

2010 Youth Camp Counselor/Staff Application

Presbytery of the Southwest

Name: _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Marital Status: [] Single [] Married [] Divorced [] Widowed

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: M / F

Willing to serve in what capacity? (Check all that apply)

- [] Counselor – 4th – 6th grade level [] Kitchen Staff
[] Counselor – 7th – 9th grade level [] Seminar Teacher (Age preference: _____)
[] Counselor – 10th grade through Young Adult [] Music (list instruments under talents below)

Church Membership: _____

Pastor: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Date of Profession of Faith: _____

Office / Responsibilities in Church: _____

Place of Employment / School: _____

Hobbies: _____

Talents: _____

How many years have you attended PSW Youth Camp? _____

Experience at other camps? _____

Previous Counselor Experience: _____

Why do you want to serve at OPC Young Peoples' Camp?

I recommend the above applicant to serve at OPC Young Peoples' Camp. I attest to his/her good standing and involvement in the life of the church.

(Signature of Pastor or Elder [who is not a relative])

(Date)

I, the above applicant, agree to follow all OPC Young Peoples' Camp Guidelines. If applying to serve as a counselor, I have read and understand the 2010 Camp Counselor Guidelines (attached).

(Signature of Applicant) (Date)

Mail Completed Application To:

Todd Dole
OPC Youth Camp
3314 Kessler Blvd
Wichita Falls, TX 76309

Note: You will also need to fill out and send in the health forms from the camper registration packet. These should be sent to the address for camper registrations

HEALTH FORM

Note(all campers and adults must fill out and submit this form)

Name _____

Date of last Tetanus shot _____

Physician _____ Phone () _____

Check if you have: Allergies () Asthma () Diabetes () Heart Condition ()

Medication Reaction () Explain _____

Medications to be taken at camp _____

Policy # _____ Insurance Co. _____ Group # _____

Policy Holder's Name _____ Policy Holder's DOB _____

I agree to assume as an explicit condition of my participation, any and all risks. I agree to hold blameless High Plains Retreat Center, its staff, the sponsoring church or Presbytery from any and all liability, claims and demands and cause of action whatsoever which may arise due to the participation of my child/ward. I realize also, that in the event of illness or injury while attending activities, medical treatment may be required. I hereby give my permission for any such treatment to be rendered, and I agree to bear the costs of such treatment.

Date _____

Signature of Staff/Counselor

Presbytery of the Southwest Youth Camp

Counselor Guidelines 2010

Overview

Camp counselors aim to serve Christ by caring for the campers, providing oversight, leadership and discipling throughout the week of camp. Counselors are in a unique position to impact the young people attending camp. The camp committee, preachers, and seminar teachers aren't able to get to know every young person during the week personally. The counselors are able to develop relationships and interact in a much more personal manner. Quite often campers come away feeling they had a great year because of the ministry of a loving counselor.

Being a counselor at camp is hard work. A good counselor will stay focused on serving the youth constantly throughout the week. While there are many personal benefits to being a counselor – the preaching and teaching ministry, fellowship with other counselors/staff/ministers, and plenty of fun to be had—counselors are expected to put the campers' interests and needs before their own. Hanging out at the lodge or catching the biggest fish should take a back seat to serving the youth.

Specific Duties:

1. Maintain oversight and discipline of campers at all times during the week
2. Live with campers in a cabin and provide oversight during cabin times. (There will typically be 2-3 counselors per cabin, so you won't be alone and outnumbered.)
3. Serve as coaches to the camp teams (Typically 2-3 counselors per team.)
4. Lead daily devotional times with the campers in your cabin (topics will be provided.)
5. Interact with, mentor and disciple campers as opportunities arise and as skills allow.

Expectations:

1. Counselors will seek to set a Christ-like example for campers throughout the week.
2. Counselors are expected to attend and participate in all scheduled events (camp wide, team, and cabin). If a counselor needs some "down time" during the week (and you will!), you are expected to take it during camp free time.
3. Counselors are expected to maintain the camp rules and enforce discipline at all times.
4. Counselors are expected to enthusiastically support the policies and philosophy of the camp committee and directors. If you have a concern about a particular policy, take it up with the camp committee rather than complaining to campers.
5. If something is forbidden to campers, counselors are expected to refrain also when campers are around. (E.G. A counselor may smoke in the designated area, but should not invite campers to hang out while smoking. A counselor could slip into the lodge to grab an energy drink, but shouldn't take it back to the cabin to drink in front of campers.)
6. Counselors are strongly encouraged to study and learn the memory work. Set an example here for the campers to emulate.
7. Counselors are expected to inform a staff member immediately and seek help should a situation arise beyond your ability to resolve. (EG discipline issues, a serious counseling issue, issues with other counselors/staff.)
8. Counselors who will also be preaching or teaching are asked to have your sermon/lesson prepared before camp begins. If you need to go over material during camp so it will be fresh in your memory, that's fine, but we'd prefer you don't take time away from interacting with the campers to actually prepare your lesson at camp.