



YOUNG DISCIPLE YOUTH BIBLE CAMP

Returning Counselor Application 2012

PLEASE PRINT

Last name: _____ First name: _____
Birthday: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____
Mobile phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Fax number: _____ Current occupation: _____

DESIRED POSITION:

Counselor Assistant counselor

IMPORTANT: Being a camp counselor is a privilege and a responsibility. It requires a mature relationship with the Lord, a spirit submissive to God's will, and a willingness to put self aside and minister to the needs of others. Do not think that you can wait until camp to get your spiritual life in order. If you do this, you will be ineffective as a counselor, and may need to step down from your position.

Every year, campers ask many questions. They want to know why we do what we do, how to walk the Christian walk, how to pray, and why they are not allowed to do certain things. If you do not hold the answers in your own heart, how will you be able to lead? If you have any questions or concerns, please dialogue with the camp staff before applying as a counselor.

SKILLS:

Please list any new skills or interests you have that may benefit the camp program: _____

DATES & TRANSPORTATION:

Counselor Orientation (July 11–15) **Outdoors Camp (July 15–22)**

Missions/Music Camp (July 22–29) **Counselor Rally (July 29–31)**

Coming and going: If driving, plan to arrive at the camp by 6:00 PM Wednesday, July 11 for the Counselor Orientation. If you are flying in, plan to arrive at Spokane International Airport by 2:30 PM on July 11. We will provide airport drop-off service on Sunday, July 29 for flights leaving after 1:00 PM, and for those staying for the counselor rally, anytime within reason (early afternoon is best) on Tuesday, July 31.

Please mail or e-mail a copy of your flight itinerary to the YD office at least three weeks prior to camp. If you are not able to attend the entire period, please contact us and we can discuss other options if available.

IMPORTANT: Please do not purchase tickets before your application is processed. If you are unable to find a flight during these time frames give us a call and we may be able to help find something. Camp is a very busy time for YD staff and we simply do not have staff available to do extra airport runs. Your courtesy in following the above guidelines is very much appreciated. Avoid using Priceline/Hotwire reservation services as you cannot control the arrival and departure times using these services. We suggest the following sites for good prices; check back often for sales: www.kayak.com, www.orbitz.com, www.travelocity.com, www.expedia.com, www.alaskaair.com, www.southwest.com.

COUNSELOR RALLY: We'd love to have all counselors remain for the optional counselor rally. This will not only be a time to relax and enjoy recreation with the other counselors, but a time for spiritual refreshment and commitment. Time will be divided between camp cleanup, recreation, games, and inspirational group meetings.

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Following any set of standards, of course, does not guarantee a place in God's Kingdom. However, we have experienced the spiritual blessings that result from incorporating high standards of conduct and deportment in the YD Camp program. The camp codes are based on principles from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. We understand that there will be differences of interpretation in certain areas, and that we are all growing. Still, for the unity and well-being of the camp, we ask that all staff bring an open mind and with a willingness to happily support and pattern the camp codes.

Campers will watch each staff member. Critical spirits and defiant or skeptical attitudes can spread poison throughout the camp. On the other hand, a positive and enthusiastic Christian witness will be noted, remembered, and copied. For this reason, before applying, each potential staff member should prayerfully consider each of the following areas to determine whether he or she can comfortably comply with the camp position.

DIET. Food on the camp menu does not include meat, dairy products, or harmful chemicals. It is also low in fats and sugars. The camp cooks go out of their way to make sure the food is tasty and appetizing. However, some campers will find it very different from anything they have had before. Will you be enthusiastic and appreciative—or will you groan about the food and sneak Mars Bars and Dr. Peppers on the side?

ENTERTAINMENT. All camp staff should have made a conscious decision to put aside any form of entertainment that leads away from the principles of God's Kingdom. Even if you refrain from such activities during camp, you can still exert a negative influence by talking enthusiastically (and too knowledgeably) about rock groups, TV shows, movies, popular music and entertainers, etc. The motto of every staff member should be the words of Philippians 4:8. We also suggest that each applicant

read *The Adventist Home*, chapters 79–83, before applying.

SOCIAL RELATIONS. We encourage comfortable interchanges between the sexes. However, camp staff members must avoid frivolous conversations, silly laughter, inappropriate eye or bodily contact, and other marks of flirtation with the opposite sex. Staff members who have not completed their education should not be involved in romantic relationships. In any case, staff members should refrain from courting activity during camp time. Your time and energy must be expended on the campers—not on a relationship. Although it is not inspired, we recommend the book *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* for its excellent principles in this area. We will also gladly supply Spirit of Prophecy statements for those who request them.

