

**DIOCESE OF DULUTH
CAMP SURVIVE JUNIOR COUNSELOR
APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Junior Counselor for Camp Survive 2018.

First, if you do not know much about Camp Survive or what a Junior Counselor is, here's a quick run down. Camp Survive is a Catholic summer camp for middle school youth who have completed 6th- 8th grade. It is held the week of August 6-10. As a Junior Counselor, you have two main jobs: to assist the youth ministry staff running the camp and to lead the middle school youth closer to Christ through your example. To accomplish this, you will help lead small groups, perform skits, supervise and participate in activities, pray for our campers and attend Mass. We do ask that you come up early for training, which will begin on Saturday, August 4, 2018. We will let you know final details closer to camp.

Because we don't have the room to accept everyone who wants to be a Junior Counselor, we have created an application process. The application has three parts: a questionnaire, an essay, and a recommendation form from a personal reference.

- Pages two and three of this packet contain more information and the questionnaire and essay.
- Pages four and five of this packet contains the recommendation form that is to be filled out by your parish priest, deacon, youth minister, or director of religious education.

Please mail your completed application to the diocese no later than Tuesday, March 6, 2018, to:

Diocese of Duluth
Attn: Camp Survive
2830 East 4th Street
Duluth, MN 55812

If you are accepted to serve as a Junior Counselor, you will receive a letter including all the details of the camp, including when and where you need to show up for the training. There will be a \$95 registration fee for Junior Counselors due prior to the start of camp.

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Junior Counselor, the investment of your time in completing the application is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please let me know! You can contact me at hserenal@me.com

In Christ,
Heather Serena
Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

**DIOCESE OF DULUTH
CAMP SURVIVE
JUNIOR COUNSELOR APPLICATION**

Senior high students have the opportunity to be involved in an exciting week long ministry with the Diocese of Duluth, serving as a Junior Counselor (JC) at Camp Survive. Those servings as JC's have the opportunity to change lives through their personal involvement at Camp Survive.

JUNIOR COUSELOR'S (completed 10th grade through 12th grade)

Junior Counselor's are staff volunteers who work alongside college-age staff, seminarians, and youth ministers in specific areas of ministry to the campers.

Program Overview

JC's are a vital part of the camp community. They eat, sleep, work and pray with other students like themselves. Students may develop some of their strongest friendships while at Camp because of the intense nature of their time spent together.

The JC program is essentially a short-term missions trip. These students aren't campers, they are more like "missionaries." Applicant's should be mature students of high moral character who have a desire to strengthen their faith and share that faith with others.

In addition to creating a place for students to grow, Camp Survive provides adult supervision, training, room and board, and a camp t-shirt.

TRAINING

Training will be held at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, in Crosslake, MN, August 4-5, 2018. Camp will be held at Big Sandy Camp, in McGregor, MN. **Students accepted to serve at camp as Junior Counselor's are expected to attend the entire weekend of training- no exceptions.**

To Apply

1. Complete the attached application, include a current photo of yourself with your application.
2. Give a reference form to your Priest, Deacon, Youth Minister or DRE.
3. Return the application by Tuesday, March 6, 2018. The selection process will begin on March 7, 2018, and you will be notified by mail of your acceptance after April 10, 2018. Applications received after March 6, 2018, will be considered, but availability may be limited.
4. Applications will not be reviewed until reference forms are received.

CAMP EXPECTATIONS

Obedience to Christ is the key to our camping ministry. The commitment, humility and verbal witness of camp staff contribute greatly to a camper's openness and responsiveness to the work of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel.

Therefore, it is essential that all applicants be willing to:

- Share their life in Christ by example and by word with campers and staff throughout their time spent at camp.
- Enter into their JC responsibilities and staff relationships with a positive and supportive attitude.
- Sacrifice personal desires in the interest of the campers and their peers.
- Be a witness to modesty in dress, including t-shirts with logos, etc. and in actions.

Whether listed in camp policy or not, Camp Survive prohibits the use of tobacco products and/or the drinking of alcoholic beverages by staff member on the camp grounds and while serving in a volunteer or paid position. The use of drugs shall be limited to those prescribed by a physician. The abuse of any substance or habit, while not necessarily against camp policy, may be cause for dismissal.

CAMP SURVIVE JUNIOR COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail _____

Grade Completed (as of June 2018): _____ Gender: M / F Age: _____ T-Shirt Size: S - M - L - XL -XXL

Have you been to Camp Survive before? ___Yes ___No

In what capacity (check all that apply): ___ Camper ___ JC ___ Prayer Team

What is the present Church you are attending? _____

Indicate any teaching, leadership, or responsibilities you hold in your local parish: _____

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF: (Please use additional sheets of paper)

1. Why do you want to serve as a Junior Counselor at Camp Survive?
2. How do you think your life will be improved or changed by serving in this capacity?
3. Are you a part of your parish youth program or would you consider yourself to be an active member of your parish? Please explain.
4. Explain what being not only a Christian, but being a Catholic Christian means to you?
5. What role does God play in your life?
6. You may be asked to sign a statement of fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church. If so, do you have any concerns or reservations about doing so? Are there any Church teachings you feel uncomfortable speaking to youth about?
7. Share with us anything you feel we should know about you

TELL US ABOUT YOUR REFERENCES:

Please give the attached reference form to one of the following: Priest, Youth Minister, Deacon or DRE. Provide a stamped envelope addressed to the Diocese of Duluth with your reference form.

Name of Reference: _____ Phone: _____

Applications will not be processed until reference forms are received.

APPLICANTS AGREEMENT WITH THE DIOCESE OF DULUTH

If I am accepted to serve as a Junior Counselor at Camp Survive, I will abide by the policies mentioned above and the principles of ethics, conduct, and dress asked of me, and will accept my proper responsibility as a member of the camp community. I realize and agree that any photos or recordings taken of me during the summer may be used in camp promotional materials.

Applicant's Signature : _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

DON'T FORGET TO SEND OUT YOUR REFERENCE FORMS!

Please be sure to include the following items with this application form: Any additional pages and a current photograph. We will contact you via Mail after April 10, 2018, to let you know if you have been accepted.