

Guardian Angel Program!

All campers and staff at Anchor Camp participate in the “Guardian Angel Program!” We do this for a couple of reasons. First to teach the fact that we all have a Guardian Angel and also what the function of a guardian angel is. And second, to encourage everyone to care for others “like a guardian angel!” The girls and staff all love being a “GA” to another person at camp and also love knowing that someone at camp is being a “GA” for them.

What is a Guardian Angel?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that from the moment of conception until a person’s last breath, a Guardian Angel surrounds each human being with their watchful care and intercession. Our Guardian Angel protects us, helps us in many ways, prays for us and helps us get to our heavenly home. We can ask our Guardian Angel for help any time, talk to them, and also invoke the Guardian Angel of others when they have a specific need. We can even name our Guardian Angel!

Angels are spiritual beings created by God with intelligence and will and they have been present since creation and have helped as messengers all throughout salvation history.

At Anchor Camp everyone will draw a name of someone else at camp out of a hat and they will be a “Guardian Angel” to that person at camp. They will not tell anyone whose name they have!! How will they be a “GA” to that person? They will pray for them everyday, do some small act of kindness for them if possible, or help them if they can. They can write a note saying something nice or encouraging to them and leave it in the cabin mailbox. Of course they do not reveal who they are until the last day when we all reveal who we have been a “GA” to. It has been a custom to sometimes but not always to give a small gift to the person who we are a “GA” to. This could be a bookmark (handmade) or a lollipop or pencil with a happy face eraser for example.

We will have available at camp some items suitable for this purpose and these will be available for purchase with “tokens” that the campers earn. If you choose to send some extra items for this purpose please keep it to very small items such as those from the dollar store and not more than a couple of dollars. I hope this helps with clarification about our fun Guardian Angel program. And I hope that everyone who comes to Anchor Camp will always remember for the rest of their life that they have a real Guardian Angel given to us by our Heavenly Father who is helping us all the time!!