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Ukrainian Orthodox Church Camping Programs (UOCCP)

In The Beginning...(Genesis 1) - 2008 Theme

Dear Reverend Fathers, Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

I am contacting you on behalf of our Summer Encampments: Diocesan Church School Camp (June 21 – July 5), Teenage Conference (July 6 – 19) and Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me(August 4-8). It is time to once again mark our calendars and fill out applications to work at these wonderful camps. This packet contains all materials needed to apply as a staff member for all of the encampments.

There are many ways to spend your summer. You may be wondering, “Why should I volunteer my time as a camp counselor, when I could be going to the beach, making money, or just taking it easy?” A good reason is that when we trust God enough to give up a relaxing summer or higher paying jobs to serve Him, doing His work, working hard as a camp counselor, He will honor that effort with more blessings than we could ever imagine. Sometimes we only view service to others as working at a soup kitchen or making visits to the nursing home. These and many other examples are true and honorable ways to honor our Lord’s call to “do unto others”. But it can be just as important to become a mentor, a friend, an event coordinator, a teacher to serve the youth of our church.

There are very few places to which youth can retreat and *just be*, with no expectations other than to live and learn about their faith in love and safety. We provide that place with these camping programs. If you are alumni of these programs you realize just how important they can be in your life. You can help to make them the best programs by bringing your talents to these young people.

All of our encampments are developing the theme suggested by the OYM of *In the Beginning...* The theme will be used in various ways at each encampment. The theme supports the fantastic opportunity the camps provide for our Ukrainian Orthodox Youth to meet each other and to discover that they are not alone in their faith or heritage. They and you, will create bonds that will last a lifetime

Please take note of the additional requirements for Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me, Diocesan Church School Camp Counselor Applications and Teenage Conference Counselor Training applications. You may also download these forms from the Consistory website at www.uocofusa.org. Please copy the enclosed materials as needed.

If you are unable to give of your time at this moment in time, perhaps you can support these programs in other ways such as monetarily, encouraging the youth of your parish to attend or encouraging friends to work as staff.

I hope and pray that you take the opportunity to be a staff member at our summer camping programs!

In Christ’s Love,
Natalie Kapeluck Nixon
Director

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STAFF APPLICATION

Please check the box for the week at the proper encampment for which you are applying. TAKE NOTE as to the correct location where the application should be sent. To apply for staff, you must be an Orthodox Christian. **Application postmarked by May 1, 2008.**

<p style="text-align: center;">Diocesan Church School Camp 2008</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Week One June 21 - 29</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Week Two June 29 - July 5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Both Weeks June 21 - July 5</p> <p>I am applying for the following position:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Staff age 18 +</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Staff Aid age 16 +</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medical Staff</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Teenage Conference 2008</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Week One July 6 - July 13</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Week Two July 13 - July 19</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Both Weeks July 6 - July 19</p> <p>I am applying for the following position:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Staff age 20 +</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Counselor in Training age 19</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medical Staff</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me 2008</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One Week August 4 - 8</p> <p>I am applying for the following position:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Staff age 16 +</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Staff Aid age 14+</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medical Staff</p>
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PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name (If under 18) _____

Address _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____ Male / Female (Please circle)

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Parish Affiliation and Jurisdiction _____

Priest _____ Priest Phone _____

Parish Address/City/State _____

Parish Priest Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____ Date _____

Anyone applying to participate as a Counselor Aid at Diocesan Church School Camp or as Staff under the age of 18 for Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me MUST BE REGISTERED for at least one week of Teenage Conference and preference will be given to applicants that are registered for two weeks of Teenage Conference.

