



Camp Application and Participation Agreement

You must read, sign, and return this document before your camp application will be considered. The Church must have an Agreement for each camp to which you wish to apply. For applicants who are minor children, parents or guardians must also read and sign the Agreement.

Applicant/Participant's Name: _____
(Please print legibly)

Desired Camp: _____

I, the undersigned, will read, consider, and sign this four page document as either a minor applicant or participant, an adult applicant or participant, or the parent or guardian of a minor applicant or participant. The Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Inc. ("Church") operates summer camps and winter camps. These camps are also known as COGWA Youth Camps, CYC or CYCs, or simply "camp" or "camps." In this Agreement, the term "camp" also refers to the specific camp location and facility that the applicant or participant has indicated above. The Church's camps are primarily designed to benefit Christian teenagers and pre-teens. Ministers, counselors, volunteers, and staff members (many of whom are adults) also benefit from camp through participation, service to God, and service to the young people who participate in camp. I understand that I am applying, or have applied, to camp. This Camp Application and Participation Agreement ("Agreement") applies to my application to and/or my participation in one or more of the Church's camps. I am asking the Church to allow me to participate in camp. Throughout the process of the Church considering whether or not I will be allowed to participate in camp, I am considered an applicant. If I am accepted to camp, I will be considered a participant. A participant is one who prepares for, travels to, attends, participates in and/or departs from, camp. This Agreement applies to me in my capacity as an applicant. If I am actually accepted to camp, this Agreement applies to me in my capacity as a participant in camp. I agree that this Agreement applies to all aspects of the camp screening, preparation and participation process, including my application, preparation, travel, and/or participation. If I am signing this Agreement as a parent or guardian of an applicant or participant, I understand that this agreement applies to both the application process and, if my child is accepted to camp, camp participation. If I am signing this agreement as a parent or guardian of an applicant or participant, I hereby request that the Church accept and consider my child's application, and I give my child permission to attend camp, participate in camp activities, and use the camp transportation provided by the Church and the Church's staff. If I am a minor or adult applicant/participant and I sign this document, I am signing on behalf of myself. If I am a parent or guardian of a minor applicant/participant, I am signing on behalf of myself and on behalf of my child.

This Agreement applies to any of the Church's camps which applicant/participant attends or requests to attend. Camp is an activity enjoyed by many children, teenagers and adults. It attracts participants because of the elements of fun, fellowship, friendship, teamwork, skill, education, worship, and physical and mental challenge resulting, in part, from the risks involved in camp activities. I, the ADULT APPLICANT/PARTICIPANT or MINOR APPLICANT/PARTICIPANT and/or PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), understand that the very nature of camp activities and camp participation makes it impossible, and undesirable, to eliminate all of the risks involved. I understand that camp participation carries risks and dangers. Camp provides opportunities for participants to enjoy various activities and challenges within the context of a Christian environment. However, accidents and injuries can and do occur at camp. I have carefully considered this and have made informed decisions about camp participation.

Camp lasts for several days and includes a wide range of activities. Many camp activities are physically exerting, such as team sports and individual sports. These activities can place special physical demands on the applicant/participant's body, and some activities involve prolonged moderate or vigorous exercise. Participation in camp activities may involve slips, falls, collisions with others, collisions with objects, physical stress, and other hazardous situations. Other activities are social in nature, such as dancing, singing, and fellowship. Some activities are educational in nature, such as church services, Bible studies and Christian living classes. Camp also includes mundane and incidental activities, such as travel, walking, personal time, meals, and resting. While this list is incomplete, examples of camp activities include, but are not limited to, basketball, volleyball, football, soccer, softball, baseball, running, jogging, swimming, water polo, climbing, rock climbing, mountain climbing, archery, shooting sports (e.g., firearms), hiking, ropes courses, rafting, tennis, racquetball, running, jogging, biking, exercising, weight training, resistance training, dancing, singing, photography, driving, riding, classroom activities, listening, socializing, dining, counseling, resting, relaxing, and similar activities. Some aspects of camp include activities in outdoor settings (or interaction with nature). Outdoor settings and indoor settings bring the risk of injury or death from animals or insects (hornets, wasps, bees, snakes, bears, etc.). Each of these and other similar activities involve some risk, but the resultant fun, challenge, learning and fellowship outweigh the risks for most applicant/participants. Camp activities are also described on the CYC website (<http://camps.cogwa.org>), and I affirm that I have read and considered this information. I have carefully considered the risks and benefits of camp.

