

Great Gluten Escape Junior Counselor Application

Deadline: April 1, 2010 (firm)

Campers who are age 16-17 years and have previously attended the Great Gluten Escape Camp are eligible to apply for a position as Junior Counselor. There are a limited number of Junior Counselor positions available. If accepted, camp fee will be \$295.00. The Camper Registration Form and a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit are due one week after acceptance. If deposit is not received within one week of acceptance then your spot may be allocated to another applicant. The balance of \$195.00 is due May 15, 2010. Note: There will be a \$30.00 late fee charged for camp payments received after May 15.

To be considered, send the Junior Application Form and TWO reference forms completed by persons not related to you, to: Great Gluten Escape Registrar, 1019 Rockefeller Lane, Allen, TX 75002 or fax to 972-759-9817. Gather all forms before sending. Incomplete application packets will not be considered. For questions email Diana Webb at registrar@greatglutenescape.org or call at 972-727-4654.

Applicant's Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ # of years attended Great Gluten Escape Camp: _____

Birthday: _____ Age now: _____ Grade now: _____

Please complete the following in your own words. You may attach additional sheets if needed.

- 1.) List several groups and/or organizations in which you are involved and tell how you contribute to their success. (50 words or more)
- 2.) Describe what experience(s) you have in leadership position(s). (50 words or more)
- 3.) Describe what experience(s) you have working with younger children. (75 words or more).
- 4.) Explain how the Great Gluten Escape has been a positive influence on you. (100 words or more)
- 5.) Please write a minimum 200 word essay on a separate sheet of paper explaining why you should be selected as a Junior Counselor for the Great Gluten Escape. Include in the essay how you plan to make a positive impact on the camp and campers' experience.

I have read the Junior Counselor Guidelines: Responsibilities and Expectations for the Great Gluten Escape Camp, Inc. and agree to abide by them. I understand that if I do not meet the Responsibilities and Expectations of the Junior Counselor role, my parents will be notified and I will be sent home at their expense with no refund of camp fees.

(Applicant's signature)

(Print Name)

(Date)

(Parent's signature)

(Print Name)

(Date)

Junior Counselor Guidelines: Responsibilities and Expectations

The Great Gluten Escape will select young adults who show maturity, responsibility and an awareness they are at camp to lead and assist campers. Junior Counselors must understand the following:

- They have duties and responsibilities
- They are helpers (to assist counselors and campers)
- Their behavior has an impact on the camp, campers, counselors, staff and Camp Gilmont
- That it is a tough transition from camper to Jr. Counselor (you are not just an older camper)

Junior Counselors will generally be assigned to assist counselors with a group of younger campers. You will report directly to and take instruction from the counselor(s). You should NEVER be alone with a camper. Always have another camper or counselor with you. Upon arrival, Junior Counselors will meet their counselors and campers at their campers' cabins and help campers settle in.

General Responsibilities

- Participate with your group of campers during all activities such as: dining, swimming, canoeing, crafting, playing games, etc. This includes actually playing the games or getting in the pool, not just watching from the side.
- Assist and help lead the campers and their assigned counselors during the Free Choice times.

Morning Responsibilities – Each morning Junior Counselors are expected to get up before the campers and get dressed, then help get your campers get up and ready for breakfast.

Nighttime Responsibilities – At night, before you get yourself ready for bed you will help your counselors get the younger campers ready for bed. Sleeping quarters will be assigned upon your arrival to camp. Sleeping quarters will be determined by the registration of campers and the number of campers in each cabin. You might be assigned to sleep in the cabin with your assigned campers or you might be assigned to sleep in a cabin different from your assigned campers. If you are in a different cabin than your campers you will be expected to still be a role model and a team member. Remember, you must get along with all campers and counselors! Adequate sleep is essential to doing a good job!! Campers are not the only ones that need sleep. All junior counselors and staff should be in bed by 11:00pm.

