



2025 Volunteer Counselor Information

Dear Applicant,

Thank you so much for your interest in being a Volunteer Counselor at Trinity Summer Camp! VC's are soon-to-be 7th-12th graders who work with a "cabin" of campers under the guidance of a Cabin Leader.

As we begin our 10th year of revamped Summer Camp, the process of choosing VCs has become more selective. This is due to the increased number of applicants and our experience with the VC program over the past 9 years. While it would be great to accept everyone who desires to be a VC, this is simply not possible. Selection of VCs will be based on full completion of the application process, interview, and past performance (if applicable).

Volunteer Counselors (VCs) are a valuable part of the Summer Camp Team. They have the important job of being positive role models for the campers, getting to know them and building relationships with them over the course of the weeks they attend. VCs do everything possible to ensure the campers feel they are an important part of the Summer Camp "family." They also help lead activities and ensure that campers are engaged in the happenings of the day.

Camp hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **VCs are needed from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.** This allows time for a brief morning meeting, helping set up the cabins, preparing activity spaces, and discussing the day's schedule with the Cabin Leader.

To be a Volunteer Counselor, you **must** attend one of the mandatory *Orientation and Training* sessions:

Sunday, March 16th at 10 am **OR** Wednesday, April 9th at 5:15 pm.

These will meet in the Chapel and will last about one hour.

A parent must be present with you for the last 10 minutes of the training.

If you do not attend one of these training sessions, you will not be considered for a VC position.

All VCs will receive a Summer Camp t-shirt, and lunch will be provided during each day of work.

Our goal is not only for you to be a role model and helper for campers in your cabin group but also for you to grow in your faith during your summer experience. We will study scripture and have faith conversations during each day of camp.

Being a VC is a big responsibility. We have certain expectations of people when they lead children. Below are some of the responsibilities and expectations:

What Trinity Expects of You:

- Model love, kindness, and respect to those around you
- Dress appropriately and use God-pleasing language
- Be "unplugged" during work hours (cell phones will be turned into the ECC office each morning and can be picked up at 3:15)
- Respectfully follow directions as given by the Cabin Leaders and Trinity leadership
- Be prepared to help in a variety of ways (i.e. setting up activities, cleaning up, helping campers)

- Participate in conversations, devotions, opening and closing programs, and prayer time
- Have a positive attitude and set a good example through your actions and words
- Be professional and responsible
- Commit to a minimum of 2 weeks as a VC (weeks do not have to be consecutive)

What You Can Expect of Trinity:

- To be equipped with the materials and supplies you need to be successful as a VC
- To be treated with love, kindness, and grace
- To be appreciated as an important part of the Summer Camp team
- To be supported in your time spent helping children and in your journey as a growing Christian
- To be held accountable for your actions and choices

If this sounds like something you feel you are being led to do, you will want to apply soon! The process to apply involves:

- Filling out and submitting the *Volunteer Counselor Application*
- Scheduling and completing a face-to-face interview
- Attending one of the mandatory orientation and training sessions

To schedule an interview, you (not your mom or dad) must contact Rebecca Thomas by email at rthomas@trinityct.org or 586-463-2921 x103. Your interview must be scheduled **after** or **at the time** you submit your application.

You must complete your interview before May 1st to be considered for a VC position.

The email you provided on the application will notify you of your final acceptance status and scheduled weeks, if applicable, by May 1st.

As you go through the application process, please know that we will be looking for the following characteristics in our Volunteer Counselors:

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| • Responsibility | • Creativity |
| • Reliability | • Good Communication |
| • Patience | • Honesty |
| • Respect | • Integrity |
| • Positivity | • Willingness to Be Silly and Have Fun! |

Please consider your interest as a VC and pray about it. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jeremy at pastorjeremy@trinityct.org or 586-463-2921 x142.



2025 Volunteer Counselor Application

_____ Male _____ Female _____
Name

_____ Fall **2025** Grade _____ School Attending _____ Date of Birth _____

_____ Parents' Names _____ Home Phone _____

_____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ Cell Phone _____ Email Address (**this is where all communications will be sent**) _____

_____ Church Home _____ Pastor's Name _____

**T-Shirt Size _____

Reference

As we review applications, we want to have as clear of a picture of who you are as possible. Please provide one reference – someone who knows you well and can tell us how they feel you demonstrate potential leadership skills. This person should be someone **not related to you**, but who knows you well. A good example would be a teacher, pastor, or counselor.

_____ Reference Name _____ Relationship to You _____ Phone Number _____



Applications without this included will not be considered!

Faith Statement

Summer Camp is designed for participants to have fun and grow in their relationship with Jesus. As a Christian organization, we are looking for Volunteer Counselors who have an active faith life.

In order to get to know you better, please attach a brief statement about your relationship with Jesus and what you are doing to grow in your faith. *If you are new to faith or not active in faith, tell us why you want to participate in a summer camp where our goal is to help kids grow in their faith and how you hope to grow in faith this summer.

We are offering a wide variety of camps this summer. To be a Volunteer Counselor, **you must commit to a minimum of two weeks of camp.** When choosing a week, please understand that you need to be available for the entire week. If you are not available from 8:30 to 3:15 every day of camp that week, please don't sign up for that week!

- _____ JUNE 9-13: Let's Get This Party Started!
- _____ JUNE 16-20: Music Makers
- _____ JUNE 23-27: Camp Throwdown
- _____ JUNE 30- JULY 3: Rockin' the Red, White, and Blue (CLOSED July 4)
- _____ JULY 7-11: Superhero Week
- _____ JULY 14-18: Inventor's Workshop
- _____ JULY 21-25: Beach Party!
- _____ JULY 28- AUG 1: Safari Week
- _____ AUG 4-8: Pie Week
- _____ AUG 11-15: Jump in!
- _____ AUG 18-22: The BEST of the BEST! Last week of camp do-overs!

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 9TH-12TH GRADES ONLY:

Here at Trinity, we have a great appreciation for education. We know as a high school student you are required to earn volunteer hours each year. As a VC, each week, you have the option of using your week's hours to fulfill these school requirements, or you can receive a \$100 grant to be used toward educational expenses. Whichever you choose, we are excited to be able to support you in your journey as a student! ***Note:** You cannot split up a week into both volunteer hours and the educational grant.

****Please indicate above, next to the weeks you are signing up for, if you are choosing to receive volunteer hours or the educational grant.****

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date