

STACC

Service Training At Camp Conquest

STACC is a two year servant leadership program for teens involving hands on training in the camp setting and a mentoring relationship throughout the year. The goal of this program is to train up the next generation of servant leaders who will effectively serve Christ in the camp setting, in their local church and in their community.

First Summer:

First year STACC members are required to be at camp for two weeks. One week will be spent as a CIT (counselor in training) living with a cabin group and participating in the complete camper experience as an assistant to the counselors. The second week will be spent on the Go Team assisting in the kitchen, helping clean bathrooms, building campfires, setting up program activities and learning other behind the scenes activities of camp. During this two week experience, the STACC team members will meet daily for instruction and encouragement from the STACC leadership. They will have opportunity to share with each other the lessons learned, as well as have a chance to enjoy just being together at camp.

The Weekend: On the in-between weekend, STACC members are required to stay at camp. There will be time to rest, do laundry and take a swim. We will also have time to reflect on the lessons of the past week and set up expectations for the week to come.

Second Summer:

Second year STACC members are only required to be at camp for one week, although they may stay for two depending on availability. This STACC member will have the choice to focus on either a CIT role or a Go Team role. In addition, the STACC member will be trained in a camp activity area.

STACC Graduation:

At the conclusion of the second summer requirements, a STACC member will graduate from the program at the closing session of their week of camp. The STACC graduate is eligible to return to camp as a Jr. Counselor for subsequent programs.

Mentoring Program:

Each STACC member is required to find their own mentor to help guide and encourage them throughout the STACC program. The mentor will be making a 15 month commitment May, Year One through July, Year Two. Details about the mentor program will be explained during the STACC interview.

School Year Requirements:

Camp Conquest understands that the school year has enough demands on its own, so your responsibilities during this time will be light. We ask that each STACC member is involved for one full school year in an area of church service. This could be helping in Sunday School, serving as a volunteer janitor, mowing grass, helping with sound, assisting on the worship team, etc. In addition, we will be asking each STACC member to complete a Bible Study and memorize a passage of Scripture each month. All of this will

be done in the context of a mentoring relationship. The mentor, of your choice, is asked to meet with you once a month to hold you accountable for the above items as well as encourage you in your walk with Christ. You and your mentor will send in a simple form to the camp each month to monitor your progress.

The Application Process:

In order to serve at Camp Conquest, a high school student needs to complete the STACC program. All STACC applicants must have a relationship with Jesus Christ and be able to articulate at a basic level the meaning of that relationship with others. STACC applicants must be 15 years old by June 15th.

The Written Application:

Each First Year Applicant must fill out a written STACC application as well as a first year volunteer staff application. As part of this application, each STACC applicant must affirm the Grace Brethren Statement of Faith and the Missionary Job Description. Second Year STACC members only need to fill out the returning staff application in addition to submitting their required monthly reports. This application needs to be turned in by April 1st in order to secure your spot. Open spots will be awarded to first year STACC applicants after that date.

The Interview:

All First Year STACC applicants will go through an interview at the camp. A parent is required to be in attendance. At this time all the details and requirements of the program will be explained. The application and the interview are a process for determining who will fill the limited spots available in the STACC program.

A Lapsed Summer:

In some cases, STACC members may choose to not attend camp two years in a row. Family vacations, mission trips or Operation Barnabas are good reasons for this lapse. In this case, we encourage students to pick up the process where they left off and return to camp when possible to complete the program.

Training Weekends:

In June, every year Camp Conquest offers a staff training weekend prior to the start of camp. STACC members are required to attend this weekend event at the start of both STACC summers.

Service Project:

Each year the STACC team will complete a significant service project at camp that will be marked with a permanent sign stating the year. In this way STACC members will be able to leave their mark on the camp in a tangible way.

STACC Leadership:

At this time Rich Russell will be directly supervising the STACC program with assistance from Laurie McClure. STACC participants will also be supervised by the Senior Counselor in their assigned cabin, and the Go Team Leader.

2012 Timeline

January 1 STACC applications available from camp office

March 1 Deadline for Year One STACC applications

March 15-30 Interviews of Year One STACC applicants and parent at Camp

April 1 Deadline for Year Two STACC applications

April 15 STACC positions are assigned and announced

May 30 Deadline to find a mentor for the program

June 8-10 Mandatory STACC Training Weekend

June 23 First Day of STACC program

July 6 Last Day of STACC program