Other Expectations

- Personal Belongings – Do not bring cell phones, ipods, or other electronic devices to camp.
- Medications – All medications must be turned in to the nurse at the infirmary.
- Conduct – You must follow the same rules as campers, set a good example....camper sees, camper does (i.e., shoes and socks at all times, drink your water, etc.). No drugs, alcohol, or smoking are allowed. Possession of such will lead to dismissal.
- Appearance – As a Junior Counselor, you are a role model and a trusted care giver. Your appearance is important. You are expected to look neat and clean at all times. We ask that tattoos that cover large areas of your body be covered and body piercing to be covered or removed.
- Personal Information – Campers should never know the staff's business. Do not share personal information such as emails, phone numbers, etc. or relationship information with a camper or around campers. It's okay to get to know the campers but use discretion. The campers should not know that you favor one person more than others. You may join the GGE camp yahoo group to talk to the campers.
- Gossip – You should never gossip with the campers, about other staff members or other campers. Campers are very perceptive and can sense tension between staff. They will pick sides. Any problems among the staff should be addressed within the staff resources

Every Junior Counselor is Responsible for:

Being an Example

- o Being enthusiastic and spreading this enthusiasm to everyone.
- o Dressing neatly and appropriately and keeping fit by eating properly and getting enough sleep.
- o Using appropriate language and actions around the campers and other staff members.

Junior Counselor Guidelines: Responsibilities and Expectations

Caring for Campers

- Knowing where your campers are at all times!!
- Knowing the campers in your group and helping **every one** of them feel wanted and happy.
- Paying attention to and talking to campers in a pleasant and constructive way.
- Helping campers to think, plan and do for themselves.
- Helping campers to appreciate and accept each other.
- Watching for signs of fatigue and illness.
- Keeping campers active and happy.

Being a Member of a Team

- Being an active member of your unit, not just a boss or babysitter.
- Doing your best to work and get along with all other staff members.
- Cooperating with camp regulations and personnel policies.
- Assisting when needed on special occasions or in emergencies.
- Communicating concerns to others before they become problems.
- Sharing a couple of “Rainy Day” game ideas.

Reference Request
The Great Gluten Escape Camp, Inc.
Please return to applicant.

Please answer the following questions about the applicant _____.

1. What is your relationship to the applicant (teacher, friend, work, etc.)? _____

2. How long have you known the applicant? _____

3. Would you entrust the care of your children to the applicant? Please explain...

Please put the number by the GENERAL ATTRIBUTES listed below that best describes the applicant. Feel free to make any comments beside or underneath the attribute.

1- Exceeds Normal Expectations; 2- Meets Normal Expectations; 3- Below Normal Expectations; 4- No Knowledge Of

Health --

Energy & Endurance --

Appearance, Speech, Manner --

Personal Integrity --

Emotional Maturity and Stability --

Sense of Responsibility --

Initiative --

Dependability --

Promptness --

Additional Comments:

Sound Judgment / Common Sense --

Leadership Ability --

Willingness to Learn and Try New Things --

Awareness of Children's Needs and Interests --

Ability to Work with Groups of Children --

Ability to Work with Children on an Individual Basis --

Ability to Work as a Team Member --

Positive Attitudes toward persons of other races,
nationalities, religions, & socio-economic backgrounds --

Information on person giving reference:

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____ Phone (H) ____/____/____ (W) ____/____/____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Reference Request
The Great Gluten Escape Camp, Inc.
Please return to applicant.

Please answer the following questions about the applicant _____.

4. What is your relationship to the applicant (teacher, friend, work, etc.)? _____

5. How long have you known the applicant? _____

6. Would you entrust the care of your children to the applicant? Please explain...

Please put the number by the GENERAL ATTRIBUTES listed below that best describes the applicant. Feel free to make any comments beside or underneath the attribute.

1- Exceeds Normal Expectations; 2- Meets Normal Expectations; 3- Below Normal Expectations; 4- No Knowledge Of

Health --

Energy & Endurance --

Appearance, Speech, Manner --

Personal Integrity --

Emotional Maturity and Stability --

Sense of Responsibility --

Initiative --

Dependability --

Promptness --

Additional Comments:

Sound Judgment / Common Sense --

Leadership Ability --

Willingness to Learn and Try New Things --

Awareness of Children's Needs and Interests --

Ability to Work with Groups of Children --

Ability to Work with Children on an Individual Basis --

Ability to Work as a Team Member --

Positive Attitudes toward persons of other races,
nationalities, religions, & socio-economic backgrounds --

Information on person giving reference:

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____ Phone (H) ____/____ (W) ____/____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____