



QUEST CAMPS 2011

Counsellor Application Package



QUEST Day Camp
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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in working at QUEST. While we consider it a privilege to be a QUEST counsellor, we also value and appreciate the energy, commitment, and responsibility that the counsellors direct towards QUEST.

Counsellors must be entering at least grade 10 in the fall. It is very important that leaders understand their role and take their position seriously. Counsellors are required to put the campers first, take initiative in leading activities, and set a good example for the campers.

Counsellors should be available to serve for the entire week with which they want to work. First consideration will be given to those applicants who can commit to working all 6 weeks of camp. They will need to arrive at camp at 8:00 a.m. and stay until **after** clean up at the end of the day which will be around 5:30 p.m. Special arrangements regarding absences can be made with the General Director, Sara Lukmanji.

Interested leaders should apply by filling out the attached application by May 30, 2011. If you have further questions, please contact me and I will be delighted to help you. A copy of our detailed official counsellor policy has also been included with this letter for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Sara Lukmanji
General Director, QUEST Day Camp

QUEST Counsellor Application 2011

Please fill out the following form, making sure to print legibly. If you need extra room, feel free to attach another piece of paper.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age: ____ Grade: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address (including postal code):

Daytime Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Health Card Number: _____

Allergies/Medications/Special Needs:

Are you available to work all 6 weeks of camp? YES / NO
If not, what week(s) would you prefer to work?

- Week 1 (July 11-15)
- Week 2 (July 18-22)
- Week 3 (July 25-29)
- Week 4 (August 2-5)
- Week 5 (August 8-12)
- Week 6 (August 15-19)

Please tell us about your past experience with children and/or your involvement with CMCC.

Please tell us about your past work and/or volunteer experiences. How will these experiences contribute to your ability to be a QUEST counselor?

Describe your relationship with Christ over the past year.

What are 3 of your strengths and 3 of your weaknesses? What are you doing to develop your strengths and improve your weaknesses?

What qualities can you bring to the QUEST team (if you are on staff)?

What are some of your specific talents? (Ex. Gimp, sports, singing, etc.)?

Why do you want to be a counsellor at QUEST?

Please provide the name and phone number of one person (teacher, minister, etc.) that could provide a reference for you. This person will be contacted.

Reference Name: _____

Reference Position: _____

Reference Phone Number: _____

Contract and Permission Form

Please read, and sign if you agree to the following:

If accepted as a counsellor at QUEST Day Camp, I agree to do all I can to work as an effective team member. I agree to do my best to follow the rules and set a good example for the campers. I understand that QUEST Day Camp is a ministry of Churchill Meadows Christian Church, and is therefore based on Christian principles and teachings. I will not interfere with the teachings of QUEST while working at camp.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please get your parent or guardian to read and sign the following (if under the age of 18):

I hereby give my child, _____ (please fill in name), permission to work at QUEST Day Camp. I understand and accept the QUEST counsellor policy. I also understand that QUEST Day Camp will not be responsible for my child before 8:00am and after 5:00pm. I release the Corporation of Churchill Meadows Christian Church or their servants or agents from any claim for damages or otherwise that may result from either personal injury or property damage suffered by the above named child/children engaged in camp activity and from any claim for damages or otherwise which may arise through action, causes of action, claims or demands of the above named child. QUEST Day Camp reserves the right, within reason, to use pictures taken during the summer program for advertising purposes. QUEST Day Camp also reserves the right in exceptional circumstances to send children home and find a replacement if he/she should fail to co-operate with the program.

Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Thank-you for applying to help at QUEST Day Camp!

Please send your application by May 30, 2011 to:

QUEST Day Camp

Attn: Sara Lukmanji

P.O. Box 147, Stn. Streetsville

Mississauga, ON L5M 2B7

Or, by Fax:

905-824-0602

Or by Email:

sara@churchillmeadows.org

QUEST COUNSELLOR Policy 2011

- 1) A QUEST counsellor will be in charge of a group of about 5-10 kids. They will also have a helper who will help with things such as taking children to the washroom. The responsibilities of a counsellor will include:
 - i) Leading camp activities such as: games, crafts, songs, devotions, etc.
 - ii) Participating in camp activities when not leading them
 - iii) Helping to ensure general safety of the campers
- 2) QUEST counsellors are responsible to the General Director (Sara Lukmanji)
- 3) Working at QUEST should not be considered an opportunity for a free week at camp. Successful candidates would be those who take leadership seriously, can take initiative, are responsible when supervising children, and who do not need supervision themselves.
- 4) Counsellors recognize that QUEST camps are a ministry of Churchill Meadows Christian Church, and are therefore based on Christian principles and teachings. Counsellors will be asked to help lead devotions and are expected to behave in a manner that does not contradict or interfere with Biblical teachings.
- 5) QUEST counsellors are expected to adhere to the rules and expectations of QUEST Day Camp. Thus, the following behaviors could result in the termination of a counsellor's position with a replacement:
 - i) Inappropriate behavior with a camper (including yelling, shaming behavior, or other actions that could lead to physical or emotional harm of a child)
 - ii) Swearing
 - iii) Inappropriate dress
 - iv) Defiance of QUEST rules
 - v) Unwillingness to cooperate with other QUEST staff and leaders
 - vi) Or other actions that do not facilitate the effective continuation of the QUEST program or mission, as determined by the General Director.

➤ If a counsellor is replaced, he/she WILL NOT be making any money from the days they did end up working. The full pay will go to the replacement.
- 6) All counsellors must fill in a counsellor application form in its entirety, and may then be asked to come in for an interview. Applicants should not plan to work unless they have received confirmation of their acceptance.
- 7) All counsellors must be available June 27th- June 30th (these dates are subject to change) for staff training. (Further details about this training period will be provided once applicant is accepted on staff).
- 8) Counsellor must be available to be at camp from 8:00am- 5:00/5:30pm (depending on how long it takes for clean up) during the weeks they are working.
- 9) All counsellors will be required to have a police check done, which can be obtained through Sara Lukmanji.

We thank you for your interest in working at QUEST!