UOCCP STATEMENT OF HEALTH - STAFF

Name _____

The completion of this form eliminates the necessity of a physician's examination. The physical conditions of all campers and staff will be screened by the Camp Physician/Nurse during registration upon arrival at the encampment. **All information is confidential.**

Health History (List approximate dates and current conditions & include separate sheet if necessary)

Diabetes: _____ Asthma: _____

Ear Infections: _____ Epilepsy: _____

Diseases or Chronic Illnesses: _____

Physically Challenged (sever vision problems, hearing loss, etc.) _____

Mental Health Status/Medication: _____

Allergies

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Outdoor</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Medications</u>	<u>Foods (please list)</u>
___	___	Poison Ivy	___	___	Aspirin	
___	___	Insects	___	___	Ibuprofen	
___	___	Bees	___	___	Penicillin	
___	___	Hay Fever	___	___	Latex	
			Other _____			

For applicants under 18 years of age:

I give permission for the attending Nurse to administer the following (Parent/Guardian Please Initial) _____

Pain Relief Medicine (Aspirin, Ibuprofen) Cold Medicine Cough Medicines

Doctor Prescribed medications

Underage staff may not keep personal medications in the cabin area.

Immunization Record (give most recent dates)

IPV or OPV: _____ DTP/DTaP series: _____

MMR: _____ Varicella: _____

HiB: _____ Hepatitis: _____

Other: _____

Are you currently infected with any known communicable diseases? Yes No

Please list current status of condition:

Medication needed while at camp: _____

Dosage and precautions: _____

To help us take care of any special concerns you may also send an additional sealed letter for the medical staff only.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Issued under the name: _____ Group Policy Number _____

Policy Number/s: _____ Date of Policy _____

Social Security Number or Passport ID # if not a US Resident: _____

Name of person/s to be contacted in the event of an emergency:

Name _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

This health record is correct to the best of my knowledge. Therefore, I am able to engage in all camp activities except as noted on this form. In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician and/or hospital, which is selected by the camp administration to hospitalize, secure proper medical treatment for and to order injections, anesthesia, and/or surgery for myself. I will assume all financial responsibilities if hospitalization and/or medical treatment is required during the encampment.

Signature (of parent if under the age of 18) _____ Date _____

Please check the area of interest or talents you feel may be best utilized by you as a counselor at the encampment. You will be notified prior to the encampment as to what is your final assignment.

General Interest

- Direct/Teach Liturgical Music, Conduct Choir for services (working with Spiritual Father)
- Ukrainian Dancing Instruction for Ukrainian Night
- Canteen - set up nightly, collect money
- Artistic ability for culture or craft projects
- Nature Hikes- lead group on nature trails
- Encampment Photographer

Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me Only

- Religious Education Instruction
- Coordination of parent/child sports
- Coordination of Evening Events
- Direct/teach music and/or dancing
- Craft Teaching Skills
- Campfire building, songs, etc.

Teenage Conference Only

- Ukie Night Performance – organization
 - Social Dance – planning, prizes, decorations
 - Campfire – building, songs, etc.
 - Unplugged@Amphitheater Night
 - Weekend Contest Events
 - Ukie Olympics –team organization, recording statistics
- List additional special interests or talents:

Diocesan Church Camp Only

- Religious Education Instruction
- Sporting Event – organization
- Evening Events – execution, coordination
- Campfire – building, songs etc..
- Compilation of Encampment Booklet
- Craft Skills
- Ukrainian Culture Knowledge
- 4th of July Celebration

List additional special interests or talents:

Please circle:

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| Are you an Orthodox Christian? | yes | no |
| Are you qualified to administer First Aid? | yes | no |
| Are you qualified to administer CPR? | yes | no |
| Are you a qualified and currently licensed pool lifeguard? | yes | no |
| Are you a qualified and currently licensed riverfront lifeguard? | yes | no |
| Are you able to become First Aid or CPR certified before camp begins? | yes | no |
| Are you able to obtain a pool lifeguard license prior to the encampment? | yes | no |

Do you agree to be available for a staff meeting either prior to the encampment by phone or the day prior to the start of the encampment? (please circle) yes no
 (You will be notified by the proper camp director as to when the meeting will take place.)

