



CAMP

SONSHINE

MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

DISCOVERY CAMP
4 years-Kindergarten

EXPLORER CAMP
1st-2nd grades

ADVENTURE CAMP
3rd-4th grades

ADVENTURE FIVE
5th grade

HIGH ADVENTURE
6th grade

TEEN ADVENTURE
7th-10th grades

WILDERNESS
SPECIALTY CAMP
3rd-9th grades

GERMANTOWN CAMP
4 years-9th grades

LEADERS IN TRAINING
7th-11th grades

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Enclosed are the materials necessary to apply for the AC (Assistant Counselor) program at Camp Sonshine Germantown.

Dear AC Candidate,

We believe that Camp Sonshine is unique, in that we create a safe, caring, Christian environment. ACs work alongside our staff, assisting in the strength of this environment. As they contribute to the Camp Sonshine experience, it is our goal that ACs will grow, learn, and mature.

The AC program is meant as an opportunity to gain experience as a leader. The standards and expectations of this program are high, but we are committed to help you attain them. You will be expected to have a positive attitude, a willingness to serve, trustworthy character, integrity, and accountability as we work together to give our campers the best summer of their lives.

As the AC program is considered a "step-up" from the CIT program, we expect you to be ready and willing to enter into a leadership role this summer. This transformation calls for flexibility, strong work ethic, and an eager heart to become both mentally and spiritually impacted as you assist in the development of our campers.

We have enclosed an application for you to fill out and return to us. Included with the application are reference forms. A pastor, youth leader, or teacher should fill out one reference, and an adult who is not a family member, should fill out the other. Please note that you should fill out the top box of each reference before handing them out. Give the each reference an envelope, addressed to Camp Sonshine, so that they may return the recommendation directly to us.

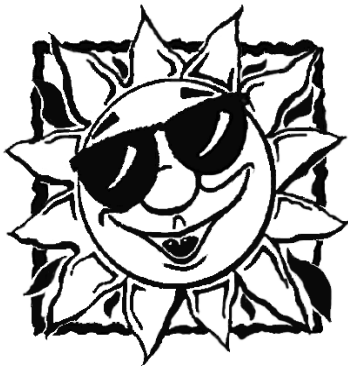
Please fill the application out completely prior to sending it in to Camp Sonshine. Otherwise, it may not be accepted.

Once we receive your application and recommendations, we will call you to set up an interview time. Openings are limited, **so apply early**. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office (ext. 1291), or you can contact me via e-mail (cwynn@campsonshine.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Christina Wynn
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AC Staff Application

Camp Sunshine Germantown

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Name	Date of Application
Telephone Number	Best time to reach you
Street Address	Date of Birth
City	State Zip
E-mail Address	Social Security Number

Are you under 16 years? Yes No If under 16 years, state your age: _____

Do you attend a church? Yes No If yes, where: _____

Part of a youth group? Yes No If yes, leader's name: _____

Do you attend a school in Maryland? Yes No School Name: _____

Grade or Activity that you worked with at camp last summer: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian		Work Number
Emergency Contact Person	Relationship	Telephone Number

PAST/PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

Dates	Employer	Telephone Number	Nature of Work

BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONS

Please answer 1-5 on a SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.

1. Have you ever attended Camp Sonshine? If yes, please describe your experience in one or two paragraphs, including what you learned. If no, how did you hear about this position and why do you want to be here?
2. How would you describe your personality to someone who doesn't know you?
3. If you were a CIT, what would you do differently if accepted back to camp? If you weren't, describe your most recent experience working with children.
4. Explain in a detailed paragraph your relationship with God. How does this affect your every day life?
5. Why should we choose you to be an AC?
6. Of the following, please circle which would you prefer to work with? (This doesn't guarantee your position.)
Kindergarten First Grade Second Grade Third Grade Fourth Grade Fifth Grade

Please mark the appropriate box.

7. I am available to work during weeks: (Please select a two week period you would be **FULLY** present for):
- Week 1&2 (June 18-29) Week 5&6 (July 16-27)
- Week 3&4(July 2-13) Week 7&8 (July 30- Aug 10)
- Required Training** (May 18-May 19)

LIFESTYLE

As an AC/CIT you will be responsible for your actions and words. What you say and do reflects the reputation of Camp Sonshine; therefore, it is important that you behave in a manner that is above reproach and criticism. Camp Sonshine is a place where we facilitate a healthy and encouraging environment and discourage inappropriate discussion around the campers and other staff members.

Please circle the word(s) that best describe your personal views and actions on the following subjects. Indicate how **you** stand, **not** the way you feel towards others.

Verbally cutting down others:	Acceptable	Sometimes	Wrong	Avoid
Gossip:	Acceptable	Sometimes	Wrong	Avoid
Cursing:	Acceptable	Sometimes	Wrong	Avoid

APPLICATION CONTRACT

By the signing of my name below, I affirm the following: 1) I have no conditions that would limit my ability to perform the essentials of the camp routine; 2) I understand Camp Sonshine is a Christian camp and my behavior must reflect the values of Camp Sonshine; 3) If employed I will enter into the spirit of Camp Sonshine and follow the guidelines set in the AC/CIT Program; 4) I have completed this application truthfully.

Signature

Date

CIT/AC Recommendation Pastor/Youth Leader/Teacher/Employer

APPLICANT: Please fill in information in shaded box.

Name	Telephone Number	E-mail address
Street Address		
City	State	Zip

PERSONAL REFERENCE

Name	Telephone Number	Title
Street Address		
City	State	Zip

The above mentioned person has applied to work with Camp Sonshine's summer programs. Camp Sonshine is a Christian day camp whose purpose is to communicate to young people the love of God. The position requires the applicant to work directly with an older counselor in tending to the needs of our children. We therefore ask you to complete this form carefully and thoughtfully.

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	
Teachable, Follow Instructions						Unable to Observe
Emotional Balance, Friendly						
Maturity, Personal Development						
Sense of Humor						
Temper Control, Tact						
Leadership Ability, Outgoing						
Integrity, Trustworthy, Fulfills Obligations						
Ability to work with children						
Christian/Moral Behavior						

Further Comments you have regarding the applicant that would help in our evaluation. (i.e., traits that may enhance or reduce the effectiveness of this applicant.) _____

- I recommend with confidence
 I recommend
 I recommend with reservation
 I do not recommend

PLEASE RETURN THIS EVALUATION TO:

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CIT/AC Recommendation
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