



Counselor

Emily Reger - Speech Language Pathologist

Emily never fails to put herself out there to make sure her campers are having a great camp experience! We are so glad she tried camp and that she keeps coming back!

How did you get involved in CHAMP Camp? I got involved with camp because my sister Liz and my Aunt Anny have been coming to camp for years. What's pretty cool is my other aunt and my mom have both attended in past years as well!

After your first year, why did you come back? My first year I was with all returning campers. I was SO nervous as a sophomore in college, I had never had much medical experience. I fell in love with camp that week. It was amazing to see these kids GET TO BE KIDS. They weren't surrounded by their home nurses or parents for once. They got to experience being a kid.

What is your favorite memory from CHAMP Camp? Picking a favorite is sooooo hard! I think my top two would be sitting in the bathroom waiting for a camper to go number 2! which she hates doing, so a few other counselors and I sat in the bathroom with her singing songs and make up silly cheers about pooping to distract her! Orrrr another was singing (terribly I may add) in front of the entire camp to Frozen in the talent show for a camper who communicated by raising her eyebrows! There is no other place I would do that in the world except for camp!

How does your week at camp impact the rest of your year? After camp I go back to my full time job revived. I work with adults in the hospital and try to remember where I've been for the week and how I can bring a light into my patients worlds while they stay in the hospital. I also love getting to tell my family about all the fun and silly things I did that week!

Why should someone in your profession consider being a counselor at CHAMP Camp? From the speech therapy world there's so much to learn at camp! I think it's amazing seeing kids outside of the critical medical setting who have trachs, vents, communication devices, feeding tubes, etc. in a fun activity setting. You can also learn SO much. You learn about different airways, tube feeds, all the ways these kids communicate (sign, devices, gestures). It is a place to work with other medical professionals and have them teach you to participate in these kid's care! It's also just the best time of the year so you should come! ;)

Emily is always up for a cheer, song or silly dance! We love how she brightens camp!



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