

Paintball Specialist Pre-Camp Prep

Paintball staff are hired with vast differences in their personal skill levels from being on a competitive team to doing some occasional recreational playing.

Paintball staff teach the sport of Paintball so it can be enjoyed by all campers. Safety is stressed at all times. Paintball takes real skill to play well - campers can expect to learn to communicate under pressure, make quick decisions, use teamwork to accomplish a goal, and to think strategically, all while having a lot of fun!

TASKS:

1. If you have played at a commercial field, skip to #3 below and complete task. If you have never played at a commercial field go to #2 below.

2. If you have not played at a commercial field you need to go to an indoor or preferably an outdoor paintball facility (a real one, not just playing in an area with friends). At this facility, we want you to actually play in at least four games. When done go to #3 below and complete the task..

3. You need to watch and observe a referee from a commercial field for at least one hour. Explain to the management that you will be a paintball ref at a camp and ask if you can “shadow” a referee which means you’d be following him/her on the field so you can hear what is being said. If they are uncomfortable with that, ask if you can just observe from nearby. Since you are not participating in the actual game you should try and do this for free.

a. When observing: Pay particular attention to how the games are conducted and how the referee’s manage the field. Pay attention to the games that the participants are playing, note how they are played and the rules of the game.

b. When observing: Also give some thought about the things that the players are doing, their positioning, the way they work together as a team, etc. Remember you are going to have to teach kids to do this soon. Think about how you are going to transfer this information to the different ability levels.

c. **Email us** at: alli@campfoley.com

1. The name and telephone number of the field where you played/observed.

2. The top five rules that the field uses.

3. Five things that the referee’s did to manage the players and the games.

4. Write down directions for two different games/scenarios you could lead with a group of campers. The games should be played with two teams of 10-12 campers of varying skill levels. Think safety when selecting your games. **Email** to: alli@campfoley.com

5. Reading: It is important to have a good knowledge base for teaching the kids proper technique and how to run different games. Spend some time online finding games, safety rules

and familiarizing yourself with terminology. Look at the web site for American Paintball League or Visit the Paintball Training Institute web site at www.paintball-pti.com

6. Get as much experience as possible troubleshooting and repairing markers as possible.
Camp uses Tippmann FT-12 markers

FT-12 Repair- <https://pbmanuals.com/download-manual/827/tippmann-ft-12-ft-50>

*Camp uses compressed air - Air Tap Panel II filling station.