

Dear Outdoor School Counselor Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in being a counselor for the 6th grade Outdoor School program. Please read the following instructions carefully and submit the following forms no later than **3:30pm on Friday, May 26.**

- ☐ **Statement of Intent Form** – The statement must be signed by you and your parent. This will serve as permission required for you to serve as an Outdoor School Counselor.
- ☐ **Reference Form** – Please submit at least one reference form from any of the following:
 - Pastor
 - Youth Leader
 - Former Teacher
 - Employer
- ☐ **Brief Essay** – A typed essay is required of all students seeking to be counselors. The essay needs to address the following questions:
 - Why do you want to serve as an Outdoor School Counselor?
 - What do you see your role entailing?
 - What will make you an exceptional Outdoor School Counselor?
 - Describe your current walk with the Lord

Thank you for taking the time to complete this packet! I look forward to following up with you soon. If you have any questions, please contact me via email:

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Anticipating His goodness,

Mrs. Williams

Damascus Christian School
6th Grade Outdoor School Counselor
Statement of Intent

I, _____, am applying to serve as a counselor for 6th grade Outdoor School.

If selected, I realize that extra time will be necessary to meet the responsibilities that go along with being a counselor.

- I will be a part of the two-day training from Friday, September 22nd through Saturday, September 23rd.
- I will be a counselor for Outdoor School from Thursday, September 28th through Saturday, September 30th.
- I will make necessary arrangements with my teachers, coaches, and employers to be out of town these days.
- I promise to do all I can to be a positive and enthusiastic leader.
- I will strive to promote an environment where students are encouraged and uplifted in their relationship with Christ and one another.
- I will look out for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of my campers and do what I can to meet those needs.
- I will cooperate and work graciously with the other counselors and adults involved in the program.
- When disagreements arise, I will handle them in a Biblical manner.
- I will listen to and obey the instruction given to me by the camp director.
- I know that the 6th grade students will be looking to me throughout the school year, beyond the 3 days of outdoor school, and I will strive to model Godly character as a testimony to God's ongoing work in my life.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Damascus Christian School

6th Grade Outdoor School Counselor

Reference Form

_____ has applied to be a counselor for 6th grade Outdoor School. Please give your impressions of this student in the areas listed below. Thank you in advance for your input. Deadline is **3:30 PM on Friday, May 26th.**

Please rate this student concerning each of the following:

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Shows respect for authority |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Respected by peers |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Able to work well in a group |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Displays consistent Christian character |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Exhibits Personal integrity |

Describe how you feel the applicant will interact with 6th graders:

What is the applicant's attitude toward working and learning?

Would you want to place your own child under the direct influence and care of this individual? If not, please explain why.

Please provide an evaluation of the applicant's maturity of judgment and dependability:

I recommend this student in the following way:

- ☐ Highly recommend ☐ Recommend with reservations ☐ Cannot recommend

Signature

Printed Name