

Dear SSTF Applicant,

So you want to work with us this summer? Excellent!

I'm glad you are showing interest in this program, and let me start by saying, *working the summer at Camp Grace is a life changing experience*. Our tag-line at Camp Grace is that it's "An Adventure that Lasts a Lifetime," and I can confirm this. I started working at the tender age of 11-years-old making end-of-the-week videos, and now I'm one of the directors here. Even if I had stopped spending my summers here, the experiences that I've had, the relationships I've made, and the growth I've experienced in Christ have left a lasting impact on my life. I wouldn't trade my experiences at Camp Grace for anything in the world, and now you get to take your first step into a more immersive experience here.

Joining Secret Service/Task Force (SSTF) is the first step into a program that we call TEAM Leaders. By working at camp for a summer, you are telling me that you want to be more involved with your community. That means you will be one of the first people I call when we need help at camp. It means that we're going to do monthly discipleship events, and you're now invited to them. It means that I am going to raise my expectations for you. As a christian, you are called to lead and set an example to those around you, and with you being a TEAM leader, you are saying that you are willing to take those first steps into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Take this seriously. If you think that being on SSTF is just something fun to do with your summer, you aren't going to enjoy this program. However, if you want to grow in Christ, learn leadership skills, AND have a satisfying summer of work and fun, then you're going to LOVE being a TEAM leader.

I want to be up front with you. Working with SSTF means that you're going to work about 8 hours a day doing various tasks. These tasks are not all easy, and neither are they pretty. It's truly hard work. In fact, I daresay that SSTF has the most physically demanding job of all staff members at Camp Grace. With that being said, nothing is more satisfying than working hand-in-hand with your fellow staff members as **you play a key part in the Gospel message for all the campers to see**. You see, our motto as a TEAM leader is, "Saving the World, One Dish at a Time." That isn't just a cutesy saying; we believe every word of that motto. The unfortunate truth is that camp work is messy, and someone has to clean it up. As an SSTF member, you give the counselors, program staff, and full-time staff the ability to pour their time and attention into reaching the campers. You doing dishes serves the **GOSPEL**. Serving snacks in the The Refuge gives counselors the ability to talk to their campers about **LIFE IN CHRIST**. Mowing the grass and taking care of general landscaping allows the Full-time staff to plan the entire summer so young people like you can **EXPERIENCE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**.

Still interested? On the back of this page, we outline more information for you. I look forward to working with you.

In Christ,



Timmy Martens
Director of Teen Ministries

QUICK FACTS:

- ***We understand that there is a risk that our dates may change because of COVID-19. We will keep you up to date on any changes or decisions that we make, but as of right now, we plan on having summer camp as planned.***
- You are expected to attend **ALL** weeks during the summer season. If you cannot work all the weeks, please mark it on your application and give the reason why. Missing weeks of the summer are excusable, **however** we will consider the application of a young person who can work the entire summer before the application of a young person who cannot. The planned dates for this summer are as follows:
 - Staff Training Week: May 31st - June 5th
 - Elementary Week 1: June 7th - 12th
 - Middle School Week 1: June 14th - 19th
 - Teen Week 1: June 21st - 26th *[attending as a camper!]*
 - Day Camp: June 29th - July 3rd *[evenings off!]*
 - Teen Week 2: July 5th - 10th
 - Middle School Week 2: July 12th - 17th
 - Elementary School Week 2: July 19th - 24th
- The cost to attend 8 overnight weeks of camp is \$2000. However, because of the work that you are doing for us, we offer \$1600 in scholarship, **making your total price for the summer being \$400**. You may email me for a further breakdown of that money. Payment is due on the first day of camp (May 31st). You may send in a check ahead of time if you'd like, or you can pay with card. Call the office for more information.
- Expect to work about 8 hours every day (7:00am - 7pm), but know that you have a program tailored to you! That includes your own Bible class, prayer time, and exclusive late-night activities. During your times off (about 3 hours during the work day), you have freedom to participate with the normal camp program (sports, swimming, hikes, etc).
- A detailed packing list, job expectations, dress code, and program overview will be sent in a confirmation letter if accepted into the program.

Important Note to Parents

All Secret Service Task Force members are required to arrive and check in at the dining hall at 2:30 each Sunday they are scheduled to serve. Please have them eat lunch before they arrive. Be aware that they will be using bleach on occasion and may need some "messy" clothing to work in. Closed-toe shoes and hats are required to work in the kitchen and dining hall. Hats will be provided if they are unable to bring their own. All staff members are required to abide by the camp dress code at all times. Remember that your teen is part of the staff this summer and represents Christ and Camp Grace in all that they do. All Secret Service/Task Force members are required to complete all responsibilities before leaving but **MUST** be picked up between 5:00p.m and 6:00 p.m. each Friday they complete service. Local SSTF will not be allowed to spend the weekends at Camp Grace unless special arrangements are made.

PLEASE COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM ON NEXT PAGE

Please Return Completed Application to:

Camp Grace

145 Grace Drive

Fairmont, NC 28340

Camp Grace Children's Bible Ministries

145 Grace Drive Fairmont, NC 28340 (910) 628-6326 Fax- (910) 628-5055. www.cbmcampgrace.com cbmcampgrace@gmail.com

Secret Service Task Force Application 2020

Please write legibly (print if necessary). Application must be filled out completely.

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Gender: Male or Female Grade In Fall 2020: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Instagram ID: _____ Facebook ID: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Shirt Size (Circle): S M L XL XXL

Have you attended Camp Grace before as a camper? YES NO If so, when? _____

Are you interested in participating on our worship team? YES NO — — — — Vocal or Instrumental

List any hobbies or recreational activities you regularly participate in: _____

Why are you interested in serving God at Camp Grace? _____

Please describe **at least two of your character strengths and how you expect God to use them.**

Please describe **at least two of your character weaknesses where you need God's help to improve.**

Church Information:

Church Currently Attending: _____

Youth Pastor or Pastor: _____

Church Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Describe your involvement in the life of your church, Youth Group, Christian service, etc. _____

On a separate sheet of paper: Summarize your testimony. Tell us how and when you became a Christian. Also describe your current growth in Christ and walk with the Lord. Tell us what you are currently studying and what the Lord is teaching you.

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All SSTF members are expected to work during Staff Training, all five overnight weeks of camp, day camp, and attend Teen Camp 1. Some flexibility may be available for mandatory sports practices, missions trips, etc. SSTF members will be selected based on their applications, availability, and number of applicants.

Please indicate when you CANNOT serve and why: _____

Acknowledgement:

I understand that being a Secret Service Task Force member at Camp Grace means serving and cooperating with all staff members as unto the Lord, obeying all camp rules, sacrificing time and comfort, and assisting wherever needed. My chief aim will be to serve while growing closer to God.

I hereby authorize investigation of all statements herein and release Camp Grace and all others from liability in connection with the same. I understand that, if selected, I will be an at-will staff member and that any agreement to the contrary must be in writing and signed by the Camp Director. I also understand that untrue, misleading, or omitted information herein may result in dismissal, regardless of the time of discovery by the camp.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature Required: _____ Date: _____