There are many inherent risks in camp activities. Some are listed here. These inherent risks vary with the activity, and inherent risks include injury and death. Injuries suffered as a result of camp participation can range in seriousness from minor to catastrophic. Death can even occur due to the risks of camp participation. Examples of common minor injuries include, but are not limited to, bruises, scrapes, and cuts. Serious injuries include, but are not limited to, allergic reactions, muscle sprains and tears, broken bones, concussions, eye injuries, serious lacerations, internal bleeding, and injury to internal organs. Finally, injuries can be catastrophic in nature. These injuries include, but are not limited to, severe allergic reactions, spinal injuries (including paralysis), heart attacks, loss of limb(s), brain injuries, permanent physical impairment, and death. Equipment failure is also a risk associated with some camp activities, and equipment failure can cause injury or death. The conditions of a camp facility may also carry risks, including the risk of tripping, slipping, or falling on the premises of the camp.

Assumption of Risks. I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, my personal representatives, my child or children, and my assigns understand that the inherent risks of camp activities and camp participation are serious and that camp participation is dangerous regardless of the care taken by the Church. I realize that camp activities and camp participation require physical and mental skill, cardiovascular fitness, strength, and coordination. I have read the previous paragraphs and (1) I understand the nature of camp activities and participation; (2) I understand the demands of camp participation relative to my physical condition and skill level (or the physical condition and skill level of my child); and (3) I appreciate the types of injuries that may occur as a result of camp participation and camp activities. I hereby assert that my participation in camp (or my child's participation in camp) is voluntary and **I knowingly assume all inherent risks of all camp activities.**

Waivers of Liability. In consideration of permission to attend and participate in camp (and/or in consideration of the Church considering my application to camp or my child's application), today and on all future dates, I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, my personal representatives, my child or children, and my assigns, do hereby release, waive, and discharge the Church, its officers, its directors, its employees, its volunteers, its staff, its independent contractors, and/or its agents (these individuals or entities are hereafter collectively referred to as "Church and Associates") from liability for any and all claims resulting from the **ordinary negligence** of Church and Associates in connection with camp. Further, in consideration of permission to attend and participate in camp (and/or in consideration of the Church considering my application to camp or my child's application), today and on all future dates, I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, my personal representatives, my child or children, and my assigns, do hereby release, waive, and discharge Church and Associates from liability resulting from the **inherent risks** of camp activities and participation. These waivers of liability apply to (1) personal or psychological injury (including death) due to incidents or illnesses arising from or incidental to camp activities or participation; and (2) any and all claims resulting from the damage to, loss of, or theft of my property. These waivers of liability shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Indemnification. I also agree to **hold harmless, defend, and indemnify** Church and Associates from and against any and all claims of the applicant/participant, parent(s), guardian(s), family members, or others arising from applicant/participant's injury or loss due to participation in camp (including injury or loss due to the inherent risks of camp activities or camp participation and/or injury or loss due to the ordinary negligence of Church and Associates). I further agree to **hold harmless, defend, and indemnify** Church and Associates from and against any and all claims of co-participants, campers, camp staff, rescuers, and others arising from the conduct of the applicant/participant in the course of his or her participation in camp or camp activities. These agreements to indemnify Church and Associates shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Other Binding Clauses. I covenant not to sue Church and Associates for any present or future claim arising from participation in camp or my child's participation in camp. This includes claims resulting from the inherent risks of camp activities and claims resulting from the ordinary negligence of Church and Associates.

I agree that if, in spite of this agreement, legal action arising out of or related to this Agreement or my participation in camp or camp activities is instituted, the appropriate state or federal court located in Hamilton County, Ohio, USA will have sole and exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any such legal action. I agree that the laws of the State of Ohio shall apply to any such legal action.

I further agree that this Agreement is intended to be as broad, enforceable and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Ohio, and that if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, unenforceable, or against public policy, the remainder of this Agreement shall survive and continue in full legal force and effect.

