



# Returning Counselor Information

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## YOUNG DISCIPLE YOUTH BIBLE CAMP

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Dear Counselor,

Each year we see the Lord blessing in new and exciting ways and we can be sure He has wonderful blessings in store for YD Camp this summer as well. Hundreds of young people over the years have told us they trace their decision to live for Christ to the nurture and encouragement shown by YD Camp counselors. We treasure the time and effort you've given in making YD Camp a tremendous blessing in the past and very much hope you will come back again this summer.

Please take a few minutes to read the following information before filling out and returning the application.

### **CAMP DATES:**

Counselor Orientation: July 10–14

Camp Week 1: July 14–21

Camp Week 2: July 21–28

Counselor Rally: July 28–30

### **BEING A COUNSELOR:**

While being a camp counselor is one of the most rewarding positions at camp, it is also a tremendous responsibility. You build close relationships with the campers in your unit, see firsthand what God is doing in their lives, and develop life and leadership skills. Because you will be working so closely with the campers, it is vital that you have a close connection with the Lord, a spirit submissive to God's will, and a willingness to put self aside and minister to the needs of others. 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. Please apply for a counselor position only if you are secure in your Christian walk. All counselors must be cheerfully supportive of camp codes and the camp program. If you have any questions or concerns, please dialogue with camp administration.

### **WHEN TO ARRIVE:**

If driving, plan to arrive at YD by 6:00 PM, Wednesday, July 10 for Counselor Orientation. If you are flying in, Young Disciple provides airport service for those whose flights arrive at Spokane airport by 2:30 PM on July 10, and depart after 1:00 PM on July 28 or anytime within reason on July 30 (if staying for the counselor rally). Please send 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.

### **COUNSELOR RETREAT:**

All counselors are invited to attend the counselor retreat, July 28–30. During this time you will enjoy recreational activities with your fellow counselors, while participating in worships and activities that will help strengthen your own commitment to the Lord.

### **CAMP PREP/CLEANUP:**

This is especially for counselors! Come a few days early and help get camp set up and ready for campers. The pre-camp work bee starts Sunday, July 7. You can expect to have fun, eat good food, and spend quality time with friends while working hard to accomplish a variety of crucial camp projects such as setting up tents, cleaning, and cooking. After camp we'll have a post-camp work bee to get camp packed up and put away (July 30–August 4). If you're interested, please mark the appropriate selection on your application form.

### **MEALS:**

You'll enjoy YD's famous vegetarian, low sugar, non-dairy meals while at camp! Unfortunately, we are not able to provide specialized meals for all dietary needs, however we do plan on providing gluten-free options for those who have requested them ahead of time. If you require these, please be sure to mark that option on your application.

### **FINANCES:**

Because Young Disciple Camp is not subsidized by any outside source, we have come to rely almost exclusively on staff that 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 us at the YD office to discuss possible options. The sharing of your time is a gift that will have eternal results!

In His service,

The YD Camp staff

# Camp Codes



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**F**ollowing 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, as well as policies that have been shown to be beneficial to the camp in a variety of ways. 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 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 support 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. When staff provide an example of enthusiastic appreciation for the food, reluctant campers will be much more likely to do the same.

**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 worldly music, TV shows, movies, 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 staff members, however, camp staff should avoid frivolous conversations, silly laughter, inappropriate eye or bodily contact, and other marks of flirtation with others. Unmarried staff should refrain from dating/courting activity during camp time, in order to devote their time and energy to campers—not a relationship.

**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 when standing or sitting. 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. Items 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. Other items to avoid: cosmetics, nail polish, jewelry, and gaudy hair decorations.

**Staff men** should bring clothing 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 uncleanliness. 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. 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!





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## MEDICAL

Please list any significant physical conditions or medical history (major surgery, seizures, mental/emotional disorder, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any significant allergies and/or intolerances along with their reaction and treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require gluten-free meals?    Yes    No

Medical insurance carrier and policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

*In case of emergency, we should contact:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

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Work Phone

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Cell Phone

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## CAMP POLO SHIRT

If your current camp 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 / XXL

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## COUNSELOR AGREEMENT

I have carefully read the camp codes, and 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail application to: **YOUNG DISCIPLE CAMP**, PO Box 400, Inchelium, WA 99138

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