

Pioneer Christian Camp 2010

STAFF REQUIRED

At Pioneer Camp we are always looking for new people to join one of our two friendly teams of staff who help to provide young people with a good holiday (under canvas) and, at the same time, share with them our faith in God and their need of Jesus as their own personal Saviour. Without the staff, we would not be able to organise camp each year and many young people would be disappointed.

Every member of staff must be a born again Christian, a member of their local church and willing to follow the leadership of the camp skipper. As an organisation involved in work with young people, we also require every member of staff to have an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau before they can work at camp, but this is something we will organise for you if you apply to work at camp.

Some of the work at camp involves a lot of contact with the young people – **tent leaders and assistant tent leaders, working in the shop, helping with the sports/craft activities, medical officers and the orderly officers**. Other tasks are more in the “background” and involve little or no interaction with the children but are very important to the smooth running of camp and without which camp could not be run successfully – **general duties, working in the kitchen, assisting the equipment officer, lost property and refuse disposal**.

The majority of staff who come to camp do so because they want to share the love of Jesus with the children in their daily lives and show them how much He loves them and how much they need Him. Others come because they have useful practical skills which they want to use for the Lord and feel that these skills can be put to use at camp.

Both categories of staff are required to run a successful camp – the first to teach and encourage the children in their faith, the second to provide the practical help and support that is needed to run a camp for 10 days.

How can you help?

Look at the attached list of the sort of jobs that are required at camp and if you think that you could do some of them, read on

1. If you enjoy camping, helping with activities/sports, interacting with young people then camp is the place for you. Contact the Secretary (address below) for an application form and return it as soon as possible. We look forward to receiving your application for 2010
2. If you enjoy camping but are not too sure of the interaction with the young people then do not be put off. We require lots of skills at camp which are more “backroom” than “frontline” and you might just have what we need. If you want to know more about what is required then please speak to the Secretary or simply request an application form, ask your pastor/elder for a recommendation and send it off. We will then do the rest.

Our current complement of staff is aged between 18 and 60+ and all of them have a role to play. Some are only able to come for part of the time but others are there for the duration. All are needed to ensure that the children have a happy, safe and enjoyable holiday.

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Do you not have the time to spare for 10 days at camp, but could help out for may be one or two? Then read on

One other area where we need help each year is at the beginning and end of each camp, but particularly at the beginning of first camp and the end of second camp.

Before we can start camp, we have to set up the field with all the equipment that is required. We start with a blank field and have need to:

**Empty the equipment from the lorry
Dig a pit
Set up the bell tents and staff tents and put sleeping mats into bell tents
Set up the plumbing and toilet cubicles
Set up the kitchen, store tent and other small marquees and wash all kitchen equipment
Ensure that there are enough tables and chairs in the marquee
Mark out the sports pitches and set up nets etc
Set up the tuck shop and bookshop**

Similarly, at the end of camp we need to:-

**Take down the bell tents, staff tents and small marquees and pack into lorry
Pack away all the sports equipment
Disconnect the water supply and roll up all the pipe work
Empty the toilets, wash the buckets and seats and dismantle the cubicles
Dismantle and disconnect the lights and electricity supply
Clean and pack away all the kitchen equipment
Ensure that all the equipment is packed away on the lorry
Clear the site of all rubbish
Fill in the pit**

All of these jobs, both before and after camp, need "manpower" and the more help we have the quicker the work gets done. Help is need at both the beginning and end of camp in order to get the work done but at the end of camp, when the staff are all very tired, any extra help would be a bonus.

Would like to be involved with Pioneer Camp but do not particularly like camping, or do not have sufficient holiday to commit to camp for 10 days?

Do you have skills that might be useful in the setting up/dismantling of camp?

Would you be willing to give 1 or 2 days of your time at the beginning or end of camp to assist with the setting up/dismantling?

If so, then we would welcome your help. We can provide you with lots of cups of tea, a hot meal and a good time of fellowship. If you would like to know more, then please contact the secretary for further details

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

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