I assert that the applicant/participant does not have any medical problems that prevent safe participation in camp, and that the applicant/participant possesses a sufficient level of physical fitness, health and coordination to enable safe participation in camp. I understand that the Church requires each applicant/participant to get a medical exam from applicant/participant's personal physician prior to participation in camp. This exam must have occurred within 12 months of the first day of the camp to which this Agreement pertains. I affirm that I have truthfully answered all health-related questions presented to me in connection with the online information-gathering process for camp. I authorize Church and Associates to administer first aid to applicant/participant, and to secure emergency medical care or transportation when deemed necessary by Church and Associates. I authorize Church and Associates to share applicant/participant's medical information with medical personnel when deemed necessary by Church and Associates. I agree to be responsible for all costs of such medical care and transportation.

I agree to notify the Church of applicant/participant's serious medical conditions and any medications applicant/participant will bring to camp for those conditions. I agree to provide camp personnel with specific instructions regarding the administration of these medications. I also agree to notify the Church of any of applicant/participant's medical conditions, food allergies or other allergies. I affirm that all information regarding my health and medication(s) which I provided in the online information-gathering process pertaining to this camp is true, complete, and current.

I agree to inform a camp staff member immediately if I become aware of someone's conduct or a facility condition which presents a danger to anyone.

I understand that the Church may find it necessary to terminate or limit applicant/participant's participation in a camp activity when a camp staff member judges the applicant/participant to be incapable of safely meeting the rigors of the activity. I accept the Church's right to take such actions for the safety of the applicant/participant and others.

I agree that this Agreement applies to any and all phases of the camp process, including camp application, camp preparation, camp travel, camp transportation, and camp participation. There is no guarantee that applicant/participant will be accepted to camp. I agree that upon acceptance of applicant to camp, all parts of this Agreement shall survive and apply to applicant in applicant's capacity as a participant. If I am signing this Agreement as a parent or guardian, I agree that upon acceptance of applicant to camp, all parts of this Agreement shall survive and apply to my child's participation in camp and my child as a camper. In whatever capacity I sign this Agreement, it is my express intention that this Agreement apply to both the camp application process and the applicant/participant's actual participation in camp.

Rules of Camp. The Church's camps maintain a high level of conduct based on the Bible. I agree that the applicant/participant will abide by the instructions and rules of conduct established by the Church and its staff for camp. I have read the Camp Honor Code, available online at <http://camps.cogwa.org>, and agree to abide by it. The rules of camp include, but are not limited to, the following: no possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs, and no sexual misconduct, no theft, no smoking, no profanity, no destruction of property, no disorderly conduct, and no failure to cooperate fully with camp staff. Standards of appropriate dress include, but are not limited to, the following: pierced ears on girls only and no other body piercings, no short shorts (minimum three-inch inseam), no bare midriffs, no halter tops, no spaghetti straps and no other inappropriate attire. The camp director has the ultimate discretion regarding appearance and appropriate attire, and I agree to abide by the camp director's instructions and judgments on these matters. Hair should be appropriate length (shorter for boys and longer for girls), and hair color should be a natural color (e.g, do not come to camp with blue or pink hair) and not unusually cut. The following items are not allowed at camp: pets, personal sports equipment, firearms or weapons. Any exceptions must be cleared by the camp director in writing prior to camp. Questions about the dress code should be directed to the camp director *before* camp. Applicants or participants who violate camp rules, or whose conduct or attitude is not consistent with the objectives of camp (including the promotion of a positive environment), or who have made false, incomplete, or misleading statements in connection with the camp application or participation process, are subject to dismissal from camp at the expense of participant(s) and/or parent(s) or guardian(s). I agree that any expenses arising out of applicant/participant's expulsion from camp shall be applicant/participant's responsibility. I agree that all determinations and judgments pertaining to the applicant/participant's acceptance to camp and/or continuing permission to be present at camp are within the complete discretion of camp staff and the Church. This summary of camp rules is not exhaustive.

Consent to Search. I agree that the applicant/participant's belongings and living quarters may be searched or inspected by camp staff. I hereby consent to any searches or inspections of applicant/participant's belongings or living quarters as required by camp staff. This is for the safety and well-being of all. All searches and inspections are done at the unfettered discretion of camp staff.

