

Camp Marengo Counselors

Counselor Training Weekends and Work Camps

Friday April 24th at 7:00pm to Saturday April 25th at 4:00pm

OR

Friday May 8th at 7:00pm to Saturday May 9th at 4:00pm

- Counselor Training is offered in connection with 2 work weekends at Camp Marengo
- Training will begin Friday evening and then be mixed with work on Saturday
- Opportunity to gain necessary training to become an effective camp counselor
- Chance to give back to Camp Marengo and help prepare for the camping season

You may choose either weekend to attend

- Any student planning on counseling during the Camp Marengo 2009 season must attend counselor training
- First time adults are strongly encouraged to attend
- Camp Board members will be meeting with all potential counselors for an informal interview. You must participate in this informal interview to be considered for a volunteer position.
- Counselor Training will be offered during Senior High Camp. However, priority will be given to those attending weekend training.

Cost - \$20 for students 17 and under (this will cover food, lodging and your background check)

Free for students 18 and older and adults (you are responsible to obtain and pay for your own background check)

Background Checks – ALL volunteers are required to have a background check before volunteering at Camp Marengo.

- This is a new State Law for all volunteers
- If you are 17 or under you can fill out paperwork and have a check done through ADP at The Ohio Ministries Office. The cost is included in Counselor Training.
- If you are 18 or older you are required to have a BCII check done on your own. This can be done through your local police or sheriff's office. Please send a copy of the report BEFORE June 1, 2009 to Brett Henry, Ohio Ministries, P.O. Box 276 Marengo, Ohio 43334.

Please pre-register for counselor training by April 10, 2009 (1st training weekend) or April 24, 2009 (2nd training weekend)

Contact Melyssa Trussel at 740-747-2325 or Email at campmarengo@hotmail.com if you have questions or concerns

*Counselor Applications and Reference Forms are due May 18, 2009. Counselors whose forms arrive after May 18 may not have the opportunity to counsel in 2009.

Counselor Job Description and Basic Guidelines

Counselors are directly responsible to the camp director first, and also to the camp staff.

Before anyone will be considered to counsel at Camp Marengo they must successfully attend and complete Counselor Training and have a background check completed and on file. It is also highly recommended that anyone under the age of 18 attend their week of camp.

Counselor Expectations:

1. Counselors will attend ALL counselor-staff meetings/devotions.
2. Counselors are responsible for knowing the whereabouts of their assigned campers at all times.
3. Counselors should report all major discipline problems to the camp director.
4. Counselors need to become familiar with the personal history (family or health) of their campers.
5. Counselors need to be aware of their assigned camper's personal spiritual needs.
6. Counselors are expected to lead devotions each night in their cabin and share their personal experiences with the Lord.
7. Counselors need to arrive prior to the start of camp to organize, prepare, and receive instructions. (please plan to be at Camp by 1:30 on registration days)
8. Counselors will cooperate at all times in a Christian manner with the staff and other counselors.
9. Counselors need to refer any camper of the opposite sex seeking personal counseling to the camper's own counselor, then to the Camp Pastor or Camp Director.
10. Counselors are expected to set an example of Biblical Christianity to all other counselors and to campers.
11. Counselors may be asked to perform other tasks deemed necessary by the camp staff, and are expected to do so willingly.

More important things to remember:

1. Campers take a cue from us – if we are rowdy and disrespectful, they will be too. If we are cooperative, they will be too. If we enjoy ourselves, so will they.
2. Stay with your assigned campers: women counsel the young ladies...men the young men.
3. Do NOT leave camp! Any exceptions need to be discussed and cleared with the camp director.
4. Campers should never be in an area without a counselor.
5. Campers should not be in cabin areas other than where they are assigned.
6. Campers may not change cabins without permission from the registrar.
7. Campers are allowed in the dining hall only at designated times. NEVER USE THE KITCHEN ENTRANCE.
8. Campers are not permitted to use the restrooms in the dining hall or in the center of Crowder.
9. Campers may not use the telephone except in an emergency and then only with the director's permission.
10. Campers need counselors to hang out with them. Counselors come with an attitude to give yourself away!
11. Counselors are NOT to be using cell phones during the week. (May be used as an alarm clock only)

