

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

**UNITED METHODIST CAMPS
RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

Each United Methodist Camp and Retreat Center ("Camp") offers a variety of services and voluntary activities designed to enrich the camping experience. These services and voluntary activities may include, without limitation, the provision of food, lodging and transportation, as well as the sponsorship of challenging and educational activities often associated with camping and the outdoors, such as hiking, boating, swimming, campfires, fishing, ropes courses, horseback riding and the like. Both campers and staff members (including volunteers) may have the opportunity to participate in one or all of these activities.

While each Camp will endeavor to assure the safety of its campers and staff members, there are unavoidable risks of injury—and even death—associated with camping and its related services and activities. **Consequently, a properly executed Release of Liability is required before anyone may attend a Camp as either a camper or a staff member.** Such a Release of Liability is set forth below. If you are a prospective camper or staff member under eighteen years of age, one of your parents or your legal guardian must print his or her name below and then sign and date the line designated "Parent or Guardian of Minor Camper or Staff Member." If you are a prospective camper or staff member eighteen years of age or older, you must print your name below and then sign and date the line designated "Adult Camper or Staff Member." You are encouraged to consult an attorney if you have any questions about the meaning of this document. In addition, you are encouraged to contact the Conference Camping office by phone at 1-800.437.0028 or e-mail to camps@wocumc.org if you have any questions about the services or activities provided at any Camp.

By signing below, I, _____ (print neatly the appropriate name as described above) acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. I have read and understand the risks summarized above;
2. I understand that my participation in camp activities and receipt of camp services is voluntary;
3. In consideration of attending a United Methodist Camp(s) as a camper or staff member, I expressly assume the risks of such attendance. Further, for myself and on behalf of my executors, administrators and heirs, I release and hold the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Camp(s) I attend, including the owners, trustees, officers, employees, agents and volunteers of these entities, harmless from any and all claims or suits arising in any way from my attendance at a United Methodist Camp(s) for injury to my person or property or my death caused by the negligence of these entities and/or individuals;

or (as appropriate);

4. In consideration of my child's attendance at a United Methodist Camp(s) as a camper or staff member, I, for myself and on behalf of my minor child and our executors, administrators and heirs, release and hold the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Camp(s) my child attends, including the owners, trustees, officers, employees, agents and volunteers of these entities, harmless from any and all claims or suits arising in any way from my child's attendance at a United Methodist Camp(s) for injury to my child or his or her property or his or her death caused by the negligence of these entities and/or individuals.

Parent or Guardian of Minor Date
Staff Member
(IF STAFF MEMBER IS UNDER AGE 18)

Staff Member Date
(IF STAFF MEMBER IS AGE 18 OR OLDER)

Printed Name of Camper or Staff Member: _____