

**MARYLAND/DC
YOUTH MINISTRIES**

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maryland / dc youth camp

**CAMP 2022
COUNSELOR APPLICATION**

We will have only 20 available counselor positions. Once these spots are filled, anyone wanting to come as camp staff will need to pay a \$120 registration fee (if space is available)

Counselor Application
(DUE MAY 15, 2022)

****We will be filling the necessary positions first before accepting additional staff. Once necessary positions are filled, we will consider other applications on a first-come/first-serve basis. ****

Today's Date: _____

Worker's Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Are you at 21 years old? Yes / No

(It is our District Policy that each *Monitor* is at least 21 years old.)

Street Address: _____
(Please include house and/or apt. number)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a crime other than traffic violations? _____ (Y/N)
If yes, please explain. Attach a separate page, if necessary.

Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to child abuse or a crime involving actual or attempted sexual molestation of a minor? _____ (Y/N) If yes, please explain. Attach a separate page, if necessary.

Once your application is received, it will then be considered by the Maryland/DC Youth Ministries Leadership. You will receive a call or email confirming that you have been selected. Please do not show up expecting to work if you have not received a confirmation call or email.

***** By signing below, you agree to follow all camp rules (next page) and guidelines, commit to any prerequisite training and/or expectations, and support and abide by all rules, showing a spirit of obedience and cooperation at all times. You also agree that you are willing to do whatever needs to be done.**

(Worker's Signature)

(Date)

All camp staff are required to have the signature of his/her pastor. All camp staff must be a member of the UPCI and approved first by a UPCI pastor. The pastor's signature signifies that the pastor has read this form, the pastor recommends and supports the counselor for Camp 2022, and the pastor has given Maryland/DC Youth Ministries permission to contact the person.

(Pastor's Name)

(Church Name)

(Pastor's Signature)

(Date)

PREFERRED: Scan your signed application and email it to Hyphen Director, Candise Hill, hill.candise@gmail.com

Camp Counselor Application

Maryland/DC Youth Camp 2022 Rules

During all scheduled camp functions and throughout the duration of camp from orientation to departure, all persons are under the jurisdiction of camp rules. This applies to all daytime, evening, and overnight guests. ***Submission of a camp registration form, signed by a UPCI pastor, indicates the camper has read the rules and pledges to abide by the rules.***

1. Campers will respectfully obey any reasonable request of camp staff workers at all times.
2. Campers are expected to participate in all camp activities as set forth during camp orientation.
3. Any camper who damages any property will be responsible for the cost of that damage.
4. Campers will remain on the campgrounds at all times.
5. Campers who drive will surrender their keys to the camp principal at time of registration. Campers should pick up their keys from the camp principal Friday morning at departure time, 1:00 pm.
6. Male and female campers at no time are permitted to be alone or to touch.
7. Campers will obey the off-limits rules at all times. (Any facilities and/or properties deemed off-limits by camp staff.)
8. There will be no visitation of the dorms of the opposite gender.
9. Campers will maintain a neat and clean dorm room at all times.
10. No alcohol, tobacco, or other controlled substances will be permitted.
11. Prior to departure, campers must check with head counselor for room inspections. Dorm rooms must be cleaned and approved by the dorm monitor prior to checking out.
12. All registered campers must stay in the dorm under the supervision of a counselor on designated times.
13. Only registered **Maryland/DC Youth Ministries** campers will be permitted to participate in camp activities to include meals, recreation, and campers vs. staff events. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
14. Cell phones will not be allowed **for any purpose** during service times. We encourage all students to bring their Bible and a notepad to all sessions for notetaking. *Any cell phone spotted during service will be taken until the end of the week.*
15. All medication must be turned into the nursing staff. Any medication found will be turned into nursing staff.
16. No camper is to be in a dorm alone. If you find yourself alone, please find a counselor or camp staff immediately.
17. Campers at no time should take another campers property

Girls Dress Code: No low-cut blouses or low-cut dresses. Skirts must be below the knees; slits may not reach above the knee. No see-through blouses or dresses. No cap sleeves. No jewelry (earrings, bracelets, or necklaces). No gauchos, pants, culottes, or shorts will be permitted. Shorts may be worn under a skirt for recreational activities. No make-up is to be worn. Shirts with print on them will be subject to censorship by the staff. No tight fitting clothing that immodestly exposes the shape of the body.

Guys Dress Code: No baggy pants dropped on the hip. No skin-tight jeans or shirts. No chains hanging from belts or pockets. No jewelry (earrings, bracelets, or necklaces). No facial hair; young men must have a regular haircut—one that is off the collar and ears. No tank tops, see-through t-shirts, muscle shirts, or shorts of any kind will be permitted. Shirts with print on them will be subject to censorship by the staff. No tight fitting clothing that immodestly exposes the shape of the body.

** Signing below indicates that you have read these rules and will abide by/support enforcement of them.

** Signature of Applicant: _____

We have developed leadership training and a set of guidelines specifically for Camp Counselors in order to prepare and support them for this significant spiritual, relational, and often physical challenge. To this end, please read and sign below indicating your commitment to adhere to these prerequisites and camp monitor standards.

Spiritual & Relational Expectations

Every camp counselor is playing an integral role in the campers' experience. It is crucial that every counselor is intentional to invest in the campers by making both relational and spiritual connections with them. Here's how that looks:

- Eating meals with campers
- Spending time interacting with campers during rec time
- Getting to know the campers in your dorm
- Being engaged during services; be an example through your worship
- Pray with campers at the altar
- Encourage campers throughout the week to seek God and be spiritually focused
- Be an example:
 - Be mindful of your conversation. As an example, we want to carry on conversations that are wholesome and appropriate.
 - Be mindful of your phone usage. Try to use your cell phones sparingly so that you are not neglecting the campers and you are setting the example for them to be engaged in camp
 - Be mindful of your influence. Campers are looking up to you; show them what it looks like to pray, worship, serve, etc.

Serving Expectations

Each and every counselor is important to making camp successful. This is why it is essential that every counselor and camp staff member come with the heart of a servant. Every person involved is expected to serve in whatever capacity that is needed. Please keep the following duties in mind:

- Staying in whatever dorm you are asked.
- Helping with cleaning/preparation before after meals.
- Be the last to leave your dorm so that you can ensure that all campers are out.
- If a camper is not following directions, the counselor has the right to correct the camper.

Training Expectations

We want to make sure our camp staff is all equipped and on the same page. We want to make you aware that, if you are selected to be a counselor, you will be required to complete a Camp Counselor Training process. This training is to ensure that everyone knows what is expected of them and feels equipped to be leaders to the campers. Upon approval, youth worker will be given basic training materials for you to review. Please take note of the following timeline for training:

May 24th: Conference Call #1 - (Review of all basic training materials prior to first training call)

June 8: Conference Call #2

June 20: All Camp Staff Orientation (11:00 am - Roxbury Holiness Campground)

To complete this process, camp monitor applicants must submit a 50-100 word reflection explaining WHY he/she wants to be a camp monitor this year. You can use the space below and/or add a separate page as needed.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____