

Youth Servant Leader's Program

2018 AIM Youth Camp at Peach Valley

****PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE PROCESS. A COMPLETED APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE. PLEASE PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THESE DETAILS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE IN THE SERVANT LEADER CAPACITY!****

Dear Youth Servant Leader Applicant,

We are thrilled that you are interested in serving in God's Kingdom. Thank you for your willingness to apply for this very important endeavor, and for your desire to take on the responsibility of serving others through leadership and hard work. There is no greater joy than working for the Lord by serving others. If your application is approved, you will be given a great opportunity to not only assist in the development and training of elementary and middle school campers, but for you as well to grow personally in faith and knowledge. The leadership skills and training you will receive at AIM Youth Camp will serve you well throughout life. What you learn and experience at camp will be both memorable and meaningful—something you will value for the rest of your life. **Camp, for servant leaders and staff, begins on Saturday afternoon, July 21st**; for campers it will begin on Sunday afternoon, July 22nd.

While at camp, servant leaders will be expected to participate in many facets of camp including but not limited to attending special classes for servant leaders, work as activities coordinators, be devotional leaders, assist with the cleanup of meals, assist adult staff in daily responsibilities, and both monitor and assist campers in their stay at camp. All in all, the week will be filled with many responsibilities, a lot of fun, and great rewards.

For the July 22-27, 2018 camp, ***there are 18 servant leader positions waiting to be filled by some dedicated and faithful Christians who are 16-18 years old.*** A qualified 15 year old may apply for a Servant Leader Position and will be accepted on a case by case basis at the discretion of the director. However, do not expect that most 15 year olds will be encouraged to attend as a camper. A 15 year old that applies must show exemplary qualifications and characteristics. Each of these servant leader positions will be filled on an approved application process only, with several pre-camp related work criteria needing to be met. To become eligible to serve as a youth servant leader you must: (1) apply and be provisionally accepted; then (2) complete the pre-camp spiritual leadership work requirements/assignments. Once these two criteria are met then you will be granted full permission to serve in an available servant leader position.

- (1) To apply and be provisionally accepted, you **must**:
 - a. Complete and turn in Provisional Acceptance Form ("Document A")
 - b. Complete and turn in Camper Health History Form ("Document B")

A & B DUE BY May 20th, 2018

***NOTE: The sooner you complete and turn in these forms the better. In the very likely event that there are more applications than there are available slots, later applicants will be placed on a waiting list based on the order in which we received the provisional applications.**

Upon receipt of your completed documents we will notify you, by email, of your provisional acceptance ASAP. At that point, you may begin working on and completing the second round of requirements.

- (2) To complete the acceptance process, you **must**:
- a. Complete and turn in “Document C & D” with proof of completion of all requirements.
 - b. Mail \$135 check to address listed on this form (check will not be cashed until potential servant leader is granted total acceptance).

Documents C, D, & Payment DUE BY July 7, 2018

***NOTE: If you have been provisionally accepted, you have until this date AND NO LATER to complete the remainder of the requirements. If we have not received the entirety of “Document C” by this date, we will be forced to extend acceptance to those on the waiting list. In that event, those individuals would have until ONE WEEK before camp to complete the remaining requirements.**

Servant leaders will be required to pay the \$135.00 peach valley camp fee, but are encouraged to visit with their local congregations for financial support or scholarship aid.

Once we have received your application forms and letters of recommendation, we will notify you as soon as possible whether or not you have been provisionally accepted. However, it is suggested that you begin today to work on at least some of the pre-camp spiritual requirements (“DOCUMENT C & D”). Regardless of your final approval or ability to attend, these requirements will serve you well in fulfilling other facets of life, and in some cases could easily be applied to requirements associated with the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes program.

Thank you so much for your interest and willingness to work in the Lord’s vineyard. We aren’t looking for perfect people, but we are looking for those who have a strong desire to grow, develop, and serve. Will you help us help others? We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in His Service,

Jordan Moore
512-757-1755
peachvalleyaim@gmail.com

DOCUMENT A: 2018 Youth Servant Leader Application for **Provisional Acceptance**

Due by May 20th, 2018 (To apply, you must be 16, 17, or 18 years old)

To complete the application process for **provisional acceptance**, you must:

1. Complete the below (↓) personal data section and the Health History Form
2. **NEW SERVANT LEADER APPLICANTS:** Ask two different members of your congregation (other than your parents) to write a short letter, verifying your faithful involvement at the local congregation, highlighting your virtues, and recommending you as a worthy candidate for a servant leader position. (RETURNING SERVANT LEADER APPLICANTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SEND IN LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.)
3. Attach a type written response to the questions on this sheet.
4. Mail this sheet of paper to: **OR** Scan and email to: peachvalleyaim@gmail.com

University church of Christ
 c/o Peach Valley Aim Camp
 115 Country Estates Dr.
 San Marcos, Tx 78666

Remember application and acceptance is on a first-come, first-served basis. Scanning and emailing may be in your best interest! ☺

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| last name | first name | gender | last grade completed | date of birth | age |
| address | | city | state | zip | |
| full name of your home congregation | | number years you have attended | baptized (Y or N) | date of baptism | |
| father or mother or guardian name | | email address (REQUIRED) | home # | cell phone # | |

First Year Servant Leader Application Questions for PROVISIONAL Acceptance:

1. How and why did you become a Christian?
2. In what ways, both now and in the past, have you been involved with your local congregation?
3. In no less than one paragraph, explain why you want to become a servant leader.
4. Read through the AIM Youth Camp rules and regulations document. Are you committed to obeying all the rules of camp, and do you further promise to **submit to the authority of your adult leaders**? Signature required. I have read the rules and regulations document for AIM Youth Camp and hereby promise to abide by and follow all rules and regulations:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Returning Servant Leader Application Questions for PROVISIONAL Acceptance:

1. In no less than 200 words, explain why you want to return as a servant leader and how being a servant leader has helped you grow spiritually.
2. What struggles have you faced as a servant leader in the past, and how do you plan to resolve those struggles in the coming year? If this is your third or fourth year, please explain how you overcame the struggles that you wrote about from your first year to your second year.
3. Write (2) 200 word paragraphs on one page: The first paragraph, about a camper that made an impact on you because of their attitude. Talk about what made them stand out and how they had an impact on you. The second paragraph, about a camper that was often on the “fringe” (often by themselves), and the steps that you took to include them, and make sure they felt welcomed at camp. Were you successful? What could you have done differently/better?
4. Are you committed to obeying all OF the rules of camp, and do you further promise to **submit to the authority of your adult leaders**? Signature required. I have read the rules and regulations document for AIM Youth Camp and hereby promise to abide by and follow all rules and regulations:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

DOCUMENT B, HEALTH HISTORY FORM:

Due by May 20th, 2018 (To apply, you must be 16, 17, or 18 years old)

2018 AIM CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP AT PEACH VALLEY
YOUTH SERVANT LEADER REGISTRATION APPLICATION - JULY 21-27
USE ONE FORM PER CAMPER, WRITE CLEARLY WITH INK, AND RETURN **THIS PAGE ONLY** With Payment –
Applications accepted on a first come first served basis

camper's last name first name gender last grade completed date of birth age
address city state zip
full name of your home congregation baptized (Y or N) date of baptism
father or mother or guardian name email address (REQUIRED) home # emergency # alt. emergency #

Circle one tshirt size – (Adult) S M L XL XXL XXXL

Health Record (Use back of page if necessary)

Please check all immunizations received: ___ Polio ___ Tetanus ___ Diphtheria ___ Whooping Cough ___ Typhoid
Has youth had any of the following (if yes, check appropriately): ___ Chicken Pox ___ Mumps ___ Measles
Is youth subject to any of the following (if yes, check appropriately):
___ Abscessed Ear ___ Diabetes ___ Poison Ivy/Oak ___ Allergies ___ Fainting
___ Rheumatic Fever ___ Sinus Infection ___ Heart Trouble ___ Asthma ___ Bronchitis
___ Kidney Trouble ___ Sleepwalking ___ Lung Trouble ___ Wasp Sting (allergic reaction)
___ Convulsions/Seizures
List any known allergies and recommended treatments: _____

Do you have any medications or other conditions and/or restrictions that may require attention by the nurse or staff? Continue on back if necessary. _____

Answer "yes" or "no" (All water activities are supervised by qualified personnel)

Has youth had swimming lessons? ___ Is youth able to swim? ___ Is youth allowed to swim with supervision? ___

Parental swimming restrictions or other comments: _____

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL:

We have read and understand the Spiritual Intent information.

