

THE CHURCH OF GOD
CT – DE – MA – MD – NJ – NY – PA
YOUTH CAMP STAFF APPLICATION
2018

Name _____ DOB _____ Age _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____

Saved _____ Sanctified _____ Holy Ghost _____ Church member _____ How long _____

Local church do you attend? _____ Pastor _____

In what capacities do you feel you are suited to serve? _____

Counselor _____ Recreation _____ Nurse _____ Music _____

Concession Stand _____ Camp Pianist _____ Other _____

With what age group do you feel best qualified to work? down-12 _____ 13 & up _____

What position(s) do you hold at your local church? _____

Are you willing to assume any responsibility you may be placed? _____

Will you abide by the rules of the camping program? _____

Are you willing to forget yourself and focus on the needs of the camper first? _____

Can you be at camp on time and stay until camp is over? _____

Do you participate in your local church activities consistently? _____

Have you ever been charged or convicted with child abuse? _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return to me by **May 31, 2018**. Thank You.

My address is: Alma Kelly
 105 Jay Lane
 Karns City, PA 16041
 (724) 756-8841

CAMP RULES

The following rules apply to the campers, camp staff, and parents of campers.

1. The following clothes are NOT acceptable at any time: tank tops, or T-shirts with profane words or pictures. Lower garments (e.g., shorts, capri's) should cover the knees.
2. To the nightly church services, girls should wear dresses, or skirts, and tops with sleeves. Boys should wear jeans or slacks.
3. No one is to leave the camp grounds without the permission of the camp director or the camp deans.
4. Every camper is expected to stay within the boundaries.
5. Everyone is to be on time for all activities.
6. Campers will help clean the dorms with their counselors.
7. Campers are not permitted in the kitchen.
8. Girls are to wear a cover over their bathing suits when traveling between the swimming area and their dorms.
9. Do not bring any items that are not related to camp activities, for example, mp3 players, play stations, etc.
10. Do bring your Bibles!
11. Cell phone usage (calls, text messages, etc.) are not permitted in the classrooms or evening services. You will have designated times when you may make your personal calls – namely, after each meal, and during break times.
12. We ask any parents wishing their children to contact them during camp to respect the above rule regarding cell phone usage.
13. Respecting the privacy of our campers and staff is important; consequently, the use of cameras (including those on your cell phones, etc.) is not permitted where privacy is expected, for example restrooms and at the swimming pool.

We want to have a good time in the Lord, and to have fun and fellowship in the camp activities.

ENJOY CAMP!

James Smith, Overseer

Alma Kelley, Camp Director

CAMPER'S HEALTH FORM

This form must be completed and signed in two places before it can be accepted.

Name of Camper _____ DOB _____

In case of emergency, notify _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Emergency (2nd) phone _____

HEALTH HISTORY

If you have had any of these conditions, please check and give details below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatic Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Poison Ivy or Oak
<input type="checkbox"/> Seizures	<input type="checkbox"/> Kidney problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Illness
<input type="checkbox"/> Fainting	<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Trouble	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Walking
<input type="checkbox"/> TB	<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Allergies

Details to any items checked above:

Prescriptions currently being taken? Please list name and dosage (to be overseen by the camp nurse).

Please Note: *When you sign below, you are giving permission for your camper to receive their medications during camp.*

Date LAST received a Tetanus shot? _____

Any specific activities (e.g., swimming) to be restricted? _____

IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY: I understand an effort will be made to contact the designated contact of the camp staffer. In the event I cannot be notified, I understand that if an accident should occur, I give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child, as named.

Designated Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CAMP STAFF

The number one objective of our youth camp ministry is to provide an environment that is conducive to the Spirit touching and blessing the hearts of our campers. We have specifically taken the campers out of their normal environment as part of helping them to turn their thoughts toward the Lord. We may have campers attending that are unsaved, and may know little of God's plan of salvation. Others may have previously been saved, but need to be encouraged to continue on to sanctification and to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some while at camp may even receive a divine calling upon their lives – to preaching, to teaching, to otherwise ministering for the Lord.

In support of our primary objective, we are responsible for the well-being (spiritual and physical) of those that have been left in our charge for the week. In assist our providing this conducive environment, we have provided a set of rules/guidelines (located on an prior page above) that we expect not only the campers but also the camp staff to follow. Remember not everyone attending camp shares the same home/church background. We expect to have campers that are visiting us, and being exposed to The Church of God, for perhaps their first time. We must be that "light set on a hill" to which we have been called.

In addition to the camper rules above, we have additional guidance for the camp staff to follow:

1. It is important that each staff member understand the task(s) to which they are assigned, and to see that they are fulfilled as expected. Below are examples:
 - a. Teachers in their classes at the beginning of their classes ready to begin, and overseeing their pupils until the end of the class, as scheduled. We do not dismiss class early.
 - b. Those that serve as counselors are to be with their campers each evening, and the campers are in their cabins when the time comes to retire to their rooms, and to remain there until the next morning. Specifically, there will be NO slipping outside the dorm after 'lights out' for any reason.
 - c. The recreation time is not a license to go off and do whatever one wishes. There are parts of the camping facility that are off-limits, e.g., the zip-line in the woods. There are activities in which all are to participate. Some are to be done as a group, and others allow for individual interest, craft time, etc. IT WILL BE FUN!!
 - d. A more complete list of additional guidance will be provided at the first staff meeting at the beginning of camp. This is not "rocket science" but simply the practicing of godly wisdom and respect for others – their feelings, their abilities, etc.
2. In recent years, the world has been shocked by events that have occurred at camping programs around the country. They (those with legal jurisdiction, those who insure camping programs, and those who own those camping facilities) now expect greater *due-diligence* on our part, as custodians of their children while they are at camp.

For example, we recently visited another camp site to evaluate it for future camping activities. We were informed that every camping dorm was to have at least TWO counselors assigned. The reasoning was motivated by the need to insure that no staff member, rightly or wrongly, could be accused of inappropriate behavior with the campers, etc. They also wanted someone that could remain with the campers in the event that the other had to escort a camper to see the nurse, etc.

In our particular case, this situation also represents an opportunity for new staff to work with a seasoned staff member and gain experience and confidence. Still, there is room (flexibility) for adaptation in how each pair work together to oversee their group – think of it as adopting team-teaching methods.