



Day Clergy, Day Staff & Helpers Application

Full Name _____

Former Legal Names _____

Date of birth _____ Male or Female T-shirt size _____

Phone _____ Parish (name & town) _____

E-mail address (print clearly!!!!!!) _____

Day Staff Description: Since 2005 the Episcopal Youth Camp has invited the clergy and lay professionals of our Diocese to serve as Day Staff. These special positions support our campers and staff in so many ways. The campers are able to see people from their home parishes in a different light. The staff feel supported by people coming in and helping in the special ways God has called them. As the entire community practices hospitality, we feel the fresh breath of the Holy Spirit blow in with the arrival of each new Day Staff.

Senior Camp Day(s) you are available _____

Middle School Camp Day(s) you are available _____

Junior Camp Day(s) you are available _____

Position you would like to serve Eucharist celebrant Preach Eucharist deacon Music

Registration/clerical assistance Anything needed

Other (If you have a special talent in leading a specific activity or art/craft, please let us know _____

Letter of recommendations Each adult serving at the Episcopal Youth Camp must be recommended for that position.

- Lay people who are *not* currently employed by the Diocese or their parish staff member must have written references from their rector (or senior warden if your parish is without a rector). Please have that person send a letter to Gennie Callard stating that he or she recommends you to serve at the Episcopal Youth Camp. This can either be faxed or mailed (not e-mailed), as it must have the signature and date.
- If you are a lay person currently employed in the Episcopal Church or a clergy person licensed in this Diocese, we consider your rector or the Bishop, to be that reference, therefore you do not need to send in a written recommendation.

Safeguarding our Camp

- To assure the safety of our campers and of the camp staff, the Diocese of Western Michigan reserves the right to request a background check which could include criminal records and/or motor vehicle checks on prospective staff members and to check your name against the Sex Offender Registry.
- Have you ever been **accused** of harassment or sexual misconduct of any person including, but not limited to, workplace harassment?
 Yes No **If yes**, please describe on separate paper
- Have you ever been **convicted** of a crime, including any drug or alcohol offense other than a minor traffic offense? Yes No **If yes**, please describe on separate paper
- Have you been certified in Safeguarding God's Children. Yes No

Please read and sign the following

- Under penalty of perjury, I swear or affirm that all the information on this application is true and complete.
- I authorize the Diocese of Western Michigan to investigate the statements I have made in this application, and specifically authorize any parties listed in this application or reference sheet to release information they have about me to the Diocese of Western Michigan.
- I hereby authorize the Diocese of Western Michigan to perform criminal background checks as required in accordance with the policy adopted by Diocesan Council.
- I agree to comply with the Episcopal Youth Camp and all Diocese of Western Michigan rules, regulations and policies. I agree that my selection may be evaluated and can be terminated at any time either by the Diocese of Western Michigan or me. I understand that the terms and conditions of my service may be changed at any time by the Diocese of Western Michigan.

Signature _____ Date _____

Clergy will be contacted with their assignments. If you have questions you can contact Gennie Callard at (269) 599-5392.

Please mail this form to: EDWM – EYC * 535 S. Burdick St., Suite 1 * Kalamazoo, MI 49007



Episcopal Youth Camp

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Information Sheet

Day Clergy

We have a daily Eucharist at camp. The young people plan it, do the readings, and pick the music (with adult mentors).

But we do need clergy at camp; and not just to celebrate at the table. Having parish clergy come to camp for a day (or more) links camp to the parishes. The young people get to see their priests in shorts & a t-shirt, and the clergy get to see their young people in their own world. The clergy in our Diocese are incredibly supportive, and we hope that each one of them will be able to join us for a day to visibly support the young people at camp.

We've also recently figured out that many of our campers are "grandchildren" of parishioners. Their parents often don't go to camp, so they don't. When the clergy show up, we can introduce them to those "lost sheep", and they may be more anxious to drag their parents to church on Sunday mornings (or get a ride from someone else).

Day Musicians

This is a new position at camp. We've always known how important music is to a person's spiritual journey, but we've just recently realized that the gifts & skills it takes to be a cabin counselor may not be those it takes to be a musician that can lead songs. So we are looking for people to serve as a camp musician for a day. We will send you the music we will be using, but you will need to bring your own instrument. You will need to be background checked and be certified in Safeguarding God's Children, but we do that for everyone who works with children in parishes, too.

Day Helpers

We need people to help with registration & check out, but we can always use people during the week. And if you are someone with a special gifts & talents, this is your personal invitation! Please come and share! One year we had someone teach the senior highers different kinds of dancing (fun!). If you don't have a special talent, we can use you to count t-shirts or organize the arts & crafts (as if that isn't a special talent!).

There are so many gifted and talented people in our pews, but many of them cannot (or don't want to) take a week off to live with children for an entire week. I understand that! So we do have "day helpers" (formerly known as "day staff"). We always need people

For information: www.episcopalyouthcamp.org

For Questions, please contact

Gennie Callard (Camp Director)

(269) 381-2710

gcallard@edwm.org

(269) 599-9392 (cell phone – will have during camp)

Please consider how YOU can help out with our Diocesan camp this summer. I'm sure there's a way!

