

Orientation Outline

You must have an orientation meeting with all of your participants. It is extremely important that each participant fully understands what will be expected of him/her and what the week will look like. Even if your church has been many years to Mountain T.O.P., each year you will have new participants. In your orientation time, please be sure to at least include the things outlined below.

- 1) Introduction
 1. Everyone in the group
 2. Mountain T.O.P.
 - 2) Week at a Glance
 - 3) Special Characteristics
 - 4) Mountain T.O.P. History
 - 5) Foundational Objectives
 - 6) Culture of Appalachia
 1. Article, video, newspapers
 2. Region Map
 3. Service Area Map
 4. Economic Statistics of Service Area
 - 7) Christian Helping
 - 8) Materials Philosophy
 - 9) Tool Safety
 - 10) Day Camp Overview (if applicable)
 - 11) Expectations for Participation
 - 12) Appropriate Behavior Guidelines (18 years & older)
 - 13) What to Bring
 - 14) Forms
 1. Participation Forms
 2. Adult Self - Screening
- You need to meet with the adults separately to discuss what their role at camp will be. You can use the documents The Adult Role, the Discussion Questions, The Interview with Ed and the Adult Covenant
 - You may want to print off the youth and adult packets before the meeting, so they all can have the resources they need. These will be found with the Available Resources. At a minimum, you need to give them copies of the Participation Forms and the What to Bring list.
 - It works really well to fit this all into a retreat time. We have a suggested retreat format with multiple choices for activities and resources available at our website.