

2019 Future Ministers Camp Counselor Application

Thank you for applying, and thank you for your desire to make a difference in the Kingdom! Because of the number of people interested in serving as a counselor, we will not be able to find a place for everyone. Page 1 of the application gives us information about you. Pages 2 and 3 contain our Counselor Covenant, which details the job description of this role. Please sign it to indicate you understand the responsibilities of a counselor. Please turn this application in no later than April 15, 2018. Late applications may still be considered, but priority will be given to those turned in by the deadline. You may scan and e-mail it to andrew@graymere.com or mail it to Andrew Phillips, 1320 Trotwood Ave., Columbia, TN 38401.

1. How long have you been a Christian?

2. What experience do you have preaching or teaching in a congregational setting?

3. In the space below, write a paragraph detailing why you want to serve as a counselor. Use the back if needed.

4. Do you have experience attending a preaching or leadership camp (including this one)? Do you have experience serving as a counselor in a preaching or leadership camp (including this one)? If so, how many years?

5. List contact information for two references below.

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Future Ministers Camp Counselor Covenant

Counselor Mission: Your mission is to serve as an example, encourager, and motivator to the campers; to help them prepare their lessons; to be a conduit between staff and the campers; and to serve under the staff and carry out their assignments. We appreciate you very much for your willingness to accept this responsibility. We have asked you to help because we believe in you. You will be one of the most important factors in making the camp a success. We could not do this without you!

Your Role

- 1. Attitude** – Your attitude will have a tremendous impact on the attitude of the campers. We need you to promote a positive environment in the camp.
- 2. Relationships** – You will need to build relationships with the campers, specifically those who are assigned to your section. Encourage them when they are feeling down and rein them in when they are out of control. Help them make friends and get to know the other campers, especially if some are having difficulty connecting. Know each one's name. Don't get carried away by your position and "lord" over the boys, but don't let them walk all over you. Pranks hurt relationships, so keep those from happening.
- 3. Discipline** – You must report to the staff any horseplay and/or mischievous activities such as use of shaving cream (for other purposes than shaving), towel popping, fights, etc. There should be no physical activity in any of the buildings (throwing football, etc.). Report to the staff, in private, any unusual attitudes and activities you see.
- 4. Direction** – Make sure the boys get up and go to bed when they should and that they are where they are supposed to be. Help us keep up with the boys when traveling. Make sure they take their showers and are dressed appropriately. **Remember, if you sleep in, they will.**
- 5. Work** – Make sure campers are getting their work done (KP, sermon preparation, etc.).
- 6. Class** – Attend class with the boys. You can continue to learn and set a good example for them. Support the teacher, as well as the way the teacher is instructing the boys to develop sermons. You might have a different approach or opinion, but we need you to reinforce what is being taught.
- 7. Cleaning** – Make sure that the campers keep all areas of Graymere Hall and the rooms we use in the main building clean. Assign cleaning details as needed.
- 8. Meals** - Make a KP list for the week. Post the list outside the kitchen in Graymere Hall and in the main building. Make sure the Graymere members providing our meals have everything they need. Make sure we have boys available each evening to bring in food. Make sure facilities are set up for each meal (tables, chairs, etc.). We want to vacuum and sweep the area where we eat after each meal. Make sure tables are wiped off and dishes are cleaned (the campers will do it but you make sure it happens).
- 9. Devotionals** - Handle morning devotionals (7:45 am on Monday thru Friday). Spend 10 minutes with your campers before lights out. Share a scripture, prayer, and ask their highlights of the day.

- 10. Example** – Remember to set an example in everything you do. Do not drive campers off the church property. There will be times when the girls from Spiritual Growth Camp will join us for certain activities, but your responsibility is still to be with the campers. You will need to observe curfew as well as our campers.

Your Responsibilities

1. Make sure the campers keep their bunk area clean. This is extremely important.
2. Do not leave Sunday until your campers' bunk area is clean and Graymere Hall is clean.
3. Keep an eye on any medical issues your campers have. All campers with medicine are to turn it in to a staff member. They can go to a staff member when they need it. Help your campers remember their medicines.
4. Help campers to load and unload their suitcases upon arrival and departure.
5. Your key responsibility is to be a Christ-like example.

I have read the guidelines above, and I promise to do those things to the best of my ability. I understand that if I am not doing these things, one of the staff members will remind me of my responsibilities. I pledge to enjoy this week and work hard to impact the lives of young men as they learn about ministry.

Signature:

Date: