

Winterfest 2012 Volunteer Application

All information requested on this application is MANDATORY (even for those who have previously completed similar forms). Please mail the **Pastor Recommendation Form** as well as copies of ***PA's Child Abuse Clearance** and ***Criminal Background Checks** with this completed form. We will contact you following receiving your application regarding your level of assistance needed.

Mail to: Mike Hand, Keystone Conference YMT, 713 Cricklewood Dr. State College, PA 16803 **or email:** staff@yaconline.com

Name: _____ Gender: M F BirthDate: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Church, Name, City and State: _____

Do you use alcohol, drugs or tobacco in any form? Y N Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Y N

Briefly describe relevant church experience and camp/community experience (use back of sheet if needed):

If first time volunteering:

Describe your conversion / commitment experience and current spiritual growth (use back of sheet if needed)

If not first time:

Describe how God is currently working in your life (use back of sheet if needed)

Certifications Taken Previously Still Current

First Aid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CPR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EMT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifeguard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bus Driver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ropes Course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

List any other special talents, skills, or certifications:

Risk / Liability – Hold Harmless Release

I am fully aware that camping activities involve risk and are sometimes stressful and physically demanding and that incidents may happen which are beyond control of any person. Knowing these things, ***I assume any risk involved, release, and Hold Harmless*** the Keystone Conference and Cherry Run Camp from any liability due to accident. I also certify that all of the above information provided is accurate.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

I give consent for the Keystone Conference to use photographs or videos taken of me for publication and/or advertising. Y N

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE NEED TO KEEP A 7:1 CAMPER TO STAFF RATIO.
IF YOU ARE BRINGING MORE CAMPERS, PLEASE TRY TO MAINTAIN THIS RATIO IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

Winterfest 2012 Pastor Recommendation

Dear Pastor,

_____ is applying to be a volunteer worker at Winterfest, February 17-19, 2012.
(applicant's name)

Please fill out this recommendation form in order to help us staff our camp with believers who are responsible, and who will be spiritual leaders for our campers. These volunteers will be in close contact with our campers throughout the weekend and your recommendation will help us better decide how to utilize each volunteer. Your responses are very much appreciated!

This completed form will remain confidential if you choose to:

- 1) Mail to: Mike Hand, Keystone Conference YMT, 713 Cricklewood Dr. State College, PA 16803
- 2) Email to: staff@yaonline.com

Or you can simply return it to the applicant to be turned in with his/her paperwork.

Please fill out your information:

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Church Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Please respond for each statement relating to the person applying:

Attends my church: Regularly Occasionally Seldom

Has exhibited spiritual growth during the last year: Yes Some No

My level of recommendation for them working at a youth camp would be:

Will do a great job Will do an average job Not suitable for this job

List any comments or concerns that you might have regarding this person:

Pastor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Winterfest Staff Manual

Why have Winterfest?

Winterfest exists to support the local church and youth ministry to reach their students with the gospel of Jesus Christ and empower them via the Holy Spirit for Christian service. It is our goal to help each ministry develop a sense of identity locally. Finally it is our desire to network students and leaders both within and without our Conference's churches as friends. The overall purpose of this retreat is to develop the whole student: physically, emotionally, socially, mentally and spiritually.

Staff boundaries:

The Keystone Conference Youth Ministry Team thanks you for your interest in being a cabin leader this year for Winterfest. We believe it is the best philosophy to present with clarity the boundaries that you will minister in. Please see those boundaries expressed in the following expectations:

- **We expect that you put the needs of the teens first.**
- **We expect that you bring an attitude of "how can I help?"**
- **We expect that you keep aware of the teens in your care.**
- **Your goal is to not be a policeman, but a leader!**
- **We expect you to enforce a NO PRANKS POLICY.**
- **We expect that you attend every function and help keep collective order.**
- **We expect that you attempt to sit with your teens, pray with your teens should they respond and conduct a devotional with them each night.**
- **We expect that you personally would follow the rules of the weekend.**
- **We expect that every teen from your church has been given the code of conduct and had you go over it BEFORE THE RETREAT.**
- **We expect that you keep order in your rooms at night - if you can't, we expect you to ask for help**
- **We expect that you mingle (with the teens) during free time.**

Cabin leader relationships:

You are responsible to the camp director: He is ultimately responsible for the weight of the retreat. The ability of this retreat to be successful is based upon your ability to succeed. Should you need assistance, have complaints or concerns, please bring it to the attention of any of the Leadership Staff. They should keep the director aware of incidents as they occur. ANY SUSPECTED INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE MUST BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY.

You are responsible to other staff: Please keep in mind that we need a team, not individuals only concerned for themselves this weekend. Please maintain a high level of awareness concerning your students this weekend, specifically regarding their whereabouts. Avoid congregating with counselors. Please do not gripe or complain about other cabin leaders. Pray with and for each other.

You are responsible to the students: You are to be their friend, their guide and their authority. The students will look to you for an example to follow. Campers do not want someone to be like them, they want someone to be like. Please be available and a good listener. You should report any sickness or accidents to our retreat nurses. STUDENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY MEDS IN THEIR ROOMS, BUT SHOULD SURRENDER THEM TO OUR NURSE UPON REGISTRATION. **Please help us by keeping males away from the female cabin sections and vice versa.**

You are responsible to your group: In the movie Gladiator, General Maximus offers this line, "What we do in life, echoes in eternity." It has been the experience of many youth leaders that the retreat atmosphere hyper accelerates the trust relationship within your group. What time and effort that you put into them, even to your own pain, is often currency that you can spend back at home. Make a point to become personally invested in each of the students in your cabin. Ask them to set a goal Friday night. Encourage participation by your example. Keep your temper also, because while the good can hyper accelerate, so can the perception of the bad.

Winterfest Packing List

DO BRING:

- Registration (if not already mailed in)
- Signed Code of Conduct
- Bible
- Notebook
- Warm clothes (you'll be outside walking between places)
- Shoes / Boots
- Bathroom supplies (towel, soap, toothbrush, etc.)
- Bedding (pillow, sleeping bag)
- Camera
- Snacks
- Extra spending money (for snacks)
- Games (for free time)
- Sports equipment (football, basketball tournament, etc.)
- **Medications (see below)

DO NOT BRING:

- Music Players (mp3 players, iPods, etc...)
- Handheld game systems (DS, PSP, etc..)
- Other electronic devices (cell phones will be permitted during certain times)
- Drugs, tobacco, alcohol

**If you are medications you need to bring them in a zip-lock bag with your name on it. At registration you will give your medications to the camp nurse who will make sure that you get them at the proper times. DO NOT keep them to yourself so that our nurse knows what you are taking in case of a medical emergency and to help you remember to take them at the right time.

Have a question about a certain item? Email us at: staff@yaonline.com.