps, expect to not get very much sleep, expect loud voices and laughter, expect general chaos and excitement, but also expect to see God working in the camper's lives, expect to see them open up to you by the end of the week, expect them to be sad to see you go, and expect God to also teach you a little something along the way.

Speaking at kids' camp is so fun and ultimately, you get to decide what your week will look like and how much fun you will have. Speakers are encouraged and welcomed to participate in all the activities, to share their testimony during evening campfire, to join us on our hike and share the word of God on top of Barrett Hat, but some choose to also take it easy, to take time to themselves and sit at the quiet lake. Both options are 100% the right choice! You are encouraged to enjoy your time with us. If you need time to recover after your sessions, take that time! Do not burn yourself out. If you still have lots of energy and want to play field games with the campers, you're always welcome to join in on the fun.

Ladies' Retreat is very laid back. Besides the sessions, we usually have a craft session planned, and optional board games, campfire time, and canoeing/kayaking. When you're



not speaking, you may join in on making a craft, chatting with other ladies and enjoying the delicious meals and snacks that the cooks lay out for us. It's almost all free time other than the planned craft and planned chapel sessions, so the pace is slow and relaxing. You will have lots of time to recover and plan your next session.

Travel fees and honorarium:

Rough Acres Bible Camp usually has an allotted amount budgeted for our speaker's travel fees each year. We ask that you hold onto your gas receipts and hand them in to the Executive Director upon your arrival to ensure you are reimbursed.

We also have an optional honorarium set aside for chapel speakers. (Currently \$400) If you are interested in receiving this honorarium, please make sure to fill out the form below and also hand it in to the Executive Director.

Not a speaker yet, but would like to be? Contact us!

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Rough Acres Bible Camp Speaker Honorarium Form

If you would like to receive an honorarium for speaking at Rough Acres Bible Camp, please fill out the information below. We are happy to compensate you for the time and effort you have put into this role! Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity!

Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Would you prefer mailed cheque or E-Transfer? _____

If you answered E-Transfer, please provide your E-Transfer address:

If you answered mailed cheque, please provide your mailing address:

Would you like to receive the full amount, or partial? Please choose an option:

Yes, I would like the full amount. No, I would like to be compensated, _____

Again, we thank you for coming to RABC this year! If there is any way we could pray for you in the coming year, please let us know!
