

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**
(PCCCI 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 your home church, the church's recommendation and Registrar's signature on your application are all that is needed. If you are not intending to counsel campers from your home church, **TWO PERSONAL REFERENCES ARE REQUIRED**. 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!**

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

Please print clearly in ink

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M ___ F ___ Age: _____ Grade next year: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ - _____ Mobile Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Relationship _____

Are you in good health? Yes ___ No ___ PLEASE NOTE: Smoking is not permitted while at camp.

Physical Handicaps / Chronic Ailments: _____

Do you have camp experience? When and where? _____

Do you have any counseling experience? When where? _____

Do you know anyone who is currently serving on PCCCI staff? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, whom? _____

CHURCH AFFILIATION

Name of church you most regularly attend: _____ How often? _____

Pastor's name: _____ Programs you are involved in: _____

Church mailing address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church phone # (____) _____ - _____ Have you held any leadership positions in the church? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please describe _____

Are you a Christian? Yes ___ No ___

In your own words, briefly explain the Gospel of Jesus Christ? _____

Why do you want to be a Volunteer Counselor? _____

What do you think are a few of the most important characteristics of a good Volunteer Counselor? _____

What kind of experience do you have working with children ages 7-14? _____