We have read and understand the Rules & Regulations information.

PARENT

YOUTH

AUTHORIZATION, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

State of Texas, County of Gonzales –

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I (we), the undersigned are the father, mother, or legal guardian of the above named minor, herein after referred to as "youth".

That for the purpose of enabling the youth to attend Peach Valley Christian Youth Camp, herein after referred to as "camp," located at 581 CR 357, Shiner, Texas 77984, I (we) do hereby agree that youth may attend and participate in the activities of the camp under the supervision of the officials of the camp and will abide by the rules of the camp and sponsors. That I (we) do further agree to forever release, acquit, discharge and covenant to hold harmless Peach Valley Camp, its successors and assigns, and members or congregations of the church of Christ, herein after known as "sponsor," of and from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, costs, loss of services and compensation on account of or in any way growing out of any loss or injury that may be sustained by youth and also all claims or rights of action for damages while youth may hereafter have arising from youth's attendance at the camp including any and all claims for damage of injury arising from the negligence of the camp or any of its employees, agents, directors, and/or volunteers. We further promise to bind ourselves, jointly and severally, and repay to the said camp, its successors and assigns, any sum of money that the camp may hereafter be compelled to pay to or on behalf of youth because of any accident or injury arising out of youth's attendance at the camp.

I (we) further acknowledge that the camp and sponsors will rely upon the Acknowledgement, Release, and Indemnity Agreement in allowing youth to attend the camp.

Authorization for Medical Treatment

Furthermore, in the event that my (our) youth becomes ill or is injured while at camp, I (we) authorize the camp nurse or an individual under the direction of the camp nurse to provide necessary care to my (our) youth. I (we) recognize that the care may include basic first aid, administration of medications (i.e. labeled prescription medications and appropriate over-the-counter medications including, but not limited to: acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Pepto-Bismol) and more advanced care if necessary. I (we) further authorize the camp nurse or designated individual to seek further medical treatment when and where appropriate and to release appropriate medical information regarding my (our) youth to individuals providing medical care or third party payers.

As the parent (s) or legal guardian(s), I (we) have provided to the camp nurse appropriate medical information including known allergies, medical history and currently prescribed medications and treatments.

Signature of father/mother or guardian:

_____ Date _____

Return to: University church of Christ
c/o Peach Valley Aim Camp
115 Country Estates Dr.
San Marcos, Texas 78666

Make checks payable to:
AIM Christian Youth Camp
Cost for campers: \$135.00 per child

DOCUMENT C: 2018 Servant Leader

Pre-camp spiritual leadership work requirements/assignments

Documents C, D, & Payment DUE BY July 7, 2018

Once you have submitted your application and have been provisionally accepted, you must complete the following requirements to earn the privilege of working as a Servant Leader. The following requirements/assignments must be completed and turned in by June 21st.

1. ALL PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTED SERVANT LEADERS MUST MEET WITH JORDAN **BEFORE JULY 7th:**

- a. Camp Hensel Meeting (likely Tuesday evening, June 12th. TBA).
- b. Face-to-Face/Skype/Facetime session that you must make an effort to schedule.

Date attended: _____ Adult Signature: _____

2. With the aid of a parent or church leader, develop and craft a 5 to 7 minute devotional lesson. This lesson **MUST** be given at a family or youth devotional (Girls are required to give their devotional talk in a women only setting). Lessons must be organized with an introduction and attention getter; at least two main points which supports the overall lesson theme, and a conclusion. **Lesson topics must focus on some aspect(s) of leadership or service as seen in a Bible character (other than Jesus).** Your lesson should include some information about the person you are discussing, at least two characteristics revealed in this person which are worthy of emulating, and other scriptures which elucidate or add weight to your main points. This lesson at some point during camp must also be delivered to younger campers. **ATTACH A BASIC OUTLINE OF YOUR LESSON TO THIS SHEET.** The outline does not need to have your entire lesson included but we need to see that you have worked on it and delivered it before you arrive to camp.