DRESS. "A person's character is judged by his style of dress. A refined taste, a cultivated mind, will be revealed in the choice of simple and appropriate attire" (*Evangelism*, page 672). An interesting study for all staff members would be to look up all Spirit of Prophecy references for "clothing." In brief, staff clothing should be suitable, well-fitting, economical, neat, and modest. Although clothing should be becoming, staff should avoid styles that call attention to themselves or might be a stumbling block to others. The camp dress codes are as follows:

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Staff ladies should bring sturdy skirts and dresses that allow a full stride and fall below the knee. Any slits need to end below the knee. Choose denims or khakis that can withstand hiking and exercises. Pants under a fingertip-length top are appropriate for some activities. For water activities, shorts and T-shirts (over a swimsuit, if desired) may be worn. Not allowed: sleeveless (or very short-sleeved) tops, revealing necklines, short tops exposing skin at the waistline, and sheer or form-fitting attire. Culottes and split skirts are discouraged, unless they give the appearance of a skirt. Other items to avoid: cosmetics, nail polish, jewelry, gaudy hair decorations.

Staff men's clothing should also be able to withstand the rigors of camp life. Items to avoid: shorts (except for water activities), tank tops, sagging or very wide-legged pants. Shirts should be tucked in; hats should not be worn backwards.

Both men and ladies should avoid any clothing containing suggestive pictures or wording or advertising competitive sports. All staff members should be careful to avoid body odor or any other personal uncleanness. Clothing and hair styles should not reflect fads.

COMPETITION. Competition is contrary to the principles of God's Kingdom. God instructs us to "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another" (Romans 12:10). Teachers of classes and leaders of camp activities will seek to avoid any sort of competition between campers. At least as importantly, staff members should not be avid fans of competitive sports, either as participants or spectators.

What if you don't agree?

Some camp codes are simply codes we have chosen to apply to the YD Camp program. Others are what we believe to be God-given principles. We recognize that there may be some sincere differences of opinion in the application of these principles, particularly in the

areas of diet, dress, and social relations.

If you find yourself opposed to any of the camp codes, we suggest that you prayerfully study the matter out for yourself, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If, after doing this, you still feel you cannot joyfully comply with the camp codes with an open mind and heart, we suggest that you personally dialogue with us before you apply.

Much more important than rigidly following any external standard is having a heart open to following God in every detail of the life. This is the kind of person God can use to be instrumental in performing a real heart work in the lives of the campers.

God bless you!



Please check all of the following travel options that apply to you:

- I plan to be at Young Disciple Camp from July 11–29 (not staying for the counselor rally).
- I plan to be at Young Disciple Camp from July 11–31 (staying for the counselor rally).
- I would like to be picked up at the Spokane airport on July 11.
- I would like to be dropped off at the Spokane airport on July 29.
- I would like to be dropped off at the Spokane airport on July 31.
- I will provide my own transportation to camp.
- I will bring a vehicle to camp that I can use for camp transportation.
- I can transport _____ campers to nearby functions.
- I am willing to allow another licensed driver to use my vehicle for camp purposes.
- Other: _____

MEDICAL

Do you have any physical conditions or medical history that would impact your ability to serve at camp? If yes, please explain: _____

Medical Insurance carrier and policy number: _____

FINANCIAL

- I am volunteering my time to serve at camp, and do not require compensation.
- Other: _____

Note: Because Young Disciple Camp is not subsidized by any outside source, we have come to rely almost exclusively on staff who can volunteer their time, and cover their own travel expenses. However, if you would like to serve at YD Camp but find that finances are preventing you from being able to come, please call Ted at the YD office to discuss possible options.

STAFF POLO SHIRT

If your current polo shirt looks nice and is in good condition, please be sure to bring it. If you need a replacement polo shirt please circle the size you would like: S / M / L / XL / 2XL

PARENT'S AUTHORIZATION

For all minor applicants (under age 18).

As a parent and/or legal guardian of NAME OF APPLICANT, I am in favor of the applicant serving at Young Disciple Youth Bible Camp and participating in all activities unless otherwise specified in writing. Young Disciple Ministries may use images of above applicant taken during camp for promotional and/or illustrative purposes. I hereby release the camp from liability in case of accident or illness. In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp staff to administer natural remedies as deemed appropriate and/or to hospitalize and administer anesthesia and medications as required or perform surgery on the above applicant.

Signature: _____ Relationship: _____ Date: _____

STAFF AGREEMENT

I have carefully read the camp codes, and as staff, I agree to abide by all the camp regulations and policies, and to uphold camp objectives. I will not promote any issue or subject that will cause controversy, division, or discontent among the camp staff, campers, or visitors to the camp. I hereby release the camp from liability in case of accident or illness. I also give permission to Young Disciple Ministries to use images taken of me during camp for promotional or illustrative purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____