Perks:

- Free room and meals while volunteering as a counselor
- Free camp t-shirt

Counselor Applications & References must be received by May 18, 2009

Camp Marengo 2009 Counselor Application (page 1 of 2)

Recognizing there is a great need for Christians to share in the Church of God State Youth Camping Program at Camp Marengo, I am filling out this application to state my qualifications and express my desire to serve in this ministry. I recognize that I must be at least 4 years older than the oldest camper in a week I am applying for. (Note: persons 14 years or older may apply for Jr. Counselor assignments and persons 16 years or older may apply for Sr. Counselor assignments)

Basic Information

Full Name: _____
Address: _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
City/State/Zip _____ Phone (____) _____
E-mail address _____

Please check the camp(s) for which you are applying

____ June 14-19 (Jr. High Camp) ____ June 21-27 (Sr. High Camp) ____ June 28-July 3 (6th & 7th Grade Camp)
____ July 5-10 (4th & 5th Grade Camp) ____ July 12-17 (5th & 6th Grade Camp) ____ July 19-22 (3rd & 4th Grade Camp)

Background Information

Have you at ANY time EVER:

1. Been arrested for any reason? Y or N explain (if yes) _____
2. Been convicted of, or pleaded no contest to any crime? Y or N explain _____
3. Engaged in, or been accused of, any child molestation, exploitation, or abuse? Y or N
Explain _____
4. Are you willing to submit to a background check? Y or N

High School attended/City _____ Graduation Date _____

College _____ Employer _____

List the church or churches you have attended in the past five years:

Church _____ City/State _____
Church _____ City/State _____
Church _____ City/State _____

What ways are you involved at your current church?

Do you have any other related work experience to counseling? _____

Camp Experience

Have you ever attended a camp? Y or N Where? _____ How many years? _____
Have you ever been a counselor? Y or N Where? _____ How many years? _____
Have you ever been on a camp staff? Y or N Where? _____ How many years? _____
If yes, what position(s) did you hold? _____

References: (2 required, 1 from your current pastor, 1 from another adult leader of your choice)

1.
Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City/State/Zip _____

2.
Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City/State/Zip _____

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Please respond to the following to the best of your ability. Attach an additional page if necessary to fully answer the questions.

1. My testimony of my relationship with Christ:

2. Describe how you would help lead someone else to Christ.

I will to the best of my ability, prepare by knowing my responsibilities, complete any assignments given to me, and commit to prayer the purposes and needs of Camp Marengo. I will support the overall program by cooperating with camp staff and conforming to the recommendations and policies of the camp. I will also be a Christian example and witness through my daily life. My relationship with Christ is described and my signature signifies that every word on this application is true.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: Camp Marengo Attn: Melyssa Trussel P.O. Box 177 Marengo, Ohio 43334

*Counselor Applications AND References must be received by May 18, 2009 to be considered for this summer.

Release Form
Counselor Training/Work Weekend at Camp Marengo

I give consent for _____ to engage in the
(full name of student)

activities of the Counselor Training/Work Weekend, taking place on either April 24-25, 2009 or May 8-9, 2009. I acknowledge that the activity will take place in Marengo, Ohio at the Camp Marengo/The Ohio Retreat Center. In the event of an injury to my child, I also give my permission for any emergency treatment deemed necessary to be performed by a qualified physician. I will not hold Camp Marengo/The Ohio Retreat Center, Camp Staff, or any other individual responsible for any injuries incurred to my student while participating in the Counselor Training/Work Weekend.

(Parent/Guardian/Custodial Parent Signature)

(Date)

Information about student:

Home Address _____

Home Phone Number _____

Emergency Phone Number _____

Father's Full Name _____

Mother's Full Name _____

Insurance Company Name _____

Policy Number _____

Any Allergies _____

Please give the name and phone number of someone we can contact if there is an emergency and a parent or guardian cannot be reached.

Name _____

Phone _____

Relationship to Student _____

Please mail to:

Camp Marengo

Melyssa Trussel

P.O. Box 177

Marengo, Ohio 43334

Or bring it with you to your training weekend. You must have this signed to participate in the Counselor Training Weekend.