**Camp Courage Junior Counselor Application**

The Junior Counselor program is for teens 16-18 years old who would like to further enhance their leadership skills by learning what it’s like to be a camp counselor.

**Please read the following information carefully:**

The Application deadline is May 1, 2018. All parts of the application, including at least two references, must be received by this date. Applications received without at least two references will not be considered. The Camp Directors will determine who will be hired for the Junior Counselor Program. Placement in the program is based on qualifications and is at the discretion of the Camp Directors. Junior Counselors can receive community service hours.

Camp Courage is not a “cancer camp” where cancer is the focus; it’s a place where kids can be kids. Yes, they share this unfortunate disease, but that’s not what defines them, and it’s not what defines Camp Courage. We put cancer on the back burner, immersing kids in a week of outdoor adventures and fun. Activities include fishing in an on-site pond, a zip-line, the Big Swing, high ropes course, archery, boating, camp crafts, and hiking. Camp Courage is housed at the Balarat Outdoor Education Center near Jamestown Colorado, about 50 miles northwest of Denver.

**Essential Responsibilities:**

* Act as an appropriate role model *at all times*: encourage and model respect for others, camp equipment, and facilities.
* Travel with and oversee campers on their daily activities
* Manage cleanliness, safety, bedtime, and wake up time.
* Assist in making the camp atmosphere comfortable, fun, and safe for campers.
* Supervise post meal team clean up.
* Help facilitate evening activities.
* Manage campers during daily afternoon upper staff meetings.
* Post on Camp Courage social media consistently and ensure all content is appropriate.

To apply for the position of Junior Counselor, please respond with a filled out camper application, a signed parent agreement, two references, and answers to the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be a JC and what do you hope to gain from the program?
2. What do you think your responsibilities will be during camp?
3. What skills do you have that will help you be successful as a JC?
4. Give an example of a situation where you have taken a leadership role. Describe the situation and the outcome of your leadership.

**Junior Counselor and Parent Agreement**

* I will be sensitive to the needs of each group member, camper and staff.
* I will respect the places and the people with whom I come in contact. I will not use profanity in speaking with people.
* I understand that the use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs will not be tolerated, and that usage during the program will result in expulsion from the program.
* I will be responsible for my personal belongings and will not hold Camp Courage responsible for their loss or damage.
* I will treat all equipment provided for my use with care.
* I will use all required safety equipment and follow safety rules and procedures.
* I understand that if I am sent home early due to misconduct, it will be my parent's or guardian's responsibility for picking me up at camp. I will have to meet with my parents or guardians and the Camp Director if I would like to be readmitted to the program.
* I will attend the overnight training on 6/18/2018.
* I will report any camper medical issue to upper staff immediately.
* I acknowledge that my main role is to ensure that all campers are having fun and being safe.

**Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(Junior Counselor Applicant)**

I have read the application and materials and give my son or daughter permission to participate in the JC program. I will also need to sign a special permission slip allowing my son or daughter to participate in this program. I understand and agree with the above responsibilities of my son or daughter.

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(Parent/Guardian)**

**CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FOR JUNIOR COUNSELOR**

**Reference forms can be emailed to [campcouragecolorado@gmail.com](mailto:campcouragecolorado@gmail.com)**

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is under consideration for participation in a Junior Counselor program this summer at our resident camp. The program offers opportunities to develop communication and leadership skills, to work with children who have faced the challenges of childhood cancer, and to acquire valuable volunteer experience through a supervised summer camp experience.

For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

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***Please assess the candidate by checking one rating in each category:***

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|  | **Excellent** | **Very Good** | **Good** | **Fair** | **Poor** | **Don’t Know** |
| Ability to take initiative |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to take ownership for own actions |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to be sensitive to diversity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to work in a group |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to respond positively to feedback and direction |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to empathise |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to seek out help when needed |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Describe the applicant's strengths and/or skills as they may apply to their role as a Junior Counselor at Camp Courage:

Additional Comments:

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_