RMC Outdoor Ministry Volunteer Application for Camps & Retreats

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La Foret Conference and Retreat Center — 6145 Shoup Rd. - Colorado Springs, CO 80908

| Name_ | B-day |
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| Phone | Contact Numbers: |
| Email:_ | |
| UCC/L | La Foret Connection: |
| I'm inte | erested in volunteering as |
| | Director Counselor Camp Chaplain Other: |
| Tell us | about yourself: |
| 1. | What interests you in Volunteering for an RMC Summer Camp? |
| 2. | What particular gifts, graces, and skills do you bring? |
| 3. | What experience have you had working with youth and children? Leading adults? |
| 4. | Relevant degrees/certifications you hold? (WSI, Lifeguard, First Aid, Ropes Course, CPR, etc.) |
| 5. | What is your availability / preferred week(s) / pre & post camp commitments? |
| | ou ever been convicted of any felony, child abuse or unlawful sexual offense? |
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A few items to consider when thinking about counseling for summer camp...

- 1. RMC-Outdoor Ministry is required by law to conduct background checks for all camp staff who work with children. We will submit information for this check prior to camp. All applicants must comply to ensure safety for our campers.
- 2. Summer camp for the campers is 6 days. For the staff, it is closer to 8. All camps have a mandatory "pre-camp" that begins between 24 and 36 hours before camp begins. All camps also have "post-camp" expectations in which counseling staff cleans up, debriefs, relaxes together, and celebrates the successes of the week. This period is typically between 3 and 6 hours long.
- 3. You probably want to serve at La Foret because you have had amazing experiences there already. Thanks be to God! You have had these experiences because the camp staff has been there for YOU, not for themselves. You will be expected to uphold the same standard. Being a counselor is very different than being a camper. It is a way to deepen in faith and service. It is a way to offer your gifts to share with God's people. It is a way to have an incredible time. It is also work. Your job is to put the campers first, consider their needs before your own, model the behaviors that cultivate respect and love, become familiar with and uphold all RMC policies, and fulfill all the responsibilities you are assigned.
- 4. Thank you so much for considering serving this summer at La Foret for the RMC-Outdoor Ministry Program. I will pass your application onto the Directors.
- 5. If you have additional questions or comments, or need more room to answer the questions on the front side of this form, please use this space below: