



Volunteer Counselor Information

Dear Applicant,

Thank you so much for your interest in being a Volunteer Counselor at Trinity Summer Camp! VC's are soon-to-be 7th-12th graders who work with a "cabin" of campers under the guidance of a Cabin Leader. While it would be great to accept everyone who desires to be a VC, there are a very limited number of spaces available. If you feel this may be a role you would like to serve in this summer, please read over the information and expectations below. ***Note that requirements have changed since last summer.**

Volunteer Counselors are a valuable part of the Summer Camp Team. They have the important job of being positive role models for the campers - getting to know them and building relationships with them over the course of the weeks they attend. VC's also help lead activities and ensure that campers are engaged in the happenings of the day.

Camp hours are from 9:00am – 3:00pm. **VC's are needed from 8:30am – 3:15pm.** This allows time to have a morning standup meeting, help setup the "cabins", prepare activity spaces, and discuss the day's schedule with the Cabin Leader.

In order to be a Volunteer Counselor, you must attend one of the two mandatory *Orientation and Training* sessions on April 2nd from 12:15-1:30 **or** April 12th from 7:00-8:15pm. **A parent must be present with the child for the last 15 minutes of the training.**

There will also be a *Cookout Meet 'n Greet* for **all** Camp Staff on Thursday, June 1st at 6:00pm at Mr. Ashley's home in Harrison Township. All VC's will receive a Summer Camp t-shirt and lunch will be provided during each day of work.

Our goal is not only for you to be a role model and helper for campers in your cabin group, but that you would also grow in your faith during your summer experience. We will be studying scripture and having faith conversations during each day of camp.

Being a VC is a big responsibility. There are certain expectations that we have of people when they are leading children. Below are some of the responsibilities and expectations:

What Trinity Expects of You:

- Model love, kindness, and respect to those around you
- Dress appropriately and use God-pleasing language
- Be "unplugged" (no cell phones, tablets, etc) during work hours
- Respectfully follow directions as given by the Cabin Leaders and Trinity leadership
- Be prepared to help in a variety of ways (i.e. setting up activities, cleaning up, helping campers)
- Participate in conversations, devotions, opening and closing programs, and prayer time
- Have a positive attitude and set a good example through your actions and words
- Be professional and responsible
- Commit to a minimum of 3 weeks as a Volunteer Counselor

What You Can Expect of Trinity:

- To be equipped with the materials and supplies you need to be successful as a VC
- To be treated with love, kindness, and grace
- To be appreciated as an important part of the Summer Camp team
- To be supported in your time spent helping children and in your journey as a growing Christian

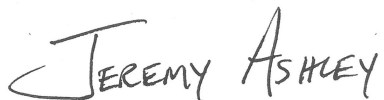
If this sounds like something you feel you are being led to do, you will want to fill out an application. The process to apply involves filling out the *Volunteer Counselor Application* and scheduling a face-to-face interview. **You must complete your interview before April 12th!**

As you go through the application process, please know that we will be looking for the following characteristics in our Volunteer Counselors:

- Responsibility
- Reliability
- Patience
- Respect
- Positivity
- Creativity
- Team Player
- Good Communication
- Honesty
- Willingness to Be Silly and Have Fun!

Please think and pray about your interest as a VC. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Ashley at jashley@trinityct.org

In Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JEREMY ASHLEY". The letters are in all caps and have a cursive, slightly slanted style.



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Volunteer Counselor Application

_____ Male _____ Female _____
Name

_____ Fall 2017 Grade _____ School Attending _____ Date of Birth _____

_____ Parents' Names _____ Home Phone _____

_____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

_____ Church Home _____ Pastor's Name _____

Reference

As we review applications, we want to have as clear of a picture of who you are as possible. Please provide one reference – someone who knows you well and can tell us how they feel you demonstrate potential leadership skills. This person should be someone **not related to you**, but who knows you well. A good example would be a teacher, pastor, or counselor.

_____ Reference Name _____ Relationship to You _____ Phone Number _____

Faith Statement

Summer Camp is designed for participants to have fun, but also to grow in their relationship with Jesus. As a Christian organization we are looking for Volunteer Counselors who have an active faith life.

In order to get to know you better, please attach a brief statement telling us about your relationship with Jesus **and** what you are doing currently to keep growing in your faith.

*If you are new to faith, tell us why you want to be part of a summer camp where our goal is to help kids grow in their faith **and** how *you* hope to grow in faith this summer.

We are offering a great variety of camps this summer. To be a Volunteer Counselor, **you must commit to a minimum of 3 weeks of camp over the course of the summer.** When choosing a week, please understand that you need to be available for the entire week of camp. If you are not available from 8:30-3:15 every day of camp that week, please don't sign up for that week!

- ___ **Jungle Camp**, June 12-16
- ___ **Sports Camp**, June 19-23
- ___ **iFiesta! Camp**, June 26-30
- ___ **Patriot Camp**, July 3, 5-7
- ___ **Holidays Camp**, July 10-14
- ___ **Magic Camp**, July 17-21
- ___ **Amazing Race Camp**, July 24-28
- ___ **Thru the Decades Camp**, July 31 – August 4
- ___ **Camping Camp**, August 7-11
- ___ **Under the Sea Camp**, August 14-18

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 9TH-12TH GRADE ONLY:

Here at Trinity, we have a great appreciation for education. We know as a high school student you are required to earn volunteer hours each year. As a VC, each week you have the option of using your week's hours to fulfill these school requirements **or** you can receive a \$100 grant to be used toward educational expenses. Whichever you choose, we are excited to be able to support you in your journey as a student! ***Note:** You cannot split up a week into both volunteer hours and the educational grant. *Please indicate above, next to the weeks you are signing up for, if you are choosing to receive volunteer hours or the educational grant for each week you sign up for.*

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)

Date