

**WEST OHIO CAMPS & RETREATS
VOLUNTEER CAMP STAFF APPLICATION**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Email _____

Congregation in which you participate _____

Experience working with children/youth in camp, church or other settings _____

What do you consider to be the main purpose of Christian camping? _____

What is a volunteer staff member's role in achieving this purpose? _____

Why do you want to be a volunteer staff this summer? _____

Training or Certificates related to position which you are applying:
(for example: ARC Lifeguard Certificate, ARC First Aid/CPR, Other Certifications, etc.). List expiration dates also.

Please give information about your skills and talents (3 as those you can organize and teach 2 as those you can assist in leading, 1 as those you have participated in).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Singing | <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Campfire Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Play Instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Sharing | <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling |

Please provide information for two references: (Forms available online)

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Email _____

WEST OHIO CONFERENCE- UNITED METHODIST CAMPS
Job Description

TITLE: VOLUNTEER COUNSELOR

RESPONSIBLE TO: Event Dean and/or Camp Director

QUALITIES NEEDED:

- Eighteen years of age or at least one year out of high school.
- Spiritual and emotional maturity.
- Ability to articulate their faith story and relate it in a meaningful way to campers.
- Understanding of and agreement with the program goals and philosophy.
- Knowledge of camper age level characteristics.
- Appreciation of the out-of-doors.
- Dependability and loyalty.
- Enthusiasm.
- Genuine love and concern for others.
- Willingness to serve and to perform tasks beyond those assigned.
- Ability to get along with and motivate others to fulfill responsibilities.
- Desire to learn.
- Physical stamina.

MAIN GOAL: Help campers to have a wonderful week in which they are safe, they are having fun, they are learning about God

Key Result Area: Prepare Yourself
Sub-Goal: Acquire a knowledge base from which to start
Performance Standards: You will know you have done your job well when...

- 1) You attend Volunteer and related training
- 2) You learn basic camp policies
- 3) You agree to background check
- 4) You become familiar with Bible theme materials
- 5) You bring any devotions, materials, costumes, etc. to help teach themes
- 6) You pray for your campers and your week

Key Result Area: Care For Campers
Sub-Goal: Be a companion for campers and responsible for their physical, spiritual, emotional welfare
Performance Standards: You will know you have done your job well when...

- 1) You are a role model for Christian lifestyle and willing to share your faith story
- 2) You know where your campers are at all times
- 3) Campers are meeting/sharing in devotion time daily
- 4) Campers are supervised in daily routines (serving tables, cabin clean-up, hygiene)
- 5) You have balanced the growth of the family group with learning to know each camper
- 6) You teach or help with camp activities according to schedule and curriculum

Key Result Area: Partner with Summer Staff
Sub-Goal: Be a positive, contributing member of a team
Performance Standards: You will know you have done your job well when...

- 1) You work cooperatively and constructively with summer staff
- 2) You consult with Dean and/or director regarding camper special needs
- 3) You communicate to Dean and/or program director when you need a break
- 4) You participate in evaluation of summer camp event

Key Result Area: Participate with God's creation
Sub-Goal: Involve campers in God's outdoor environment
Performance Standards: You will know you have done your job well when...

- 1) You use the natural surroundings to teach about God
- 2) You practice and teach stewardship of God's creation
- 3) You encourage campers to learn more about nature

