



Oklahoma Pastor's Endorsement For Fall Retreat Staff

INSTRUCTIONS: Pastor is to mail this form directly to the Camp Director.

October 4th-6th, 2019 Ages: 13-30

Mail Application To: Directors Loyd & Jessie Collins
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Applicant Information

To Be Completed By Applicant: Name _____

How long have you been a Christian _____ Are you Spirit Filled? ____ Yes ____ No

Applying to Work in: ____ Fall Youth Retreat

Position Applying for: ____ Cabin Leader ____ Cabin Leader In Training ____ Teacher ____ Worship Leader/Team
____ General Help / Kitchen ____ Other: (List Position) _____

Church & Pastor Information

The Following To Be Completed By Pastor:

Name of Church _____ Location of Church (City) _____

Name of Pastor _____ Number of Years at Church _____

General Information

Do You know the Applicant Personally? _____ If so, for how long? _____

Does the Applicant attend regularly at your church? _____ If Not, how often do they attend? _____

Are they a Member of your church? _____ How long have they been a member? _____

What positions or services do they currently do, or hold at your church? _____

Are they consistent in their Christian example? _____ Please Explain _____

In your opinion, are they qualified for the position they are applying for? _____ Please Explain _____

Would you recommend them to work in another area of camp instead of the area they are applying for? _____ If yes, explain _____

If working directly with children in a cabin, or other direct contact, would you place your children or grandchildren in their care? _____

Is there any particular area that you might be concerned about should they be asked to serve in camp? _____

Other Comments or Perspectives _____

PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

___ I Recommend Them

___ I Recommend Them Under The Following Conditions: _____

___ I Wish To Speak Directly To The Camp Director Before I Recommend Them Fully

___ I Cannot Recommend Them At This Time

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____



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Date Received _____

Action Taken _____

Notes: _____

Staff Signature _____ Date _____



Section 16 **Camping ministry covenant**

The Meaning of This Covenant:

I understand that a covenant is a promise, that it is not merely a mutual acquaintance but a commitment to responsibility and action.

Acknowledgment of What Camp Ministry Looks Like:

Church of God of Prophecy Camping Ministries believe that ANY PERSON WHO PARTICIPATES IN ANY FORM OF SERVICE TO THIS BODY, NO MATTER HOW MENIAL IT MAY APPEAR TO BE, IS INVOLVED IN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP. WE FURTHER BELIEVE THAT God intended THESE MINISTRIES be carried out in the spirit of a servant. Although our talents, personalities, and gifts may vary, Scripture clearly teaches a leadership style that is uniquely Christian. It has been given to us by the Lord of the church. Jesus has demonstrated this leadership style and commanded us to do likewise.

"Do nothing from selfish or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself taking the form of a bond-servant, being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Philipians 2:3-8 (NASB).

Servant leadership is much more than a leadership style we act out and master like other management styles. Servant leadership begins with the heart, with our attitude, and with our motives. A servant-leader can be characterized by submission, love, compassion, persistence in the pursuit of God's will, and self-sacrifice. Reflections from Scripture on servanthood are the following: Philipians 2:3-8; John 6:38-40; 15:12,13; 17; and 1 Corinthians 13.

Accepting the Responsibility of Modeling a Biblical Lifestyle: Code of Ethics:

I understand that consistent modeling requires diligence in the pursuit of the biblical lifestyle. There are some things that we can do to renew ourselves from the inside-out. There is a need to "keep short accounts with God" (confession). We must be sensitive to sin so that we can easily identify it and recognize its presence in our own lives. We must immediately go to God and ask forgiveness.

Believing that God is calling me to serve children or youth through Camping Ministries, I will do the following:

- My first priority as a Camp Staff member, teaching/supervising/leading children or youth, will be to seek the welfare of the children/youth physically, socially, educationally, and spiritually.
- **I will also try to understand and respect the child's/youth's cultural backgrounds.**
- I will not do anything that will damage a child's/youth's trust. I will try to protect the child/ youth from all forms of abuse while he or she is in my care.
- If I suspect that a child/youth may be hurt by the abusive actions of attitudes of another person, I will report that suspicion to a responsible person so that it can be investigated properly.
- I will answer a child's/youth's questions openly and honestly.
- I will expect the children/youth to act on the basis of camp guidelines, and if a child/youth consistently breaks them, I will seek help from Deans, Directors and others to assist me in responding to the child/youth.
- If a child/youth is distressed, I will try to offer comfort and help. I will encourage the child/youth to find the appropriate help for their needs.
- I will pray for each child/youth and let them know that I care about them.
- I understand that if my character or morals should be inappropriate and/or criminal at any time during my volunteer service, my service will be terminated without expressed cause or prior notice, regardless of other oral or written statements prior to, at, or following the date of volunteer service.
- I have read, and am willing to comply with all guidelines and policies set forth in the Heartland America Camp Staff Manual, including the verbal and written policies that are particular for each camping facility. I will honor the leadership of those who have oversight of the particular camp in which I will be serving as a member of the Camp Staff.

Signed _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

DECLARATION OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER

I, _____, a candidate to serve as volunteer in the Camping Ministries of the Church of God of Prophecy, hereby attest, under penalty of perjury, that I am of good moral character, and that I have not been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of *nolo contendere* or guilty to, any criminal in my country of origin, or under any similar statute of in the United States of America. I also attest that I do not have a delinquency record that is similar to any of these offenses relating to:

1. Murder, manslaughter, aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, or aggravated manslaughter of a child, vehicular homicide, or killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother.
2. Aggravated battery or aggravated assault, or simple battery or assault of a minor.
3. Kidnapping, false imprisonment or removing minors from the state or concealing minors contrary to court order.
4. Sexual battery.
5. Prostitution.
6. Lewd and lascivious behavior and indecent exposure.
7. Arson.
8. Incest.
9. Child abuse, aggravated child abuse, neglect of a child, negligent treatment of children, contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child, and sexual performance by a child.
10. Obscene literature.
11. Adult abuse, neglect or exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults.
12. Drug abuse prevention and control, only if the offense was a felony or if any other person involved in the offense was a minor.
13. Fraudulent sale of controlled substances, only if the offense was a felony.
14. Forcible felony.
15. Assault, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
16. Battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
17. Abuse, aggravated abuse, or neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult, lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person, or disabled adult and exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult, if the offense was a felony.
18. Theft, robbery, and related crimes, if the offense is a felony.

I understand that I must acknowledge the existence of any records relating to the foregoing list of offenses regardless of whether those records have been sealed or expunged. I also understand that I am also obligated to notify the Heartland America Regional Office of the Church of God of Prophecy of any possible disqualifying offenses that may occur while employed/volunteering in a position subject to the screening requirements.

I further attest that I have not been judicially determined to have committed abuse, neglect, or exploitation against a child nor has there been a confirmed report of abuse, neglect or exploitation which has been uncontested or upheld. I have not committed an act which constitutes domestic violence.

I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person(s) or organization(s) who in good faith, provides information to complete a background investigation. I also agree to release and hold harmless the Church of God of Prophecy, the Regional Overseer, Ministry Directors or any other church member from any present or future claim of any kind resulting from any alleged liability for conducting a background investigation which may include, but not limited to, criminal courts, state and county repositories of criminal records.

Under the penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing, and the facts alleged are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Current Address

City

State

Witness Signature (Must Be 18 Yrs of Age)

Date

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