Date of delivered devo before camp: _____ Adult Signature: _____

4. Memorize the following passages of scripture and quote them from memory to an adult: John 6:45; John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:17; Matthew 10:32; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 2:42; Revelation 2:10

Date completed: _____ Adult Signature: _____

5. Choose one of the following. **Circle which of these you completed:**

a. Accompany a preacher, elder, church leader, or parent on an official visit of encouragement to the nursing home, hospital, or home of the sick or bereaved. Write who you went with and what you did:

b. Work at least two hours as a volunteer at the church office doing whatever is needed. Write what you did on this sheet: _____

c. Prepare a meal or food item to be delivered to someone in need. Write what you prepared and who you delivered it to: _____

d. Other items of your choosing may be requested to the director. Contact Jordan for final approval.

Date completed _____ Adult Signature: _____

DOCUMENT D: 2017 Servant Leader

Pre-camp spiritual leadership work requirements/assignments

Documents C, D, & Payment DUE BY July 7, 2018

First Year Servant Leader Application Questions (RESPONSES MUST BE TYPED):

1. What are your weaknesses, and what strengths do you possess that would make you a good servant leader?
2. What are your hobbies, and what things do you enjoy doing the most?
3. In what way(s) or for what reason(s) might you be hesitant about being a servant leader? Are you worried about working in this position and what others might say?
4. Read 1 Timothy 4:12-16. What does it mean to be an example? In what ways will you be an example and role model both before, during, and after camp?
5. What ideas do you have for making camp a spiritually uplifting experience for both you and the campers?

Returning Servant Leader Application Questions (RESPONSES MUST BE TYPED):

1. 2nd Years ONLY: In no less than 200 words, Describe, in your own words, what the ideal relationship between counselor and servant leader looks like. Explain how the relationship can be used to maximize the potential influence that you can have on the campers. What other things can you learn from your counselors?
2. 3rd & 4th Years ONLY: In no less than 200 words, Explain the ideal working relationship between Servant Leaders. What are qualities of co-Servant Leaders that have encouraged you and challenged you to do better? What are qualities and attitudes of co-Servant Leaders that have discouraged you and made it challenging to work with? What are some things that you can do personally to improve your qualities as a teammate as Servant Leaders work together for a common goal?
3. In what ways have you implemented your experiences as a servant leader into your daily Christian walk? Share three specific instances in which you put your Servant Leader experiences into practice and explain the impact that it had in those situations. At what point does your application of these things start to wane, and what can you do to keep that from happening in the future?
4. What ideas do you have for improving the servant leader program?
5. *** Read the following passages in regard to UNITY and list at least 15 things about which we should unified as Christians. What did you learn about UNITY that you did not know before? ***
Matthew 6:9-15; John 17:1-26; Ephesians 1:16-23; 3:13-2; Colossians 1:3-13; Jeremiah 32:16-25;
Isaiah 37:15-20; Psalm 55:1-23
6. In what new ways do you see yourself serving at camp (skills, interest, jobs, duties, etc.)? What new responsibilities and in what new areas can you see yourself serving?

Servant Leader Rules and Guidelines

AIM Christian Youth Camp

At Peach Valley

First of all, *thank you for volunteering your time to be a Servant Leader at our AIM Christian youth camp!* Servant Leaders will be an integral part of making camp successful, and we appreciate your

To provide sound Bible teaching and counsel to help our young people grow spiritually

To train and develop youth in becoming leaders within the home and church

To provide high school students with the opportunity to acquire and utilize leadership qualities and skills; and to make a positive spiritual contribution toward the lives of those whom they seek to influence and help.

To reach the first three goals within an atmosphere and environment that is positive, nurturing, and fun.

time and efforts. Our intent for this Bible Camp is very simple, and can be described by the following goals:

The role of a servant leader must first and foremost be that which is consistent with biblical teaching, especially that which reflects the character and nature of Jesus, whom Christians are called to emulate. While no one is perfect, we do expect servant leaders to exhibit in their lives the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), and the traits and characteristics associated with those who are alive in Christ Jesus (Colossians 3:10-17). Accordingly, you are being called upon to be like God, and thereby walk in love, and as children of light (Ephesians 5:1, 8).

