

PROSPECTIVE STAFF FAQ'S

We've tried to answer some common questions below. If you don't find the answer you're looking for, please visit our page and send us an email or call us.

"What is the Staff Application Process?"

1. Express Interest by Filling Out Staff Application Online (All Positions)
2. Submit 3 Reference Forms
3. Once Application and References are received and checked, an Interview will be conducted (via phone or FaceTime)
4. Following Interviews, you will be notified via Email with status of Summer Employment
5. If hired, Health Form and Background Checks will need to be completed.
6. Staff Manual, What To Bring, and Letter of Commitment will be emailed to you prior to Staff Training!

"How long is my summer staff commitment?"

All Staff and Counselors will report on Wednesday, June 7th. Our Staff Closing Celebration will be on Saturday, August 5th in the evening. Staff will be able to leave on Sunday, August 6th.

"How can I expect to be involved as a Camp Staff?"

MAPLERIDGE would like to share with you what is expected of you for this summer so we all can be on the same page and work well as a staff serving the camper.

MAKE "FUN" AN EVERYDAY OCCURRENCE.

Camp is a place of "Over The Top" FUN for campers. Because of the unique setting, it is expected that you enter into the elements of "FUN" daily. A Creative & Fun Camp Spirit is very important at camp.

CAMP IS FOR THE CAMPER.

It is our desire that everyone here is working for the campers. This means caring for their physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual well being. You can expect there to be some tough times. We ask that you keep your summer one of balance even when it comes to weekends, relationships, rest, and spiritual growth. Keeping these in balance will help in finishing the summer strong.

CAMP IS REWARDING, BUT DEMANDING.

MAPLERIDGE Staff sacrifice their summer with hard days, long hours and being "on-duty" 24/7. We believe that physically exerting yourself is good and an act of service to God. You will have a 24 hour period off each weekend, but when it comes to camp you need to be available to campers and other staff. Staff work hard for very little pay but are rewarded eternally.

BUILD AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.

The demanding task of being with young people can only be sustained by being with the One that can supernaturally energize you. Parents desire to see young adult's model Christ-like behavior and attitudes before the campers, no matter what the circumstance.

DON'T "SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF."

There are many instances at camp when things do not go as we wish. It can be frustrating, but it's eternity that we focus on as a staff. As the little things come and go at camp we ask you to let them go and stay focused on your ministry opportunity. Your hard work and meeting these expectations will be rewarded. It might come in a child asking you "How can I know Jesus?" You may see it when your camper is smiling in a picture or your camper overcoming a fear at the tower, horses or paintball.

“What are the primary requirements for being a Summer Staff Applicant?”

There are three primary things we look for in our Summer Staff.

1. They Love Jesus Passionately.
2. They Love Kids!
3. They Love Being Fun and Enthusiastic About Everything!

Everything else we can teach during Staff Training

“Did I hear we can’t have our CELL PHONES while camp is in session?”

You heard correctly! Here at **MAPLERIDGE** we feel it is imperative for our staff to give their campers their undivided attention, and we know the importance of “getting away” from all of life’s distractions. Because we value these things... cell phones, computers, ipods, and ipads will be collected and locked in the Ranch Office during camp hours. They will, however, be available for use during your time off. We do not view this as a restriction but rather a great experience for you to hopefully embrace! Please note...we will collect your Cell Phones at the beginning of Staff Training.

“How much Time Off do we get during the summer?”

Each staff member will have one 24 hour period off a week, typically from noon on Saturday till noon on Sunday. Our typical Sunday Schedule is lunch at 1pm, Staff Worship at 2pm, Staff Meeting to follow, and campers arrive at 4pm.

During your time off you are free to do whatever you please. We encourage you to stay over the weekends, with curfew being midnight on Saturdays. You are responsible for your own transportation on your days off, but many times staff coordinate their activities and carpool for those who don’t have cars.

“How do I get to camp?”

You are responsible for your own transportation to and from camp. Many drive; many fly. Your choice. If you are flying in or out please send Chief your flight itinerary right away so we can arrange transportation for you to and from the camp.

“How much spending money would I need this summer?”

You will probably need to consider bringing some spending money. Your expenses here at camp are completely taken care of, but any time you leave the camp property (with the exception of any official “staff outings”) you will be responsible for your own meals, activities, gas, etc. There will, however, be food available in the camp kitchen for you during your time off. A daily snack & drink are provided M-F for staff during the weeks of camp, but you may want to bring money for any extra snacks or drinks. You will be given two staff shirts to wear for opening and closing days and a **MAPLERIDGE** water bottle, but there are many other t-shirts, sweatshirts, stickers, etc. available for purchase in the Hitching Post!

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