



Counsellor-In-Training Application 2009



Office use only:

Week: Spr D1 D2 T1 W S D3 D4 T2

Date Received: _____ Pckg. Sent: _____ Police Check Received _____

Interview/Information Evening Date: May 29 June 2 Attending Pre-Camp Training: June 6 _____ June 26-27 _____

Please complete this application *including the confidential medical information* and return by **Saturday, May 9, 2009**. There are over **160** positions waiting to be filled!

Applications can be mailed to the Campfire! Counsellor Committee, 258 Harmony Rd., Ancaster, ON L9G 2T2

Name: _____ **Birthdate:** _____ (must be at least 17 or turning 17 this year to apply)

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Prov:** _____

Postal Code: _____ **Phone #:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

Home Church: _____ **Pastor:** _____

Availability:

Please indicate your top four choices (1,2,3,4) in the spaces provided. If you are only available for (a) particular week(s) please mark **ONLY** those choices.

If applying to a Teen or Wilderness Week you **MUST** be at least **20 years old**. To apply for Service Week you must be at least **21 years old**.

- ___ Sprouts (SP) Wed July 1st – Fri July 3rd
- ___ Discovery 1 (D1) Mon July 6 – Sat July 11
- ___ Discovery 2 (D2) Mon July 13 – Sat July 18
- ___ Teen 1 (T1) Mon July 20 – Sat July 25
- ___ Wilderness(W)* Mon July 27 – Sat July 31
- ___ Service (S)** Mon July 27 – Sat July 31
- ___ Discovery 3 (D3) Mon Aug 4 – Sat Aug 9
- ___ Discovery 4 (D4) Mon Aug 11 – Sat Aug 16
- ___ Teen Week (T2) Mon Aug 18 – Sat Aug 23

*Wilderness week includes a 4-day canoe trip. Since there are only 6-8 positions available for this trip, those with experience will be given priority. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to place you in this week.

**Service week includes a 5-day trip to several mission organization in the GTA. Since there are only 2-3 positions available for this trip, those with experience will be given priority. We cannot guarantee placement in this week.

Skills Assessment:

Please indicate if you have any experience in the following areas:

- Playing an instrument _____
- Singing, Speaking or story telling
- Drama
- Arts and crafts _____
- Canoeing
- Leading nature activities
- Sports _____
- First Aid, CPR
- Life Guarding
- Nursing
- Other _____

References:

Please indicate two references and. Do not list any relatives. We will be contacting either your minister or elder.

Minister or Elder: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Other #1: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Relation to Applicant: _____

Other #2: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Relation to applicant: _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate page:

1. What are your reasons for applying to serve at Camp this summer?
2. Please briefly summarise any volunteer experience that you have been involved in. (Sports, other camps, Youth Group, VBS, etc.)
3. Please share with us how God has enabled your relationship with Him to grow in your life.

Police Checks:

It is absolutely mandatory that you obtain a Police Check with a Vulnerable Sector Report included (this is just an additional aspect of a police check) **and** hand it in to a Head Counsellor either at pre-camp or before your week begins.

Please indicate which police station you will be getting your police check from:

- Hamilton Niagara Region
- Fergus Guelph
- Brampton Other (please indicate) _____

We will mail you all the necessary information upon receiving your application, and suggest strongly that you get your police check done right away!

IMPORTANT: In addition to obtaining a police check you are required to fill out and sign the *Volunteer and Employee Waiver Form* found at the end of this application.

Interview and Information Evening:

All successful applicants (CITs – Counsellors-in-Training) must participate in an interview/information evening. They will have an opportunity to meet individually with staff to discuss their application to Campfire!

Please indicate which evening you will be available. We will send a note in the mail to you to confirm this date. Please remember this date and accept it as final unless you are notified otherwise.

- o **Friday, May 29, 2009** at Ancaster Canadian Reformed Church – 7:30pm
- o **Tuesday, June 2, 2009** at Cornerstone Canadian Reformed Church (Hamilton) – 7:30pm

Pre-Camp Training Dates:

Successful applicants are required to attend the following training sessions:

C-I-T Training Day: Saturday, June 6 (in Hamilton area, exact location TBA)

AND

Pre-Camp: Friday (evening) – Saturday, June 26-27 (at Campfire!)

For further details, check out the FYI sheet on page 5. If you are unable to attend either of these two dates, please send a message to the address found at the beginning of this application.

