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2021 CAMPS: SUMMER STAFF INFO

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Being on summer staff at Deer Run Christian Camps is a unique opportunity to TEACH, ENCOURAGE, MENTOR, GUIDE, and LEAD children and youth through week-long camp experiences.

If you choose Deer Run as your place of ministry for the summer, you will have the ability to POSITIVELY AFFECT STUDENT'S LIVES FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD. You will also gain UNFORGETTABLE LIFE EXPERIENCES and possibly make NEW, LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIPS with other staffers.

WHAT ARE DEER RUN CHRISTIAN CAMPS (DRCC)?

Exciting summer day, overnight, and family camps which take place at Deer Run Camps & Retreats located 35 miles south of Nashville, Tennessee.

All camps include worship, Bible study, relationship building, recreation, and opportunities to disciple campers of all ages.

Additionally, Deer Run hosts church groups for camps and retreats throughout the summer. Summer staff provide support for these camps and retreats in areas of recreation and food service.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A RESIDENT CAMP SUMMER STAFF?

Resident camp staff are Christian college-age students who:

- stay in cabins with the campers some weeks and in staff housing some weeks
- have approximately 32 hours off each week at the end of our program camp
- serve elementary, middle school and high school students in various ways and invest themselves in the students
- create an exciting, engaging environment for God to speak to each person attending camp
- may work 12 to 15 hour days loving and teaching campers and sharing Christ with them along the way
- are able to disconnect from all distractions by turning in phones weekly – Electronic devices are available to summer staff only during scheduled “off” time.
- are committed to the overall success of the camp program by working alongside other staff members to create a fantastic experience for the campers

Every part of Deer Run Christian Camps should be enjoyable for each camper, but **THE MAIN FOCUS IS CREATING AN EXCELLENT CAMP EXPERIENCE FOR ALL WHO ATTEND TO EXPERIENCE GOD.**

That often means resident staff members will make sacrifices of their time and sleep to make sure the camps are the best they can be and that the campers have a great experience. This requires a high level of commitment but yields immeasurable eternal benefits.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESIDENT CAMP SUMMER STAFF?

Some of these are individual assignments based on interest and skills.

- 1. PRAY:** Consistent prayer for individual campers, speakers, worship leaders, staff, and for God to change lives.
- 2. LIFEGUARD:** Serve in the lifeguard rotation when scheduled during specific camps.
- 3. ONE-ON-ONE MINISTRY:** Most personal ministry opportunities fall into one of two categories...
 - a) opportunities to share Jesus Christ with campers and guide them through a salvation experience or lead them to a deeper commitment to Christ.
 - b) opportunities to listen, encourage, affirm, and respond to God's leading as you meet campers at their specific point of need.
- 4. RECREATION:** Receive training and assist in adventure recreation, organized games, water sports, and various other recreation activities as assigned.
- 5. ADMINISTRATION:** Help with administrative duties at camp such as camper check-in and organizing supplies.
- 6. CAMP CLEAN UP:** Work with Deer Run staff to continually keep the camp clean. Help clean the camp facilities and grounds including staff cabins before being released for weekend time off.
- 7. SOUND/AUDIO-VISUAL:** Help with sound checks and set up stage lighting. Run sound and ProPresenter for worship.



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- 8. BIBLE STUDY LEADERS:** Prepare lessons and teach God's Word to an assigned group of campers. Themed lessons are presented, then creatively developed during training week using resources provided by Deer Run.
- 9. WORSHIP:** Lead and participate in worship in a variety of ways. Demonstrate an attitude of worship throughout the day while leading campers in daily activities.

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

DAY CAMPS

For campers age 5 through 6th grade

The campers arrive each morning and leave every afternoon Monday-Friday. Staffers are responsible for leading their assigned campers through a whole day of activities.

At night, day camp staffers will join overnight camp as a co-leader or be given other responsibilities.

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

For campers who have completed 3rd through 10th grade

Campers arrive Sunday afternoon and leave Friday. Staffers are responsible for 6-8 campers as they live life together the whole week. This camp involves extra activities other than those in day camp such as paintball, archery and BBs, zip lines, giant swing, archery tag, climbing tower, and various other activities.

2-WEEK CAMPS

For campers in grade 6 through grade 10

Similar to overnight camp except that the campers stay at camp for 13 consecutive nights with the same summer staffer for the whole duration. During the weekend, Deer Run provides activities both on and off camp property for campers and their summer staffer to experience together.

