



# Camp Counselor Registration Packet



# CAMP SICKLE STARS

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Dear Counselor,

Welcome to the world of camp counseling. The leadership opportunity provided as a camp counselor utilizes young people to help children with Sickle Cell Disease have the same camp experience that all children deserve. In addition to helping ensure these campers have the best experience possible, it also gives you, the counselor, the opportunity to gain skills and experience in being a role model, teaching younger children, resolving conflicts, managing time and resources, keeping campers safe, learning new skills, leading recreational activities, and being responsible.

Your job as a counselor is extremely important. You are more than a “baby sitter” and more than a “leader”. Every camper who sees you at camp, will look up to you. Some campers will look at you as a big brother or big sister. To others, you will be a teacher. Some campers may even view you as a type of parent or guardian. Much of camp counseling can often be found in the everyday, routine things that you will do like dancing with a 9-year old, helping a camper with their Arts & Crafts, or playing a quick game with campers. Camp counseling is really a combination of the little things that you do for campers throughout the day that show them you care about them and want to help them to have a positive camp experience.

When you become a camp counselor, you will be the most important ingredient for a successful camp. After the campers have forgotten the summer camp staff and everything else about camp, they will often remember you and the things you did for them and with them. It is a serious responsibility by one whose rewards will come back to you in many ways for a long time.

Happy Camping,

*Mattie Coburn*

*Nancy Tharp*

*Courtney Davis*

Co-Directors



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## Role Requirements and Description

### Junior Counselor

- Reports to Counselors and Lead Counselor(s)
- Must be at least 17 years of age
- Minimum experience working with children is preferred but not required
- Must be a quick learner
- Must be available for the entirety of camp
- The junior counselor role is considered as a “counselor in training” role. The junior counselor will learn the ins and outs, ups and downs, nuts and bolts of being a successful counselor at Camp Sickle Stars. This role is used to give a young person the experience that will lead to a role as a counselor. The junior counselor will not be placed with a specific group of kids, but will be considered as a “floater”. This will give the junior counselor a more complete experience of the role of the counselor at Camp Sickle Stars.
- Perform duties as directed by Counselors and Lead Counselors(s)

### Counselor

- Reports to the Lead Counselor(s) and Camp Co-Director
- Must be at least 19 years of age
- Minimum experience working with children preferred but not required
- Ability to establish a mentor like relationship with campers
- Ability to think quickly on your feet
- Ability to adapt in unforeseen situations
- Ability to work well with others
- Ability to think independently with little supervision
- Must be available for the entirety of camp unless prior permission is given by the Camp Co-Director.
- The role of the counselor is very important and fast paced. A good counselor is one who is great with kids, has great multi-tasking skills, and has a lot of energy. The counselor is responsible for helping in the planning and execution of all activities for camp. The counselor is responsible for ensuring that all campers are safe and having fun while at camp.
- Perform other duties as directed by Lead Counselor(s) and Co-Director



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## Lead Counselor

- Reports to the Co-Director
- Must be at least 20 years old
- 2 years experience as a Camp Counselor required
- Must have great people, organizational, and communication skills
- Ability to establish a mentor like relationship with campers
- Ability to multi-task
- Ability to adapt in unforeseen and uncertain situations
- Ability to work well with others
- Ability to think independently with little to no direction
- Ability to recruit/build teams is a plus
- Must be available for the entirety of camp unless prior permission is given by the Camp Co-Director.
- The Lead Counselors serves in dual roles. The Lead Counselor is a liaison between the Camp Co-Director and Camp Counselor staff. The Lead Counselor is responsible for communicating any camp related ideas, questions, concerns, etc. to the Camp Co-Director while also communicating camp related goals, policies, procedures, etc. to the Camp Counselor staff. The Camp Counselor role is also an administrative role. The Lead Counselor is responsible for building and leading the Camp Counselor staff, building the camp schedule with activities and events, delegating tasks and responsibilities to camp counselors, providing feedback and evaluations to camp counselors in order to make them a stronger part of the camp counselor team, etc.
- Perform other duties as directed by Camp Co-Director

**All positions are vital to the success of Camp Sickle Stars. All interested candidates must have a passion for giving children with Sickle Cell Disease a great camp experience like any other child would have. For more information about Camp Sickle Stars or the Role Requirements, contact Co-Director Courtney Davis via phone (601) 668-7370 or email [mssicklecellfnd@yahoo.com](mailto:mssicklecellfnd@yahoo.com)**



