

Grace Brethren Retreat Center Camp Conquest 480 Forest Rd Denver, PA 17517 717-336-2541 www.campconquest.org

# **Clearances Outline 2024**

Camp Conquest is required by law and by accreditation standards to obtain various clearances for all individuals who work with children. The following outline will help you walk through the process.

If you are <u>volunteering</u> **AND** under 18 years of age during camp, you are **not required** to have clearances, BUT will need an affirmation statement signed by yourself AND a parent/guardian. See #6 below.

Different clearances are valid for different amounts of time. If you already have obtained your clearances and they are current, please email originals to <u>Diana</u> directly if we do not already have it. They must be legible. If you have not obtained your clearance or if the clearance is out of date, please obtain a current clearance. <u>Summer employees cannot submit "volunteer" clearances.</u>

#### 1. Act 151 PA Child Abuse History Clearance

- a. Good for 5 years
- b. To obtain this clearance click here: <u>https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home</u>
- c. Please email your clearance (if camp does not already have it)

#### 2. Act 34 PA Criminal History Record Check

- a. Good for 5 years
- b. To obtain this clearance click here: <u>https://epatch.pa.gov</u>
- c. Please email your clearance (if camp does not already have it)

#### 3. FBI Criminal History Check

- a. Good for 5 years
- b. Are you/will you be a paid adult staff member: Yes No
- c. Have you lived in PA for *less than* 10 years: Yes No
- d. If you answered 'No' to both skip this check
- e. If you answered 'Yes' to one or more, this check is required
- f. To obtain this clearance click here: <u>https://www.identogo.com/services/live-scan-fingerprinting</u> (choose State; choose digital fingerprinting; enter code below and follow online instructions.)
- g. Employees/Volunteers use code: 1KG756; Employees ages 14-17 do not need this Clearance unless they live outside of PA
- h. Please email your clearance (if camp does not already have it)

## 4. Mandatory Reporter Training Certificate

- a. It is required for "an individual paid or unpaid; who on the basis of the individual's role as an integral part of a regularly scheduled program, activity or service; accepts responsibility for a child." Such as Camp Counselors; program leaders; employees.
- b. Good for 5 years
  - i. Option 1. Free online training course: <u>https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/</u>
    - 1. Note: This is a 3 hour course.
    - 2. Please upload your clearance in the Document Center on your account (if not already uploaded)
  - ii. Option 2. Ministry Safe Sexual Abuse Awareness training for Camps
    - 1. Cost is \$10
    - 2. This course is approximately 1.25 hours.
    - 3. Contact <u>Diana</u> to sign up. When completed, a certificate will come directly to camp.

## 5. National Sex Offenders Register and National Criminal Check

- a. Good for 1 year
- b. To obtain this background check click here: <u>https://secure.safehiringsolutions.com/app.cfm?id=23E873B8-45B6-4296-B659-1F30981DE90D</u>
- c. The results will be sent directly to the camp office.

# 6. Affirmation Statement (yearly)

- a. Adults will be able to sign this document at Staff Check In
- b. Minors need to have a parent signature.

For questions about this process, please contact the camp office at 717.336.2541 or email us at <u>registrar@campconquest.org</u>. Thank you for taking the time to work through this process to serve the local church in the ministries of evangelism and discipleship in the camp setting.