

For: VIRGINIA CAMP ____ (JUN 18-23) TEXAS CAMP ____ (JUL 9-14)

2017 SAM DAVIS YOUTH CAMP APPLICATION FORM: COUNSELOR

Return to: Post Office Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402. When your registration has been received and processed, you will receive a confirmation by mail, followed by details regarding camp facilities and scheduled activities

Jr. Counselor ____ or Counselor (over 21) ____ : Please provide SSN for criminal background check:

____ SSN _____
(Name as it would appear on nametag)

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email address: _____ t-shirt size _____

Phone _____ Alternate phone# _____

M ____ F ____ Birthdate: _____ Current Age: _____
(Jr Counselor must be at least 19 yrs old)

Drivers License # _____ issued by State: _____

Parent or Guardian with whom Jr. Counselor lives _____

Please attach two (2) letters of recommendation from a current SCV Camp officer and SCV Division officer in your state.

Have you been a Youth Counselor before? _____ yes _____ no

If yes, how many years? _____ Where? _____

What experience have you had working with children 12-18? _____

Have you been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony or used illegal drugs in the last seven years?
If yes, please give

If yes, please give date, nature and disposition of offense or use _____

FEE: \$245 for Counselors

Late Fee (received after 19 MAY for VA; 18 JUNE for TX) + 15.00

Checks made payable to: Sam Davis Youth Camp. I have applied for a Camp Scholarship _____

PAYMENT

Registration Fee: \$ _____ Discounts: (partial Scholarship) \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

I authorize the references listed above to provide to the Sam Davis Youth Camp any and all information related to my background. I knowingly & voluntarily release and hold harmless these references from any and all claims of any kind whatsoever that I may have because they provide, or attempt to provide, any such information. I hereby expressly voluntarily release and hold harmless the Sam Davis Youth Camp, members of the Sam Davis Youth Camp Committee and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, or any employee, or agent of them, from and against any and all claims of any kind whatsoever that I may have because of the request, receipt, or use of any such information. I understand that the misrepresentation or omission of information requested is just cause for non-appointment as a SDYC Counselor or Junior Counselor. If appointed as a SDYC Counselor or Junior Counselor, I agree to abide by or enforce the policies of the Sam Davis Youth Camp/Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Standards of Behavior (which I have read and are outlined below) and to fulfill my responsibilities to the best of my ability.

I further request that I be tendered a Contract to serve as a Sam Davis Youth Camp Counselor or Junior Counselor

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

POLICIES

PARENTS, COUNSELORS AND CAMPERS SHOULD REVIEW THIS MESSAGE AND POLICIES

We at Sam Davis Youth Camp (will be referred to as "Camp") have taken the safety and well-being of our campers very seriously. Alter all, giving your child over to the care of other people, even those that you have come to know is perhaps the greatest act of trust you as a parent can engage in. We aim to do everything we humanly can to earn and keep that trust. We also know we cannot do this without your help. With more and more children using the Internet, cell phones, iPods and other technologies at younger ages, we appeal to both parents and campers to partner with us to ensure that our campers continue to have the safest, most wholesome experience as possible at camp.

This message will help you understand the challenges some technologies pose to the continued health and safety of our camp community. Please review the following policies regarding **CELL PHONES, IPODS, CAMERAS, INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** use at camp. As always we invite you to call us if you have any questions or concerns about any of these policies.

CELL PHONES — WE HAVE A NO-CELL-PHONE POLICY

DO NOT BRING A CELL PHONE TO CAMP. Cell phones found at camp after Registration and Admission on the first day of camp, whether by accident or planned will be taken and held until departure day. Aside from the fact that cell phones are expensive and can get lost or stolen and that the physical camp environment is not kind to such items, there is a fundamental problem with campers having cell phones at camp, and that is trust. When children come to camp, they and their parents are making a leap of faith, temporarily transferring primary care from parents to us. This is one of the growth producing, yet challenging aspects of camp. As children learn to trust other caring adults, they grow and learn to solve some of their own challenges. This emerging independence is one of the greatest benefits of camp. It is one important way your child develops greater resilience. Contacting the parent often by phone essentially means they have not made this transition. It prevents us from getting to problems that may arise and addressing them quickly. Sending a cell phone to camp is like saying to your child that you as the parent haven't truly come to peace with the notion of them being away from you and in our care. We agree to tell you immediately if your child is experiencing a challenge in their adjustment to camp. Parents can help by talking with their child before they leave for camp and telling them that there is always someone they can reach out to, whether it be their Counselor, Director or Medic. We are all there to help, but if you don't trust us, your children certainly won't, and your trust as parents is what we seek before your child comes to camp.

Another problem with cell phones at camp is that many of them have built-in cameras. Through the Internet you may have been witness to digital images (ranging from marginally appropriate to comical to indecent, vulgar and illegal) that have been uploaded via camera equipped cell phones. It has happened at many camps that children have secretly taken photos of other campers or staff during changing, showering, bathroom use, etc. and uploaded those images to the Internet. If you belong to a health club, chances are it has a "no cell phone" policy. We choose to avoid these unfortunate by products of cell phone use by eliminating cell phones at Sam Davis Youth Camps.

