



FOR A BLAST AND A BLESSING!

2010 Summer Missionary Counselor Application

2010 Summer Theme:
Action Heroes -
Put Your Faith Into Action!



Ponderosa Bible Camp is a ministry of
Ponderosa Student Ministries
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Mentone, AL 35984
(256) 634-4397

Ponderosa Student Ministries
is a 501c3 non-profit organization
www.ponderosabiblecamp.com

Thank you so much for your interest in serving as a Summer Missionary Camp at Ponderosa Bible Camp. We are currently accepting applications for 2010 Summer Camp Counselors with positions available for 4 girls and 4 guys. Three Certified Lifeguard positions are also available. If you are not certified but interested in becoming so please contact us about our dates for Lifeguard training.

Requirements for 2010 Summer Missionaries:

- Must be strong Christian, able to confidently share the gospel and your personal salvation experience.
- Must currently be having daily quiet times, prayer, and Bible study and be able to share what God is currently teaching you.
- Must be a Single adult age 18 or older.
- Must have completed high school at least one year ago (June 2009) or before.
- Must work well with, and *LOVE* kids. (Have lots of patience with kids!)
- Fun, outgoing personality required
- Must enjoy the outdoors!
- Required Activities: swimming, canoeing, hiking, field & gym games, and having fun with your campers.
- Must be in good health able to participate in many physical activities.
- Willing to spend 5 weeks of your summer serving the Lord
- Must be available June 13 - July 17, 2010
- Must be able to submit to the authority of the Camp Director and other Full-Time Staff
- Background check and References required
- Must respectfully adhere to the Camp Dress Code (see attached)

Should you be accepted to serve at Ponderosa Bible Camp this summer, here is some information regarding your income:

Ponderosa Bible Camp's Summer Missionary Program is designed to provide an opportunity for qualified individuals to work at camp as a Counselor/Cabin Leader or Lifeguard without experiencing a significant decrease in the income they could earn working in a non-ministry environment during the summer. All Counselors and Lifeguards are considered Summer Missionaries.

Counselors are paid \$200 per week plus room and board is provided. In addition to your salary, all counselors will be allowed to **raise up to \$2,000 additional in Summer Missionary support** by contacting your church, family and friends. (This will make up the difference of what you could be earning if you were working full-time at a secular job this summer.) The money you raise can go to you in your paycheck **or** you can chose to have this money sent directly to the college of your choice as a Scholarship. (We learned that the greater your "Adjusted Gross Income", the less FASFA money you will receive. So if we send this money to your college in the form of a Scholarship it does not have to be included on your W-2 form).

You will need to supply us the names and addresses of the people and/or churches you would like to ask for support and then I will write a letter on your behalf asking that they consider supporting you as a Summer Missionary this summer.

All gifts/donations sent in for your support are **tax-deductible** for the donor and all will go directly to you. Ponderosa Bible Camp will use none of these gifts for operating expenses. We only take out social security taxes.

Checks should be made payable to Ponderosa Bible Camp. Donors should not put your name on checks, but enclose a note naming you as the person they wish to sponsor.

Thank you for your interest. I look forward to hearing back from you and receiving your application. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

For Christ,
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Full Name _____ Birth date _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ School Phone _____

Email address: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Social Security # _____ Can you be reached on Facebook? _____

Have you ever attended Ponderosa Bible Camp before as a camper? _____ If so when _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ Do you play a musical instrument (if so what) ? _____

Do you feel you have the ability to lead praise and worship? _____

List any hobbies or recreational activities you regularly participate in:

Have you had any previous experience working with children? _____ If so, in what capacity?

Can you *honestly* say you love working with children?

Have you ever led someone to Christ? If so, briefly explain who, when, where:

Do you enjoy swimming, hiking, and other outdoor activities? [] Not at all; [] Somewhat; [] Enthusiastically!

Rate your strength as a swimmer: [] Non-swimmer; [] Weak; [] Average; [] Strong

Why are you interested in serving God at Ponderosa Bible Camp:

Please describe at least two of your character strengths:

Please describe at least two of your character weaknesses:

What goals have you set for yourself concerning your Camp Counselor experience?

Have you trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? Yes _____ No _____

Please type your personal testimony telling us how and when you got saved, how your life has changed, and what you are doing currently to grow in your relationship with Christ. Please include what book of the Bible you are currently reading, or the name of a specific Bible study in which you are participating, and 3 or 4 verses that the Lord has impressed on your heart in the last month and what you think He is teaching you:

CHURCH LIFE

Name of Church currently attending: _____ Pastor _____
Church mailing address: _____ Phone(_____) _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Church: _____ Pastor _____
Mailing address: _____ Phone_(_____) _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Describe your involvement in the life of your church, Christian service, etc:

Youth Pastor's name: _____ is he still serving at your home church? _____
If not, how can we contact him? _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School _____ City _____ State _____ Year Grad. _____
College _____ City _____ State _____
[] FR [] SO [] JR [] SR [] GRAD
Major _____ Dates Attended _____

EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND (List current or most recent employer first, and work back)

Company Name: _____ Supervisor: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____
Your title and responsibilities: _____
_____ Date Hired _____ Date Left _____
Reason for leaving: _____

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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND

Have you ever been accused, charged or convicted of a crime or offense involving actual or attempted abuse, battery, pornography, assault, contributing to the delinquency of a minor or any other type of criminal activity involving a minor?
[] Yes [] No If yes, please call and explain.

Have you ever been convicted of ANY crime? [] Yes [] No If yes, please call and explain.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHECK CRIMINAL RECORDS AND SEX OFFENDER LIST

Full Name: _____ Birth date _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security # _____

Drivers License # _____ State _____

I, _____ authorize **Ponderosa Bible Camp**
(Name of Applicant)

to receive information from any law enforcement agency, including police departments and sheriff's departments, of this state or any other state or federal government, to the extent permitted by state and federal law, pertaining to any convictions I may have had for violations of state or federal criminal laws, including but not limited to convictions for crimes committed upon children.

I understand that such access is for the purpose of considering my application as an employee or volunteer, and that I expressly DO NOT authorize the camp, its directors, officers, employees, or other volunteers to disseminate this information in any way to any other individual, group, agency, organization, or corporation.

SIGNED _____ Date _____

Name of Camp: Ponderosa Bible Camp/ Ponderosa Student Ministries 1018 County Road 734, Mentone, AL 35984

Signed: _____ Date _____

(Signature of authorized camp representative)

The following information will be checked by references but kept confidential by our staff.

Sexual Misconduct / Child Abuse Statement

To properly protect our children, all those serving in any capacity at Ponderosa Bible Camp need to provide the following information.

During your lifetime, have you ever been involved in or been accused of child molestation, child abuse, assault, or sex offenses of any nature?

YES _____ NO _____

If yes, explain the nature of the accusation, charge or conviction.

Have you ever been asked not to work with children or youth in any capacity? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, please explain why.

All present and future employees, volunteer workers, applicants for employment, and others serving in a ministry capacity are required to sign the Sexual Misconduct / Child Abuse Statement.

*Signature: _____ Date: _____

* Signature and date are required.

Please read the Statement of Faith below:

Ponderosa Student Ministries is committed to the fundamentals of the faith . . . Scripture is inerrant; Jesus Christ if God in the flesh, Virgin born; Man is totally unable to save himself; Salvation comes through Jesus Christ's substitutionary blood Atonement; Jesus Christ rose bodily from the grave, ascended into heaven, and will return again; Salvation is acquired by grace through faith, totally apart from any merit of man; The Christian is kept by God's power, secure in Christ forever; God the Holy Spirit is a person who regenerates, indwells, and seals all believers at the moment of salvation.

Have you read this statement of faith? [] Yes [] No

Are you in complete, unreserved agreement with it? [] Yes [] No

Other Questions

What are your personal convictions concerning the following:

1. The use of tobacco products:

2. The use of alcohol or other drugs:

3. Your standard for entertainment viewing (movies, videos, etc. in regards to their content:

4. Explain your views on secular music:

5. Explain your views on dating, and intimate physical activity with the opposite sex, etc

6. In what capacity of leadership have you served in the past?

Packing List and Dress Code for Summer Staff

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Bible and notebook or journal, pens and pencils
Stationary and Postage
Sheets, blankets, comforter and pillow for standard Twin size mattress
(optional: foam mattress pad)
Pictures or room decorations to help you feel at home
Bath Towels and washcloths, Beach towels for pool and River
Hair dryer, curlers, Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.
Light jacket, sweater or sweatshirts
Alarm clock, radio, tape or CD player (please do not bring secular music)
Laundry basket
Water resistant watch, Tennis shoes, sandals, flip-flops
Costume for Theme Night! - (Action Hero) Be creative! You will earn points for your cabin for the weekly competition!
Optional Items: Raincoat, Flashlight, Insect repellent, Camera with your name on it

Your clothes must adhere to camp Dress Code (even on weekends):

It is our desire that Ponderosa Bible Camp be a place where young men and young women can escape "the ways of the world" during their stay at camp, a place where they can focus their eyes and their hearts on their relationship with Jesus, a place where they are not "tempted" by the flesh.