Permission to Provide Medical Care and Treatment. I hereby give permission to the Church and/or camp staff to provide, or assist with, routine medical treatment to applicant/participant, including assistance with medications. Furthermore, in the case of an accident or illness, I hereby give permission for emergency medical treatment for applicant/participant. I also give permission for the Church to arrange and administer treatment for the applicant/participant, including hospitalization and/or emergency medical care. My permission also includes authorization for the release of any medical records needed for such treatment and authorization for any emergency transportation. I realize and agree that all described medical assistance, treatment, and transportation for the benefit of the applicant/participant will be at my expense. I agree to reimburse the Church for any such expenses incurred.

Medical Insurance. The Church strongly recommends that all applicants/participants carry adequate personal medical insurance. When the Church reviews applications from those who desire to participate in camp as volunteers or staff members, an applicant's insurance coverage (or lack thereof) is an important factor that will be considered in determining those most suited to serve at camp. The Church prefers staff members who have adequate personal insurance coverage. An applicant/participant's personal medical insurance policy may require the applicant/participant to pay a deductible or co-payments, and possibly other costs. In an effort to help reduce these possible costs to the applicant/participant, the Church has acquired supplemental accident medical insurance, which may or may not provide limited benefits to the applicant/participant. I understand that the Church does not guarantee coverage under this supplemental accident medical insurance. It is ultimately my responsibility to secure independent and adequate personal medical insurance coverage if insurance coverage is important to me. A copy of the Church's current supplemental accident insurance policy documents will be supplied to accepted applicants/participants upon request.



Medication Policy and Instructions

If an applicant/participant plans on bringing any medications to camp (including prescriptions, over-the-counter medications and herbal remedies), the following policy applies:

- All medications must be kept in their original packaging or containers.
- All medications must be accompanied by written and signed instructions for administration (the instructions on the medication packaging or container is fine in most cases).
- Medication containers or packaging must include the applicant/participant's name (for nonprescription items, please write the participant's name on the packaging).
- All medications and/or medical devices for minors must be turned in to the nurse/infirmiry personnel at registration with the exception of medications for life-threatening conditions mentioned below.
- Adult staff cannot keep any medications in any area to which minors have access. Adults sharing housing areas with minors must also turn in their medication to the nurse/infirmiry staff or find an alternate locked location for them (e.g., a locked vehicle). Adults not sharing housing with minors may keep their meds in their housing, but they must be in a locked container (e.g., a suitcase).

By signing here, the applicant and/or parents acknowledge that they have read and agree to the above policy regarding medications and or medical devices.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Does the applicant/participant have medications for life-threatening conditions that will need to be carried with him or her during camp?

- No. (If no, then you are done with this page.)
- Yes. (If yes, then please fill in the following box.)

Medication for Life-Threatening Conditions

If a camper or minor staff member has a life-threatening condition for which emergency medication is brought to camp (bee sting medication, inhaler, epi pen, etc.), please list it below and indicate where you would want limited amounts of that medication kept.

What medical condition(s)? _____

What medication(s) or device(s)? _____

For parent(s) or guardians(s) of a minor child:

I hereby request that my child's medication(s) or device(s) remain with (check one):

- COGWA Youth Camp Personnel My Child

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

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Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Inc.
2016 Camp Physical/Restrictions

A physical exam by a medical professional (doctor or nurse) is required of each camper and staff member who attends our camps. The exam must be done within 12 months of the beginning of camp. Please have your doctor or nurse fill in this form.

Name of Applicant/Participant: _____ Exam Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ BP: _____

It is my opinion that this applicant is is not healthy enough to participate fully in camp.
(check one)

If not, what accommodations/restrictions should be made if the applicant is accepted? _____

What current treatment (at the time of this exam) is this person receiving and what is the reason for any such treatment? _____

Any current medications being taken: _____

Any known allergies: _____

Any ongoing treatment that needs to be done at camp: _____

Any medications that need to be administered at camp: _____

What other instructions do you feel should be passed along to the medical staff at camp? _____

Signature of Medical Professional: _____ Printed Name: _____

Address: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number: _____