

Camp Hope – Summer Youth Program Application Form

June 13-August 5, 2016

We are in the process of hiring counselors for Camp Hope. This is a summer youth program held in two 4-week sessions at Center for Hope Ministries in Bloomington, IL. We would love to have you apply for a position at our camp by filling out the application below and returning it to CFH Ministries Office no later than **Friday, April 1, 2016**. If you would like more information about Camp Hope or have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact Camp Director Jamillah Gilbert: jamillahgilbert@hotmail.com.

I. General Information:

Name _____ Age _____ D.O.B. ___/___/_____

Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone(____) _____ Home Ph.(____) _____

I would like to apply for the position of (See job descriptions on last pages.):

___ Group Counselor (Must be at least 16.)

Which Sessions? (circle) ***Session #1** - (6/13-7/8) ***Session #2** - (7/11-8/5) ***BOTH**

Please note any time restrictions or conflicts. _____

___ Junior Counselor (Must be at least 15.)

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___ Guest Speaker/Guest Artist: What is your area of interest/expertise? _____

Please use the space below to describe what you would like to present to the campers.

Which Sessions? (circle) ***Session #1** - (6/13-7/8) ***Session #2** - (7/11-8/5) ***BOTH**

Please indicate which day(s) of the week and time(s) you would be willing to present.

- Tell us a little about your experiences with children or elsewhere. Include one positive experience you have had, and one negative one (please include age of youth worked with).
- Explain why you would like to dedicate your summer to giving your time to younger children.

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- For applicants to **Group Counselor** position: What other experiences have you had in leadership or responsibility for younger children?
- For applicants to **Junior Counselor** position: What sorts of skills/interests do you have that would make useful to assisting a team of Counselors? (e.g., love to play games, enjoy making crafts, like carrying things, patient with kids, creative, etc.)
- For **all applicants**: Give three qualifications you have for being a responsible staff member in a day camp setting.
- Plus: Tell us one thing about you that you think is unique (or an interesting/useful skill)!

II. Personal References:

Not including traffic violations, have you been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? YES / NO
If “yes”, please explain. _____

References: List two persons not related to you who have knowledge of your qualifications. Please provide complete addresses and phone numbers.

1. Name _____ Relationship to you _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ Work or Cell Phone _____

2. Name _____ Relationship to you _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ Work or Cell Phone _____

I attest that all the above information I have given is factual and true, and I give my consent to a background check. _____

Signature

Date

All Counselors are asked to attend two mandatory training sessions. More information about specific times and locations is forthcoming.

Please Return to Center for Hope Ministries
Attn: Jamillah Gilbert
14940 Old Colonial Road
Bloomington, IL 61705

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Group Counselor Job Description

Group Counselors are Day Camp's older and more experienced counselors. They are directly in charge of taking care of small groups of children.

Responsibilities:

_____The main responsibility of a Group Counselor is to create a safe and fun environment for campers. The campers should be the Group Counselors' main focus at all times. You accompany your small group of campers to all activities and participate with them, and play with and supervise them during rest times. You are expected to ride the bus with your group to and from camp. Group Counselors may be asked to organize and lead certain games or other activities. Because of this leadership role as a Group Counselor, you are especially expected to exhibit correct and appropriate language, behavior, and a positive attitude with the campers at all times.

Relationships:

_____You will be accountable to the Camp Director and Asst. Director.

Pay*:

_____ Level 1 Counselor: --\$8.75/hr

_____ Level 2 Counselor: at least 2 years of leadership experience in youth programming.—Starting at \$9.00/hr

_____ Level 3 Counselor: 3 or more years of leadership experience in youth programming.—Starting at \$9.25/hr

Restrictions:

_____Group Counselors must be at least 16 years preferably with experience working directly with children in a leadership role. They must be able to pass a 3-check screening process, which includes a background check, a reference check and interview.

*Pay increases are considered for exceptionally experienced candidates, on a case-by-case basis.

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Junior Counselor Job Description

Junior Counselors are at least 15 years old. They have the choice of working with children directly, or aiding in the logistics of camp. The role of Junior Counselor is a volunteer position. Those serving in this position will gain invaluable organizational leadership experience, while having a blast this summer!

Responsibilities:

_____ There are two types of Junior Counselors.

“Counselor Support” Junior Counselors are in charge of aiding the Guest Speakers and any other volunteers or program leaders. They help camp run smoothly by setting up and taking down activities, preparing snacks, and doing basic camp chores. This is a good way to get to know camp without the responsibility of looking after children.

“Camper Support” Junior Counselors are those counselors ready to work directly with the children in camp as support to the Group Counselors. They will not have their own groups of children, but they will be assigned to help out at specific times. They may be asked to give extra supervision to specific campers, or to act as an assistant to the lead counselor in a group. *This is a logical prerequisite to becoming a **Group Counselor**.*

Relationships:

_____ You will answer to and receive your assignments from the Group Counselors, and other staff, including Church office staff and program leaders.

_____ Level 0 Counselor --Volunteer.

Restrictions:

_____ Junior Counselors must be at least 15 years and be able to pass a 4-check screening process, which includes a grade check, reference check, church attendance check and interview.