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## Application for Camp Counselor

Personal Information			
Name:		Date:	
Age:	Sex:	Shirt Size	Birthday
Address			
City	State:	Zip Code	
Phone		Email:	
Position Applying for: (Check only one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Counselor		<input type="checkbox"/> Counselor	<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Counselor

Medical Information			
Medical Conditions:			
Allergies:			
Physician's Information			
Physician's Name:		Physician's Phone:	
Physician's Address			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	County (Not Country)
Insurance Information			
Insurance Company:		Medicaid No.:	
Insurance No.			
Emergency Contact Information			
In case of emergency, someone who can speak and act on your behalf.			
Name:		Phone:	
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## Application for Camp Counselor

Please answer the following questions with as much detail as possible. You may use a separate sheet of paper if needed to add more details.

1) Why do you want to be a junior counselor/counselor/lead counselor at Camp Sickle Stars?

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2) What skills do you have that would help you be successful in your role?

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3) Have you had any previous camp experience? Please explain.

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4) Have you had any previous experience with Sickle Cell Disease? Please explain.

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5) Describe your previous experience with children, including children with special needs.

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Any Special Skills (Choose All That Apply)						
Painting		Soccer		Nature		Other (Please Explain)
Arts/Crafts		Puppetry		Hiking		
Singing		Golfing		Pet Care		
Dancing		Hula Hoop		Horses		
Karaoke		Cheering		Water Sport		
Gymnastics		Football				
Basketball		Music				

### Photography Statement

We/I authorize the use of any legitimate photograph of us or my child/children for the sake of advertising or publicity, videos, or any manner related to Sickle Cell Disease.

We/I agree that we/I are to receive no financial compensation for such photos or news releases. In consideration of the benefits to be derived, we/I waive all claims against the camp staff, MS Sickle Cell Foundation, its Board of Directors, officers and their representatives, and assigns from any liability for all claims by us or any third party on the use of such photos or news releases as it relates to Sickle Cell Disease.

Comments or exceptions are listed below.

Comments/Exceptions:

### Permission Statement

We/I give permission for the counselor listed on the first page of this registration form to take part in Camp Sickle Stars and all related activities. In consideration of the camp experience, we waive all claims against the camp, camp staff, MS Sickle Cell Foundation, its Board of Directors, officers and their representatives. In addition, we/I release CWP, its members, sponsors, affiliates, agents and volunteers from any and all losses, costs, claims, damages, injuries, liability or other causes of action rising out of or in any way connected with participation in CWP event.

### Signatures (Self or Parent/Guardian)

Counselor Name:	Date:
Parent/Guardian Name:	Date:



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## Permission to Conduct Background Screening

The Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation and Camp Sickle Stars reserve the right to conduct criminal background checks on all of its staff members. Please provide the following information. Ensure that all sections are complete and accurate. Failure to complete this form may result in applicant being disqualified from consideration for any position.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

Suffix

Physical Address (No P.O. Boxes)

Street Number

Street Name:

Apt. Number

City

State

Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's License Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's License State

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? \_\_\_ Yes (Explain) \_\_\_ No

Have you ever been accused of or convicted of a crime against a child? \_\_\_ Yes (Explain)  
\_\_\_ No

By signing this application, I give my permission for the administration of the Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation and Camp Sickle Stars to do a Criminal Background Check through any available source. I understand that all information obtained will be held in confidence

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





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## CAMP SUPPLY LIST

### All Camp Counselors Must Bring the Following Items:

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| 3 towels   | 6 pairs of socks   |
| 1 set of twin sized sheets & blanket or sleeping bag | 6 sets of underclothing                                    |
| 1 pillow and pillowcase                              | 1 swim wear  |
| 1 pair shower shoes/flip flops                       | 1 hat or cap   |
| 3 pair long jeans/trousers                           | 1 pair of tennis shoes                                     |
| 3 long sleeve shirts/blouses                         | 1 pair of sunglasses                                       |
| 4 pair of shorts                                     | 1 toilet accessory each -comb, brush, hair oil, toothbrush |
| 4 t-shirts   | toothpaste, shower cap, and deodorant                      |
| 1 jacket (it gets cold in the cafeteria)             | 1 flashlight   |
| 3 pairs of night wear                                |  |

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### Do Not Bring

- Narcotics
- Weapons
- Electronic Games
- Other Valuables

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**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT CAMP SICKLE STARS!**