In addition to modeling Christ-like behavior, servant leaders are in the truest sense of the word—to serve and lead. Because you will be spending most of your time with campers, you will find yourself having a golden opportunity to show your peers the love of God, pray with them, and be

A SERVANT LEADER MUST LOVE GOD AND OTHERS

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.”

able to direct them to the Bible for answers and encouragement. By developing a relationship and establishing rapport with campers, you, more than anyone else at camp will be in a unique position to change a life, and perhaps give someone a mental life-line and positive memory of the church as they grow older.

Servant leaders also serve on the “front line” as guides and leaders. You, along with the adult counselors will be responsible for making sure that campers know where they need to be and what they need to be doing at all times. You should learn the rules and regulations well enough to be able to answer most of your camper’s questions regarding camp. You should know the schedule well enough to answer any questions you might encounter. Use your assigned counselor as a

*“And He gave some as apostles,
and some as prophets, and
some as evangelists, and some
as pastors and teachers, for the
equipping of the saints for the
work of service, to the building
up of the body of Christ,”*

Ephesians 4:11-12

first-stop for any questions or judgment calls you need help with. While you should feel free to ask the director about any areas you think are not covered by the rules, or any other specific questions you might have, we expect you to use sound and conservative judgment in all things! Pay special attention to campers who are attending camp for the first time, or those who are shy or slow to make friends. You should consider it your responsibility to assist campers in following the rules and in completing the daily task and routine of camp.

In addition to the above “logistical and oversight” types of tasks, we also expect you to get to look for spiritual training opportunities. **Evening cabin devotionals** are a great way to do this, and you can give campers opportunities to lead where appropriate. Foster an

environment that encourages campers to ask questions they might have about the lessons they are learning in class or any other Bible-related topic. The camp environment provides a great opportunity to have a positive influence on the lives of young people. In order to do this, however, we have learned that it really requires those on staff to “jump in” immediately on the first day of camp and start actively getting to know your campers - Don’t be shy! By the end of the week, you will feel like you have served in many types of roles, but none more important than being friend and spiritual example.

While fulfilling the above duties, you will need to have the following qualities and be aware of the following guidelines:



SERVANT LEADER GUIDELINES AND QUALITIES

Servant Leaders must abide by and follow all rules as outlined in your registration and information packet.

Assist in the daily functioning and routine of camp including cleaning and set up.

A feeling of responsibility and gravity of the task at hand

Desire to help develop a love of Christ, God and His Word

Sufficient confidence to make decisions where appropriate

Efficient, capable and cheerful discharge of all camp duties

Punctuality to keep yourself and your campers on time to all activities

Willingness to work – this is no picnic!

Energy and enthusiasm – only good attitudes need apply!

Charisma to inspire campers to avoid lethargy

Respect the authority of the camp director and other adult staff:

You should realize that the staff might not always have time to explain “why,” but confidence in them means trusting their judgment.

The director has final say in policy since ultimately every action occurring in the camp is his responsibility.

The servant leader is asked to see things through the eyes of the adult staff.

A good and kind spirit and cheerful attitude in all things

Friendly, but never partial

Be confident in your leading, but always kind with campers

Respect the camper’s personality and deal with him/her accordingly

Enjoy the camp experience along with the campers

Be approachable (if the campers do not trust you, they will not trust the camp as a whole)

Remember that much of the success of the camp rests in your attitude – You are a role model and catalyst for success.

Remember that the purpose of camp is to benefit the campers! Please do not invite family or friends for overnight stays unless an exception is granted by the Camp Director – These situations are unnecessary distractions for our staff. No un-registered overnight guests are allowed.

Remember there are no “must-be-here” staff members at our AIM youth Camp. Each person volunteered his or her time and energy to be at camp.

Be ready for whatever work is needed without complaint.

Please remember that Servant Leaders are not allowed the use of electronic devices, other than a device that can only be used as a camera.

Servant leaders are never permitted to leave camp without permission from the director

Assist with the overall and final clean-up on the final day

Remember: “The kids who need the most love will always ask for it in the most unloving ways.”