# PRESBYTERIAN CAMPS AND CONFERENCE CENTERS, INC. VOLUNTEER COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Thank you for your desire to serve God as a Volunteer Counselor! Volunteer Counselors play a vital role in our programmed camps. Their job is both to live and care for the campers for the week, and to share their life and faith with them. No one person has more one-on-one contact with the campers than the cabin counselors. Counselors proclaim, clarify, embody and make real the claims of Christ. Experiencing how a Christian lives is infinitely more convincing than simply hearing a Christian talk. Volunteer counselors are central to the proclamation process. They make the truths of the Gospel real and personal. Campers see in their counselors the possibility and validity of a life committed to Christ.

PCCCI summer camps are designed to support and encourage the ministry of the local churches. Our goal is for the local church to recruit Volunteer Counselors from their home church, so the relationships developed at camp between camper and counselor will continue throughout the year.

#### HOW TO APPLY

- 1. Complete the PCCCI Registration & Medical Form
- 2. Complete the following Application Form
- 3. Complete Personal Reference Forms (see instructions below)
- 4. Complete a Voluntary Disclosure Form (PCCI is required to run a background check on all Volunteer Counselors. The Volunteer Disclosure Form must be signed by a parent if the applicant is under 18 years of age.)

If you have been recruited to counsel campers from you home church, the churches recommendation and Registrar's signature on your application are all that is needed. If you are <u>not</u> intending to counsel campers from your home church, <u>TWO</u> <u>PERSONALREFERENCESARE REOUIRED</u>. One form must be completed by your Pastor or Youth Director. The other should be from a Christian teacher, Church Elder, or employer not related to you. See Volunteer Reference Forms below.

### 4. Send all completed forms to:

Presbyterian Camp and Centers, Inc. Volunteer Counselor Application P.O. Box 1512 Big Bear Lake, CA 92315-1512

Volunteer Counselor Applicants will be selected based on qualifications, date of application and counselor demand for a particular week. Local churches may be asked to restrict the number of counselors they bring to camp if their counselor ratio is above the allowed number. (One counselor per eight campers.)

Please note the minimum age to be a volunteer counselor is going into your junior year of high school to counsel Logging Camp and going into your senior year to counsel Junior High Camp.

It is both a privilege and responsibility to serve as a Volunteer Counselor. PCCCI is extremely grateful to those of you who volunteer your time and offer your services to such a worthy cause. THANK YOU!

## PCCCI COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Mark the Camp you want to counsel for: March Madness \_\_, Summer Camp \_\_.

Please print clearly in ink
BIOGRAPHICALINFORMATION

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Last Name	First Name		MF	Age:	Grade next year:
Address		City		State	Zip
Home Phone ()	Mobile Phone (	)	Email:		
Parent/Guardian			Relationship		
Are you in good health? Ye	esNo PLEASE NOTE	: Smoking is no	t permitted while	e at camp.	
Physical Handicaps / Chron	nic Ailments:				
Do you have camp experie	ence? When and where?				
Do you have any counselin	ng experience? When where? _				
bo you have any counselin	ig experience: when where: _				
Do you know anyone who	is currently serving on PCCCI st	aff? YesNo	If yes, whon	n?	
CHURCHAFFILIATION					
Name of church you most	regularly attend:		H	ow often?	
Pastor's name:		Program	s you are involve	ed in:	
Church mailing address		City			_StateZip
Church phone # (_)	Have you held any lead	lership positions	in the church?	Yes No _	_
If yes, please describe					
Are you a Christian? Yes _ In your own words, briefly	No explain the Gospel of Jesus Chr	rist?			
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Why do you want to be a \	Volunteer Counselor?				
What do you think are a fe	ew of the most important charac	eteristics of a go	od Volunteer Co	unselor?	
What kind of experience do	o you have working with childre	n ages 7-14?			
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# VOLUNTEER COUNSELOR PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

Please print clearly and in ink Name of applicant:
Applying to counsel at: Winter Camp Summer Camp I waive my right to see the response on this reference form.
Applicant's signature Date
Informationforthepersoncompletingthereferenceform:
The above named person has applied to be a volunteer counselor for one of Presbyterian Camp and Conference Centers, Inc. programmed camps. The applicant is applying to be a cabin counselor for children ages 7-12. The cabin counselor will live with the children in the cabin for the week and be a role model/mentor for the children.
The volunteer counselor is one of the most important positions at camp. They will have the most one-on-one interaction with the campers and therefore will potentially have the most impact on the campers experience. We are looking for counselors who possess leadership potential, have the ability to share their Christian faith with others, have appropriate social skills and model Christian behavior.
We recognize that very few people are perfect. We need to know the applicant's strengths and limitations to determine where they can be most effective. Please note that it is imperative your reference be honest and complete, particularly when addressing the applicant's limitations. The applicant will <u>not</u> , under any circumstances be allowed to see your responses.
Your willingness to complete this reference form in a timely manner is greatly appreciated. Please fill out the section below and mail to:  "Volunteer Counselor Reference"
Presbyterian Camp and Conference Centers, Inc. P.O. Box 1512 Big Bear Lake, CA 92315-1512
How long have you known the applicant?
What is your relationship with the applicant?  Would you consider your relationship with the applicant to be (circle one):  Close and personal 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Casual acquaintance
General impressions of the applicant:
Do you consider the applicant a qualified and desirable candidate to work with children ages 7-12? (Please include your reasons)
Are there any tendencies or traits, which you feel might reduce the applicant's effectiveness?
Would you want this person to be a cabin counselor of your own children? YesNoWhy or why not?
Please Print below
Name: Position:
Name of Church/business Phone: ()
Home AddressStateStateSip
Signature

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