Do you agree to completely read the newest Counselor Handbook before arrival? yes no

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Priest: _____ Phone _____ Date _____

Note to Priest: By signing for the applicant you are confirming that he/she is a solid candidate for being a counselor for children and/or teenagers, they are Orthodox Christians that will conduct themselves in a manner honoring their beliefs and are good role models of their faith and that you know of no reason for him/her to not partake in these camping programs. You may be contacted for a verbal reference for the applicant.

Comments:

COUNSELOR REQUIREMENTS

Diocesan Church School Camp

Counselors 18 + - A brief statement as to why you would like to participate in the encampment and what you feel you can bring to the encampment should be returned with your application.

Counselor Aids 16 + - Counselor Aids will not have any supervisory responsibilities; they will assist the counselors in set up and running of activities. Only four counselor aids will be chosen. Applicants must be registered for at least one week of Teenage Conference. Preference will be given to applicants that are registered for two weeks of TC. The applicant must complete a one-page essay including: 1. Why they would like to participate in the program, 2. How they could contribute to the program and 3. Any prior volunteer/salaried work with young children. The applicant should also provide the names and phone numbers of two references. There are only four positions available.

Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me

Counselor Aids 14+ - Counselor Aids will not have any supervisory responsibilities; they will assist the counselors in set up and running of activities. Applicants must be registered for at least one week of Teenage Conference. Preference will be given to applicants registered for two weeks of TC. The applicant must complete a one page essay including: 1. Why they would like to participate in the program, 2. How they could contribute to the program and 3. Any prior volunteer/salaried work with young children. The applicant should also provide the names and phone numbers of two references.

Teenage Conference

Counselor-in-Training(CIT) - Only a limited number of CITs will be permitted each year. In the event that availability is limited, preference will be given to persons attending the two-week session and with the same requirements as the Diocesan Church School Camp applicants.

ALL ENCAMPMENTS-

Due to recent events in society and youth worker regulations, counselors are required to have a Police Record Background Check. The cost for the check will be covered by the UOCCP. If you already have state police or child abuse clearance, please forward a copy of that clearance with this application. The results of this check are completely confidential and will only be known to the Director of the Office of Youth Ministry of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. You only have to have the clearance check done once every three years. If you live in the State of Minnesota you must sign this section of the form in front of a notary. If you live in the states of NY, NJ, MD or OH we must go through a finger printing procedure that can only be initiated by the applicant. Please call the OYM office as soon as you know you will be attending as a counselor so that we may begin the proper steps. You only need fill out this information if over the age of eighteen.

I fully understand the positions of counselor, counselor aid, staff or counselor in training are voluntary and not paid positions of the church. I hereby request the State Police Department or Law Enforcement Agency to release any information which pertains to any record of criminal convictions or criminal investigations involving me contained in its files or in any criminal file maintained on me whether local, state, or national. I hereby release said Police Department or Law Enforcement Agency from any and all liability resulting from such disclosure.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Maiden Name (If applicatble) _____ Place of Birth _____

List all aliases _____ Drivers License Number and State _____

Social Security Number _____ Notary _____

Waiver of Liability

I am volunteering to take part as staff for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Camping Programs sponsored by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. I hereby agree to hold harmless and release any of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA Camping Programs, their individual committees and staffs (Teenage Conference, Diocesan Church School Camp, Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me), the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, The Ukrainian Orthodox Consistory, the All Saints Camp, and the All Saints Camp Committee from the responsibility of any accident or mishap which may occur during the week of the encampment and assume the risk for any injuries that may I may sustain in the pursuit of the above activities or during any transportation needed for myself. I further agree to indemnify, protect, save and hold harmless the employees, volunteers, agents, officers successors and/or assigns of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA Camping Programs, their individual committees(Teenage Conference, Diocesan church School Camp, Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me), Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Ukrainian Orthodox Church Consistory, the All Saints Camp, the All Saints Camp Committee from any and all losses, damages, or injuries which might occur as a result of activities held during the week of the encampment.

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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