



MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 6TH-9TH 2023 @ LUTHERDALE BIBLE CAMP

Dear Summer Camp Counselor Applicant,

Thank you so much for your interest in serving as a counselor for this year's Middle School Summer Camp! We are excited to offer this leadership team as an opportunity to serve our 6th-8th grade students and for you to grow in your personal relationship with the Lord. While the actual Summer Camp will be taking place in June of 2023, we will be hosting a series of four Formation Meetings and a Counselor Retreat Day to ensure that our team is ready to help lead our middle school students.

It is our goal for our Teen Leaders to provide an example of witness and service for all of the middle school students that will be attending camp. For this reason, we will be accepting 6-10 (depending on how many middle school students sign up) current freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors to help us. We hope to foster a spirit of community and servant leadership among our Student Leaders, which is why we ask everyone to commit to our Formation Meetings and Retreat Day. These events will serve the dual purpose of preparing each of our Teen Leaders to serve the middle schoolers while also drawing him or her closer to Christ.

Please keep in mind that being a part of our Counselor Team last year does not necessarily guarantee you a spot on the team again this year. Each year we consider each applicant individually.

We ask that this application be returned to Isaac no later than February 15th 2023 and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

In Christ,

Isaac Weickert

Before you get started with your application process, we want to share with you a bit about what it means to be a Camp Counselor so that you know what you're getting yourself into. Here are some things you can expect:

1. To go deeper in your relationship with Christ and discover more fully what living as a disciple of Jesus means.
2. An opportunity to grow in relationship with one another and other Catholic teens from around the diocese.
3. Meetings/retreat days full of Christ-centered training, vibrant prayer, and small group discussions.
4. A week of living and leading in a fun, upbeat, faith-filled Summer Camp environment!

Specifically we need you to commit to:

1. Refraining from inappropriate language, rude or sexual comments, and swearing.
2. Refraining from the use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
3. Obey all directions of youth ministers and other adult volunteers.
4. Fundraising the full cost of Summer Camp (\$425) by the end of May 2023.
5. Attending the Counselor Trainings, Fundraising Days (as needed), the Counselor Retreat Day, as well as the actual Summer Camp.

Let's pause for a moment, before you keep going we wanted to give you a chance to review the specific dates/times we will be asking you to commit to. Attendance at all of the following events is mandatory.

Please keep in mind, before continuing in the application process, that inability to attend our training events impacts the Counselor team as well as our campers. If you are unable to attend a majority of the following events, joining the Counselor Team for this summer may not be for you. The location, dates, and times for the trainings/retreat day will be as follows:

Teen Leader Trainings

Thursday, April 20th | 6PM-8PM @ St. Patrick Parish

Thursday, April 27th | 6PM-8PM @ St. Patrick Parish

Thursday, May 4th | 6PM-8PM @ St. Patrick Parish

Thursday, May 11th | 6PM-8PM @ St. Patrick Parish

Retreat Day - Saturday, May 20th | 9AM-5PM @ St. Peter Geneva

Summer Camp - Monday, June 5th 2023 – Friday June 9th 2023

STUDENT AGREEMENT:

I, _____, have read the information regarding the expectations for Summer Camp Counselors. I agree to abide by the disciplines of no swearing, smoking, drinking, or use of drugs or tobacco. Furthermore, I acknowledge that in signing this form I am committing to fundraise the full \$425 cost of camp and to attend the Counselor Training nights, the Counselor Retreat Day, as well as the Summer Camp itself.

Signature of Applicant _____

Summer Camp - Counselor Application

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Age: _____ Gender: Male Female I am currently: fresh soph jun sen

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

T-shirt size: small medium large x-large

CATHOLIC/SPIRITUAL FORMATION

NOTE: answering "no" to any of the following questions does not necessarily mean that you will not be accepted as a counselor.

I am baptized: Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

I am confirmed in the Catholic Church: Yes No

If no, when do you plan to be confirmed: _____

For the past 12 months, I have met my obligation of attending Sunday liturgy and Holy Days of obligation: Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

NOTE: When answering these questions, be yourself. There are no right or wrong answers. These questions are simply vehicles for us to learn more about you.

Why do you want to be a counselor for Summer Camp? What do you hope to gain?

Other than church related activities, what are your hobbies and interests?

Are there any activities (i.e. sports, choir, clubs, etc.) that you are involved in that would keep you from being able to commit fully to our Counselor Team for Summer Camp? Please explain.

Pick one word to describe your faith right now and explain.

What particular gifts or abilities do you have to offer to the service of other people?

Please give yourself a number evaluation based on the following scale:

1- True 2 - Not True 3 - Unsure

_____ I believe I am trying my best to serve Christ every day.

_____ I have a hard time connecting to Christ while at Mass.

_____ My family would say that I am a good witness to the Catholic faith.

_____ My friends would say that I am a good witness to the Catholic faith.

_____ I believe everything the Catholic Church teaches to be true.

_____ I have a hunger to learn more about my faith.

_____ I have a personal relationship with Christ.

_____ I have a consistent prayer life.

_____ I have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit at work in my life.

_____ I am open to whatever God wants for my life.

_____ I am able to lead my peers.

_____ I am able to follow my peer's leadership.

From the above list, please elaborate on one of your strengths:

From the above list, please elaborate on one area of needed improvement:

I attest that the answers I have given are truthful and give an accurate description of my life as it is right now. I understand that any answer I have given will be kept confidential and will be used to evaluate my readiness and preparation to be a Counselor for Summer Camp 2023.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____