Recommended Reading for Female Staff: [Secret Keeper: The Delicate Power of Modesty by D. Gresh](#)

Staff and campers are REQUIRED to adhere to the "Camp Dress Code" as follows,
As camp staff you must be above reproach and be the example to your campers of submitting to the Dress Code without issue. (Most of this applies to females)

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Therefore campers and staff are REQUIRED to adhere to the "Camp Dress Code" as follows,
be sure to remember "What not to Wear":

- All shorts must be below fingertips, when standing (including gym shorts)
- Skirts and Skorts must be No shorter than 1 inch above the knee
- Tank-top straps must be at least 1½ inches wide
- We have a No visible waistline (front or back) policy. Waistline must remain covered when bending, reaching, playing games (you can wear a long tank tucked-in under shorter shirts to keep you covered).
- We have a No visible cleavage policy
- We have a No visible bra straps policy
- We have a No visible underwear policy
- Girls: No swimsuits that reveal your waist or cleavage. 1-piece suits are preferred for female counselors.
- No Speedos for guys.
- PLEASE do not bring a bikini swimsuit, or thong underwear to camp (we have had parents complain in the past after their daughters returned home commenting on such.)

I have read and agree to abide by the Camp Staff Dress Code even during my "off time" as a staff member at Ponderosa Bible Camp:

Signature Required: _____

You will need gym clothes, old clothes for mud fights, clothes for outdoor activities, casual church clothes and shoes. You may also want to bring a sweatshirt or light jacket for cool nights.

Washers and dryers and soap are available to the staff during their breaks or on weekends.

Please have at least 3 references complete the following confidential reference form. They must submit their forms directly to PBC.

PONDEROSA BIBLE CAMP

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

(PASTOR, YOUTH PASTOR, CHURCH LEADER, EMPLOYER)



(Applicant's Name) _____ is applying for ministry with Ponderosa Bible Camp.

Would you assist us by prayerfully and carefully answering the following questions? If you are not sufficiently acquainted with the applicant, please return the form to the applicant. Please submit this form directly to JEFF NELSON, DIRECTOR, PONDEROSA BIBLE CAMP, 1018 County Road 734, Mentone, AL 35984. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Nelson at Ponderosa Bible Camp, 256-634-4397 or email: jeff@pbcpsm.com

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____ years _____ months. In what capacity? _____
2. Is he/she inclined to receive instruction? _____; yield to discipline? _____; work well with others? _____
3. Do you have any reservations about this person working with children/youth? _____
4. Does he/she have any significant limitations in the physical mental, emotional or social realms? _____ If so, explain _____
5. Do you consider this person to have a fun outgoing personality? _____
7. Have you observed anything that would be questionable in his/her moral life? _____ If so, explain _____

Would you recommend this applicant be accepted by Ponderosa Bible Camp? Enthusiastically Willingly Questionably Not at all

PERSONALITY TRAITS YOU'VE OBSERVED:

1. Spiritual Life	No interest in Spiritual growth	Small evidence of Spiritual growth	Average Spirituality	Shows growth and separated living	Deeply spiritual
2. Purposefulness	Aimless trifler	Vacillating in purpose	Average or potentially purposeful	Self-directed	Well-formed purpose
3. Initiative	Requires constant supervision	Requires some direction	Average or occasional initiative	Shows good initiative	Anticipates needs; resourceful
4. Responsibility	Irresponsible; careless	Shows some dependability	Usually reliable	Thoroughly dependable	Capable of much responsibility
5. Industry	Difficult to handle	Needs prodding	Performs assigned tasks	Goes beyond what is required; cooperative	Seeks additional work
6. Influence on Others	Detrimental influence	Passive, no positive influence	Varying influence	Consistently good influence	Unusually wholesome influence
7. Acceptance by others	Avoided by others	Just tolerated by others	Like by others	Well-liked by others	Sought after by others
8. Leadership	Always a follower	Tries, but usually fails at leadership	Assumes occasional leadership	Good leadership	Inspiring and successful leader
9. Emotional Qualities	Too emotional or Apathetic	Excitable or Unresponsive	Usually well-balanced	Consistently Well-balanced	Of unusual emotional stability
10. Servant Attitude	Appears Lazy & Selfish	Often seeks to be served - often selfish	Average	Usually seeks to serve others	Goes the extra mile to serve - Totally unselfish

Signature Required: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ Address: _____
(pastor, youth pastor, church leader, professor)

Please submit this **DIRECTLY TO:** JEFF NELSON, PONDEROSA BIBLE CAMP, 1018 COUNTY RD 734, MENTONE, AL 35984.
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