Confidential Medical Information:

Name: _____ Health Card No. _____ (include version code)

Family Doctor: _____ Phone #: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell # _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell # _____ Relationship: _____

Please list:

Any medications that you will be taking with you to Campfire!:* _____

Allergies: _____

Other Medical Conditions: _____

***Please note that any medications you bring to Campfire! must be locked up in the Health Centre to avoid any unnecessary issues. While you will still be responsible for taking your medications, they must be locked up for safe keeping while you are at Campfire. The nurse will unlock them as needed. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact Sarah van Popta, our Head Nurse, at sarah.c.vanpopta@gmail.com)**

If you are under the age of 18 please have your parent or guardian sign this application.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____

Campfire! Bible Camp
Volunteer and Employee Waiver Form

To protect the children in our care, we ask the following questions of all staff:

Do you have a criminal record involving the physical or sexual abuse of children or adults?

Yes ____ No ____ decline to answer ____

Do you have any outstanding criminal charges involving the physical or sexual abuse of children or adults?

Yes ____ No ____ decline to answer ____

Do you have any outstanding criminal charges currently before the courts?

Yes ____ No ____ decline to answer ____

Are you currently subject to any court related releases, prohibitions, or probations?

Yes ____ No ____ decline to answer ____

Have you ever been investigated by any police agency or children's advocacy agency regarding child abuse?

Yes ____ No ____ decline to answer ____

Name:

(Surname) _____, (Given) _____

Date Of Birth

(yr/mm/dd) ____/____/____

Address:

Street _____

City _____

Province _____

Postal Code _____

Signature _____

Date _____

FYI: A Lovingly Prepared Page of Details

Please keep the following information handy! Post it, file it, keep it.

- ❖ Upon receiving this application the Counsellor Committee will forward a **package** to your mailing address. This package will indicate that we have received your application, which week you have been assigned to, and which interview/information evening we request you to attend, as well as all the information you will need to obtain a police check. If you do not receive this package within 2-3 weeks, please contact us.
- ❖ In order to have sufficient numbers of counsellors for each week at Campfire! the committee may not be able to place you in your requested week. We may place you in one of the alternative weeks you have selected. Your package will let you know which week.
- ❖ **Police Check Clearance Policy:** All counsellors and CITs are obligated to obtain a Volunteer Police Clearance with a Vulnerable Sector Report included (this is just an additional aspect of a Police Clearance). This is important as it protects you, but also protects the integrity of our camp. **This clearance should be obtained BEFORE YOUR FINAL ACCEPTANCE** to Campfire!. You are also required to fill out and sign in pen the Volunteer and Employee Waiver form as part of your application.
- ❖ **Late Applications:** Please send in your application as soon as possible! We encourage you to send an application even if you are unsure of your availability. The sooner you apply, the sooner we can process your application and the sooner you can obtain a police clearance.
- ❖ **Pre-camp Training Dates:** All counsellors and CITs must attend their training dates. **NEW COUNSELLORS** (CITs) are to attend on Saturday, June 6 (in the Hamilton area). **NEW COUNSELLORS AND RETURNING COUNSELLORS** are to attend Fri. - Sat. June 26-27 (at Campfire!). The training days will provide information and workshops on counseling, cabin pack devotions, first-aid, abuse identification and response, games, activities and more. It is a great time to meet your fellow counsellors, orient yourself to the camp, and have a lot of fun! You will receive an **information package** prior to pre-camp.
- ❖ **Interview/Information Evening:** Each NEW counsellor is requested to attend one of the Interview/Information evenings. There are two possible dates. On the application please select the date which suits your schedule. All counsellors are required to attend to receive important information and forms. CITs will participate in a short interview session. If you cannot make it please contact us so we can arrange an alternative.

Dates: Friday, May 29, 2009 at Ancaster Canadian Reformed Church – 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at Cornerstone Canadian Reformed Church (Hamilton) – 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Arrival/Departure Time:** Each counsellor/CIT is expected to arrive at Campfire! the Sunday evening before your week begins. The evening will include Counsellor/CIT introduction, an overview of the week, expectations, nick-naming, and an opportunity to prepare with your co-counsellor. Departure time will be around noon on Saturday – after an official closing, appreciation and clean-up.
*Sprouts Counsellors should arrive on the **Tuesday** evening before their week.*
- ❖ Please Remember that Campfire! has a **NO SMOKING** policy. If you have any questions about this please contact us.

If you have any questions or concerns during your application process do not hesitate to contact our Head Counsellor, Ryan Vandenhaak (AKA Capo):
counsellors@campfirebiblecamp.ca or 905.689.1033.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application.

We look forward to seeing you serve at Campfire 2009!