IPODS & VIDEO DOWNLOAD DEVICES – WE HAVE A POLICY BANNING THE USE OF IPODS OR OTHER DEVICES THAT CAN DOWNLOAD VIDEO

Due to the capability of such devices to download and store in a private manner easily available sexually explicit, degrading, foul and vulgar content, they are inappropriate for use at camp. In addition it is our aim to promote activities, whether formally planned, informal, or spontaneous during free time that are inclusive and group oriented rather than exclusionary for private personal use or benefit.

CAMERAS - WE HAVE A NO-VIDEO-CAMERA POLICY

Again, for many of the same reasons for the no-cell-phone policy, we strongly recommend the use of disposable film cameras if a camera is desired at camp. Although permissible, the camp

environment is not kind to the sensitive mechanism of an expensive digital still camera. Our staff is acutely aware of campers using cameras during the wrong situations, and or, in the wrong places. When we suspect that this has occurred, our policy is to confiscate the camera, destroy the film or card and hold the camera until departure. You should know that any camper (and their parent) that takes a compromising photo of another camper or staff member and uploads it on the Internet or makes it public in any way after leaving camp will be subject to legal action and may not be allowed to return to the Sam Davis Youth Camp. Remember, we take hundreds of appropriate photo images during each session and edit them onto a memory CD that is made available to campers for a nominal charge before they depart.

COMPUTERS & THE INTERNET - WE HAVE A NO-LAPTOP & HAND PDA TYPE DEVICE POLICY

Campers do not have the capability to send or receive email, instant message, or play CD's or DVD's on our computers.

FANS & HAIRDRYERS - WE HAVE A NO-ELECTRIC-FAN POLICY

Each camper cabin is air conditioned. The use of additional fans brought by campers is dangerous because of tripping and falling hazard of electric wires in a confined space and the potential danger of over-utilized extension cords that can overheat and trip electric circuits used for lighting and the installed fans. Additional fans give the false sense of cooling, rather they produce more heat and annoying noise as well as the above mentioned potential hazards. Hairdryer use is limited to the Cabin Dorm Rooms and not the Bathrooms. The camper cabin electrical circuits will not support the high-energy usage of hairdryers, plus hairdryers add to the heat and humidity load of the cabins.

MODEST CLOTHING ONLY

Campers will dress modestly – no suggestive immodest clothing will be worn. Girls will wear one piece bathing suits or 2 piece with a t-shirt. Boys will wear a t shirt with their bathing suits. No short shorts. Sandals, Zorries or flip flops may only be worn at the pool. 3 Mountain has a policy that campers wear only closed toe shoes or boots on the camp ground.

BREAKAGE POLICY

Property broken through maliciousness, negligence or recklessness will be paid by the Camper's parents/guardians.

COUNSELOR, Junior COUNSELOR STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

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This Standards of Behavior is a contractual agreement accepted by Sam Davis Youth Camp Counselors and Junior Counselors who commit to the Sam Davis Youth Camp program. The Standards shall guide their behavior during their involvement in the Sam Davis Youth Camp. Just as it is a privilege for The Sons of Confederate Veterans to work with Camp Counselors who volunteer their time and energies to the Sam Davis Youth Camp, a Counselors involvement in the

Sam Davis Youth Camp is a privilege and a responsibility, not a right.

The Sam Davis Youth Camp program provides quality educational programs accessible to all eligible Confederate youth. The primary purpose of this Standard of Behavior is to insure the safety and well-being of all Sam Davis Youth Camp participants. Sam Davis Youth Camp Counselors and Junior Copounselors are expected to function within the guidelines of The Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sam Davis Youth Camp program. The Sam Davis Youth Camp Counselors and Junior Counselors shall be individuals of personal integrity.

Sam Davis Youth Camp Counselors and Junior Counselors will:

- Uphold a camper's right to dignity, self-development, and self-direction.
- Accept supervision and support from the Camp Director and his designees while involved in the program.
- Accept the responsibility to represent the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Sam Davis Youth Camp program with dignity and pride by being positive mentors for the youth with whom they work.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship and provide positive role models for all youth.
- Respect, adhere to, and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Sam Davis Youth Camp program.
- Strictly abide by the Sam Davis Youth Camp Child Protection Policy and not abuse any Camp participant by physical or verbal means and will report such abuse, if observed or suspected, as outlined in the Sam Davis Youth Camp Youth Protection Policy, and will insure that all Camper interaction (including individual interaction), including counseling, discipline, teaching or supervising will include two counselors but at the very least one counselor and one junior counselor
- Not commit a criminal act.
- Comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws.
- Perform duties in a responsible and timely manner.
- Report immediately any threats to a Camper's emotional or physical well-being to the Camp Director or his designee.
- Accept the responsibility to promote and support the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Sam Davis Youth Camp.

A Jr Counsel Guide will be emailed to all accepted Jr. Counselor along with the camp Handbook. Print out & bring with you in a 3 ring binder/folder

RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS