

NJAUMC
National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus
Junior High Camp 2016
COUNSELOR APPLICATION



CRITERIA

- Willingness to share and articulate faith journey
- Open to growing and challenging personal faith through JHC training and camp experience
- Regular attendance and active participation at local church (JA/UMC church or otherwise)
- Must complete Criminal Background Check (18 years and older) and/or Volunteer Disclosure Form (18 year and younger) per NJAUMC Camping Board Safe Sanctuary Policy
- Responsible and dedicated team worker
- Willingness to work with the directors, peers, and participating churches
- Be a positive role model in all aspects of life (not just at church or at camp)

REQUIREMENTS

- Incoming high school senior or older
- Completed entire application
- A signature and a statement by your local church pastor, youth leader or lay leader endorsing your qualifications as a counselor (attached below)
- One additional letter of recommendation from an adult who knows applicant's strengths and weaknesses in leadership qualifications/abilities (i.e. teacher, professor, coach, employer)
This may **not** be a parent or sibling.
- Attendance and full participation at JHC Counselor Training 2016 Meetings, the week of Junior High Camp and the post-camp gathering

***Attendance is expected and mandatory at meetings and retreats (that is, the All-Cal retreat, the West Coast retreat, and every respective regional meeting), with the exceptions of emergencies. Schedule conflicts that arise through the year must be discussed with a director as soon as the conflict is known. Include any known conflicts on the application itself. Any exceptions will be made at the discretion of the directing team.*

***Transportation to/from Counselor Training meetings outside of your own local region is the responsibility of the counselors and parents. Please work as a region to coordinate parent volunteers to drive to each mandatory meeting.*

Application Deadline: **January 10th, 2016**

(Must be in our hands by the above date! No exceptions!)

If there are any questions, contact:

Directors

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Directing Team Supporter

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KEY DATES

Regional Meetings

Northern California (including UJCC):

Jan 23rd 2016 Feb 13th, 2016* Apr 9th, 2016+ May 21st, 2016+

Locations: Wesley UMC 566 North 5th Street, San Jose, California 95112. (408) 295-0367.

*Buena Vista UMC 2311 Buena Vista Ave., Alameda, California 94501. (510) 522-2688.

+Aldersgate UMC 4243 Manuela Ave., Palo Alto, California 94306. (650) 948-6806

Regional meetings begin promptly at **10:00am and conclude at 3:00pm**. Attendance expected from Northern California counselors.

Southern California:

Jan 23rd, 2016 Feb 6th, 2016 April 16th, 2016 May 14th, 2016

Location: Faith UMC: 2115 West 182nd Street, Torrance, California 90504. (310) 217-7000.

Regional meetings begin promptly at **10:00am and conclude at 3:00pm**. Attendance expected from Southern California counselors.

Pacific Northwest:

Feb 6th, 2016 May 14th, 2016

Location: Blaine UMC: 3001 24th Ave. S, Seattle, Washington 98144. (206) 723-1536.

Regional meetings begin promptly at **10:00am and conclude at 3:00pm**. Attendance is expected from PNW counselors.

West Coast All-Staff Retreat

(Mandatory)

March 18th-20th, 2016

Location: UJCC; 136 N. Villa Ave. Clovis, CA 93612. (559) 322-0701.

Meeting will begin on Friday night (9:00pm) and will end after service on Sunday (12:00pm).

All-Cal Retreat

(Pacific Northwest optional)

June 17th-19st, 2016

Location: UJCC; 136 N. Villa Ave. Clovis, CA 93612. (559) 322-0701.

Meeting will begin promptly at 9:00pm Friday night and will end after service on Sunday (12:00pm).

Attendance expected from all counselors, PNW optional.

Camp and Post-Camp

Junior High Camp: July 3rd-8th, 2016

Camp Lodestar 6135 Blue Mountain Rd. Wilseyville, CA 95257

Post-Camp: July 8th-9th, 2016

Location: Wesley UMC 566 North 5th Street, San Jose, California 95112. (408) 295-0367.

Please arrange your own transportation home from Post-Camp.

Remember: Attendance and participation at JHC 2016 meetings (the All-Cal retreat, the West Coast Retreat, and every regional meeting respective to the region you are from), Camp, and Post-Camp are required. If you know of a conflict, you **must** talk to the directors prior to the application deadline.

JHC 2016 COUNSELOR APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Grade Fall '16: _____

[The best number to reach you]

Address: _____

Circle the best way to reach you below:

email or phone

Home Church: _____

Confirmed Member of Your Church: Yes No

Preferred grade to counsel (1st choice – 3rd choice): _____, _____, _____

[incoming 6th graders through incoming 9th graders]

T-Shirt Size (Adult Sizes): S M L XL XXL

PASTOR or LAY LEADER ENDORSEMENT

I, _____, endorse/support this applicant's ability and qualifications to spiritually and effectively lead others at Junior High Camp 2016.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

(In addition to signing above, please attach a letter of endorsement.)

Name of 2nd Endorser: _____

Relationship to you: _____

New and Returning Counselor Application Questions

Please type your responses to the following questions fully and completely on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your application. Please rewrite the original questions in your response.

1. Being a counselor is a lot more than just having fun and spending time with your friends while getting community service hours. Why do you want to be a JHC Counselor? What are your goals for counseling? What would you like the campers, as well as yourself, to get out of your counseling experience and camp?
2. How are you currently “actively participating” in your local church? What does “regular attendance” look like for you?
3. What are the gifts and graces that you bring to the counseling team? What expectations of the counselor role will be challenging for you?
4. One criteria of a JHC counselor is that they are “responsible and dedicated team workers.” Describe either how you have embodied these qualities or plan on embodying them this year.
5. Please describe past leadership experiences. What are some qualities that you possess that would make you an effective leader?
6. Describe your faith journey this past year. How did you grow and what helped you grow? Where were you stuck? How do you think your participation in JHC will contribute to your faith growth? What is your relationship to God, and why is it important to you?
7. What extracurricular commitments do you have going on this year? Is there anything that you can foresee that would conflict with your time commitment or dedication to JHC? List all known scheduling conflicts you might have with our training meetings.

Questions for Returning Counselors:

(only answer these questions if you have counseled JHC in the past)

1. How are you currently “actively participating” in your local church? What does “regular attendance” look like for you?
2. How was your counseling experience in your previous year(s)? How have you grown in your faith through your counseling experience?
3. What previous experience can you bring back to this year of camp to help grow the entire camp? How do you plan on stepping up as a veteran counselor? How can you use previous experiences to help your fellow counselors this year?
4. Describe your faith journey this past year. How did you grow and what helped you grow? Where were you stuck? How do you think your participation in JHC will contribute to your faith growth? What is your relationship to God, and why is it important to you?
5. Do you have any new ideas for camp? Is there anything about JHC that you feel could be improved? (optional)
6. What extracurricular commitments do you have going on this year? Is there anything that you can foresee that would conflict with your time commitment or dedication to JHC? List all known scheduling conflicts you might have with our training meetings.

Counselor Agreement:

I have read, have understood, and am willing to meet all of the requirements and criteria required to participate as a Junior High Camp counselor. I am aware that, even as a qualified applicant, I am not guaranteed a position as a Junior High Camp 2016 counselor. If at any point in time I am unable to meet the criteria and requirements stated, the directing team can and will discern possible dismissal from the counselor role.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parental Acknowledgment of Support for Counselor(s):

1. I support my child in applying to be a Junior High Camp counselor.
2. I have reviewed the requirements and dates involved and will do my best to ensure my child's full participation.
3. I understand that transportation to every counselor meeting will be organized by the counselors, and I am willing to volunteer to be a parent driver if one is needed and availability allows.

Parent E-mail: _____ Parent Phone #: _____

Please provide this contact information so we can send out emails to all counselors and parents about upcoming meeting to ensure awareness on upcoming meetings and to help facilitate the start of organization for transportation.

Applicant's Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return form via snail mail OR via e-mail to:

Mail: Camille Obata
5165 Pearblossom Dr.
Riverside, CA 92507

Email: camille@juniorhighcamp.org**CHECKLIST:**

- Counselor Application Form
- Personal Information
- Endorsement
- Counselor Questions
- Letter of recommendation