

MIRACLE BIBLE CAMP

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Teen Volunteer Information

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Teen Volunteer (TV) at Miracle Bible Camp. Please review all the information in this packet as you prayerfully consider volunteering here. Feel free to let us know of any questions or concerns you might have.

Objectives:

1. To glorify God by helping kids come to know Him or to know Him better.
2. To assist counselors and the rest of the staff in all the activities required to provide kids with a positive and uplifting camp experience.
3. To provide a "second set of eyes" on all of what is going on to ensure a safe and enjoyable camp experience for all of the campers; this will also allow counselors brief moments away.
4. To observe and learn the "behind the scenes" activities required to provide a safe, effective and fun camp experience. This experience will assist you in future ministry opportunities at camp, church, community or elsewhere.

Position Information:

Employment Status: Volunteer (unpaid), Temporary

Length of Service: Short-term, as needed, normally for a period of five days (the duration of a camp week).

Benefits: Room and board for the time of service, the joy of serving Jesus!

Application Process:

1. Contact the camp Program Director to let him know of your interest.
2. Review the information below to determine if this position would be an appropriate fit for your gifts and interests, and that you are willing to perform the requested duties.
3. Complete the Application (available at miraclebible.com).
4. Distribute reference forms to the following:
 - a. A parent or guardian
 - b. Your pastor or youth leader
 - c. An unrelated adult who is able to comment on your personal character, behavior and attitudes (such as your youth pastor, youth group leader, or Sunday school teacher)
5. If possible, meet with the Program Director in advance to interview and discuss your service (attendance at off-season retreats is not required, but these retreats provide a good opportunity for this meeting). Meetings with accepted and potential TV's will also be held during Teen Camp.
6. As early as possible, you will be informed of which weeks, if any, you will be invited to participate. Due to uncertain camper registration levels, TV staffing levels may not be finalized until close to the start of the camp week. Thank you in advance for your flexibility.
7. During your week(s) of service, the Program Director will meet with you to review how you are doing and to assist you in your ministry. The goal is to help you discover how God can best use you in His service.

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Requirements:

1. A credible Christian testimony as well as a growing relationship with God.
2. Sufficient spiritual and emotional maturity to lead campers and cope with the stresses of camp while showing good judgment.
3. Agree with MBC's Statement of Faith and Staff Lifestyle Standards.
4. Minimum age of 14 (by September 1).
5. Able to communicate in verbal and written form, and able to adjust communication to the appropriate age.
6. Able to follow a schedule.
7. Interpersonal skills.
8. Good general overall health.
9. A willing attitude and a teachable spirit.

TV Training Event!

Plan to attend our Teen
Volunteer orientation retreat

April 3-4

Cost is just \$10

Have fun, get trained, and be
ready to serve at MBC this
summer. Attendance is
required (Contact Dan if you
absolutely cannot attend).

Activities:

1. You will assist with camper activities, setup, crafts, running errands and so on as directed by the TV Leader. The TV leader will assign you other duties, including cabin and kitchen activities.
2. You will be assigned to a cabin for nighttime duties which may include escorting campers on late-night trips to the rest room. You may be called upon to assist with cabin activities. When in the cabin, you are under the direction of the counselor. You are largely there to be a set of "extra eyes" for the counselor.
3. You will assist in the kitchen and dining hall with cleanup duties, dishwashing, setting tables, etc. When in the kitchen, you are under the direction of the Food Service Manager and/or her assistant.
4. At all times you are responsible to God, the Camp Director, the Program Director, and the TV Leader to behave appropriately and to serve joyfully. While the Camp Director may at times have to cut short a TV's time of service, it is our joy to help you serve well, and we will all work together to achieve these goals.

Tips:

1. If you enjoy what you are doing, it will show. Be contagious in enthusiasm. If you are not enjoying it, do it "as unto the Lord." Perhaps your attitude will change!
2. Have fun with the campers and staff! Just know when to settle it down. No "pranks."
3. Never tease or allow teasing, bullying, or excluding of campers from groups. Befriend homesick campers; redirect them to fun activities to take their minds off home.
4. Lead by example; follow the rules and campers are more likely to do so as well. If kids are causing trouble, help them find something positive and enjoyable to do instead. Do not discipline in any way, but if necessary report problems to a staff member.
5. Be respectful. Pay attention in chapel, be on time for things, talk quietly and politely.
6. SAFETY FIRST! Stop problems before they start. Think about what could happen to prevent it. Never be alone with campers. Eyes open at all times (except when sleeping, of course!)
7. IMPORTANT: You *must* bring knee-length shorts and closed-toe shoes for kitchen duty. Also, bring a clean hat if you do not wish to use one provided by the camp.