



SUMMER VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Please print clearly or type

Date: _____

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (H): _____ (W): _____ (cell): _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Questions Relating to Your Character

1. Do you currently use illegal or prescription drugs?

Yes No

2. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense?

Yes No

3. Have you ever been convicted of child abuse or neglect or is there a pending criminal charge against you for child abuse or neglect?

Yes No

4. Has your driver's license been suspended or revoked?

Yes No

5. Are there any other facts or circumstances involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance and care of young people?

Yes No

Please use the space below to explain any "yes" responses.

Understanding and Authorization

I certify that all the answers on the application and any attachments are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I have not withheld any pertinent information. I certify that I have read the attached Summer Volunteer Policies and agree to abide by its contents.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature (if under age 18): _____ Date: _____

Summer Volunteer Policies

1. We expect each participant including volunteers to conform to these rules of conduct:

- No possession or use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco
- No fighting, weapons, fireworks, lighters, or explosives
- No offensive or immodest clothing
- Participation with the group is expected
- Respect property
- Respect one another, staff, and adult leaders
- Respect and comply with event schedules.

Participants who fail to comply with these expectations may be sent home and/or excluded from future activities.

2. Volunteers will work in pairs whenever possible. Except in extenuating circumstances, volunteers should avoid any situation that would cause them to be isolated with an individual child away from the sight and sound of others.

3. Volunteers will have knowledge of the whereabouts of all children and youth during activities.

4. Volunteers may not use physical punishment, verbally abusive comments, or denial of necessities of care in dealing with children/youth.

5. Physical restraint should be administered only when the safety of the student, peers, or staff members is at risk. When physical restraint is administered, staff must use the safest method available, using the minimal amount of force necessary to protect the student and others from physical injury or harm.

6. Touch is an essential responsibility in nurturing lives. Physical contact with children should be age and developmentally appropriate. Touch should be based on the need of the child and not the need of the adult. Be aware of, and sensitive to, differences in sexual development, cultural differences, family backgrounds, individual personalities, and special needs. The following guidelines are to be promoted for pure, genuine and positive displays of God's love:

Hugs Kisses -

One-arm side hugs are positive contact. Avoid initiating full contact, body-to-body hugs, or kisses.

Lap Sitting -

Appropriate sitting on laps may occur with children five years old and younger. Encourage school-age children to sit next to you. Allowing teenagers to sit on your lap or between your legs is inappropriate.

Touch -

Gentle contact during activities may be on children's heads, shoulders, arms, and hands.

Demanding or pressuring for any physical touch is inappropriate. Any physical touch for your own pleasure or satisfaction is inappropriate.

Back-rubs

Anyone working with our children should refrain from giving backrubs unless part of a public group activity.

7. Bathroom policy for younger students: An approved volunteer of the same gender should escort the child to the bathroom and check the bathroom door to make sure that everything is in order. The volunteer should then remain outside the bathroom door and escort the child back to the classroom. The volunteer should open the bathroom door and call the child's name if he/she is taking longer than seems necessary. If a child requires assistance, the volunteer should prop open the bathroom door and leave the stall door open as he/she assists the child. The worker should never be alone with a child in a bathroom with the door closed, and never go into a bathroom stall with a child and shut the door.