



Hey Group Leader,

For many years, the [Team Assistant Program](#) has been a meaningful part of the CentriKid experience. As we prepare for another summer of ministry, we want to share an important update regarding this program.

The Team Assistant Program began in 2009 as a pilot called the "Junior Staffer" program and was formally introduced in 2010. It has remained a valuable opportunity for churches ever since.

From the beginning, the heart behind the program has been to:

- Give older students a behind-the-scenes look at camp ministry
- Provide hands-on opportunities to serve alongside our staff
- Encourage leadership development and spiritual growth
- Strengthen relationships within church groups through shared, multi-generational ministry

While some details have changed over time, that mission has remained the same.

## Update for 2026

From 2009 to 2026, a lot has changed! Over the past several years, there has been an increased emphasis across camps, churches, and ministry environments on child protection, supervision, and safety standards.

After careful review and with input from our Camp Leadership team, legal team, and child safety experts, we are making the following update:

**Team Assistants will no longer count toward your required 1:5 adult-to-camper ratio.**

Simply put, we cannot rely on minors to fulfill adult supervision responsibilities.

### **Important clarification:**

- Team Assistants who are 18 or older may still count toward your adult ratio.
- Team Assistants who are under 18 will not count toward the ratio.

Each church group must ensure that **adult leaders (18+) are providing supervision for each gender represented in their group.**

## What Is NOT Changing

While this update affects how Team Assistants are counted, the program itself remains a valuable and encouraged part of the CentriKid experience.

Team Assistants will still:

- Serve alongside CentriKid staff throughout the week
- Assist with Recreation, Bible Study, Track Times, and other camp elements (paired with a CK Staffer)
- Gain hands-on ministry experience and leadership development
- Receive a **\$100 discount** for participating in the program

There is also no change in eligibility requirements: trusted **high school juniors, seniors, or college-aged students** may participate (with only those 18+ counting toward the adult ratio).

We continue to strongly believe in the value of the Team Assistant Program for your church. This program provides:

- **Leadership development** for older students who are growing in their faith
- **Ministry exposure** for those who may be exploring a future in serving others
- **Stronger church community** through shared, cross-generational experiences
- **Discipleship opportunities** as older students model and invest in younger campers

Many churches have found this to be one of the most impactful ways to help students take next steps in their faith and leadership.

## Moving Forward

We understand this change may require adjustments for your group as you plan for camp, and we are grateful for your partnership and understanding.

Our goal is to continue providing a safe, excellent, and ministry-focused environment for every camper, leader, and participant. We believe this update strengthens both the safety of our camps and the long-term impact of the Team Assistant Program.

If you have any questions about this update or how it impacts your group, our team would be glad to help. You can reach us by [email](#) or by phone at 877-CAMP-123.

We are looking forward to an incredible summer at CentriKid.



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