CAMP DEER RUN

This mission camp occurs one week out of the summer. Deer Run partners with a ministry called ASC (A Soldier's Child) to provide an overnight camp experience for children who have lost one or both of their parents through active military duty. To find out more ASC, visit <https://asoldierschild.org/>

FAMILY CAMPS

For all ages

Families arrive Friday afternoon and leave Monday afternoon. Staffers assist families with luggage, taking care of children, and are available to help as needed throughout the camp.

SUMMER STAFF DATES OF SERVICE

ALL STAFF MUST ATTEND TEAM TRAINING FOR THE FULL TWO WEEKS, then you will either work the whole summer or the session you sign up for.

2021 Team Training: May 19-30

- FULL SUMMER** Work Dates, May 19 through August 6
SESSION 1 Work Dates, May 19 through July 2
SESSION 2 Work Dates, May 19 through 30 AND July 3 through August 6

2021 SUMMER CAMP SESSION DATES

<https://deerrun.camp/camps/>

HOW DO I KNOW IF I SHOULD WORK A FULL SUMMER OR ONE SESSION?

Giving a whole summer to serve at camp is a serious commitment. As a full summer staffer, you commit to being at Deer Run for 10 weeks of summer camp in addition to 10 days for training, and maintain a high level of energy from beginning to end. You work 6 days of camp each week with 32 hours off. This is a big commitment, but you will also see the Lord work in big ways over those 11.5 weeks.

If you have a family vacation, wedding, mission trip, work or any other event that absolutely cannot be missed then you would be a perfect candidate to work either session 1, session 2, or work either session plus a few weeks.

WHAT ARE THE SUMMER STAFF REQUIREMENTS?

- be available for Team Training May 19-May 30 AND your respective summer session. If you are Full Summer Staff, then you are committed to work May 19 through August 6. Overnight camp staff have a rotation of "off time" throughout their stay (usually 4-6 hours a week) in order to rest and be renewed to perform at their best.
- have a heart for ministry and a desire to be a servant leader
- provide 3 references regarding your Christian walk, character, and work ethic
- raise prayer support
- be willing to work hard with a positive attitude and sometimes with limited rest

• MUST OBTAIN A PHYSICAL EXAM NO MORE THAN 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO TEAM TRAINING and bring a report from the exam to Team Training



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WHAT TRAITS ARE NECESSARY TO BE ON SUMMER STAFF?

- a positive attitude
- a servant heart
- a commitment to teamwork
- a willingness to tackle new challenges
- the availability to pitch-in wherever help is needed

WHAT IS SUMMER STAFF TEAM TRAINING?

It is important that summer staff arrive at Summer Staff Team Training ready to learn and work hard.

Summer Staff Team Training is a time for the summer staff and leadership team to . . .

- get to know each other and build lifelong relationships
- work on Bible study, evangelism, and counseling training
- learn about the philosophy of Deer Run Christian Camps
- receive job assignments and adventure recreation training
- become familiar with the facilities at Deer Run

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

After praying about this exciting opportunity, if you believe the Lord is confirming that you become a summer staffer at Deer Run Christian Camps, follow the instructions below.

THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF RESIDENT CAMP SUMMER STAFF POSITIONS AVAILABLE. If you feel called to this type of ministry experience, do not hesitate to get your application turned in.

Complete the online application: <https://register.circuitree.com/deerrun/HR/Application/15?invite=sumstaff21> [or <https://bit.ly/2o6rIBs>].

All information submitted by applicants and personal references will be held in the strictest confidence and only read by those directly involved in summer staff selection.

The deadline for receipt of applications and reference forms is May 1, 2021. However, please apply as soon as possible.

Applications are reviewed by our camp staff leadership and decisions are made within two weeks of your interview.

Personal References

To check on the status of your personal references, call Josh Barrera (615.484.5370) or Brianna Corr (931.334.6655) or email us at SummerStaff@DeerRun.camp.

Interviews

A personal interview will be scheduled if Deer Run staff visit your school. Otherwise, an interview will be scheduled via phone, Facetime, Google Duo, or Skype.

Background Checks

Background checks are completed on all applicants who are chosen to be on summer staff.

WHAT ABOUT TRAVEL EXPENSES TO GET TO CAMP?

Travel to and from Deer Run is the summer staff's financial responsibility.

If you travel by plane, Deer Run staff will pick you up at the Nashville International Airport (BNA) when you arrive to begin your summer staff position and will take you back to the airport for departure when your session is completed. In-bound flights should arrive no later than 2:00 p.m. (CST) for Team Training on May 19, 2021. Out-bound flights depend on your session.