

TeenPower

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Adult Staff Application



I am interested in:

- High School TEENPOWER June 1-4
(Staff orientation May 31st, 5-7 p.m. at YR)
- Middle School TEENPOWER June 28-30
(Staff orientation June 27th, Time-?)

Date: _____

Name

Youth Resources of Southwestern Indiana TEENPOWER Adult Staff Application

At the request of our insurance company and to properly cover the liability of Youth Resources, all youth workers and other volunteers must completely fill out the following application. The purpose of this form is to guarantee the protection and welfare of those involved in Youth Resources' programs.

Personal Information

Name: _____ SSN _____ Male Female

Present Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email _____

Marital Status: Single Married Separated Divorced

Spouse's Name: _____

Children's Name(s)/Age(s): _____/_____/_____

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Volunteer Statement

Have you at any time ever:

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| ▪ Been arrested for any reason? | Yes | No |
| ▪ Been convicted of, or pleaded no contest to any crime? | Yes | No |
| ▪ Engaged in any child molestation, exploitation, or abuse? | Yes | No |
| ▪ Been accused of any child molestation, exploitation, or abuse? | Yes | No |
| ▪ Been addicted to Drugs or Alcohol? | Yes | No |

Are you aware of:

- | | | |
|--|-----|----|
| ▪ Having any traits or tendencies that could pose any threat to youth or others? | Yes | No |
| ▪ Any reason why you should not work with youth or others? | Yes | No |

Are there any facts or circumstances involving you or your background that would call into question your being able to be trusted with the supervision, guidance, and care of youth? For example: mental/physical health issues, contraction of a communicable disease, or an experience with abuse or molestation.

Yes No

If yes, was answered above please explain in detail the circumstances on the back of this form or a separate document.

Information

How did you learn about TEENPOWER?

Who are two people who have influenced you most in your desire to volunteer?

Name _____ Relationship _____

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Why do you desire to be an Adult Staff member?

Will you be staying overnight at TEENPOWER? Yes No
(If yes, we will reserve campus housing)

Experience

What kind of experience do you have working with adolescents?

Describe how you have been involved in prevention activities.

What knowledge in the field of alcohol and other drug abuse education, intervention, prevention, and treatment do you have?

Biography

Please write a brief & fun biography about yourself including your interests, hobbies, family ,etc. to include in the folders for campers and staff.

Youth Resources

Have you attended any Youth Resources' programs/events besides TEENPOWER?

Yes No If yes, when? _____

Have you volunteered with TEENPOWER before? Yes No

If yes, what did you do? _____ How long? _____

References

Please give two character references (no relatives or Youth Resources staff please).

Name: _____ Phone () _____

Address: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

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Skills

TEENPOWER needs adult staff members to perform certain duties and/or assume specific roles during camp. Please mark the following areas that you have training and/or certification.

Lifesaving/water Safety Crisis Counseling First Aid Registered Nurse

Photography CPR Other

Applicant's Statement

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references or organizations listed in this application to give you any information (including opinions) that they may have regarding my character and fitness for working with Youth Resources. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by Youth Resources, I hereby release Youth Resources, the Evansville Association of the Blind, any individual, church, reference, or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns resulting from compliance or any attempts to comply with this authorization. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the by-laws and policies of Youth Resources/TEENPOWER and to refrain from inappropriate conduct in the performance of my services on behalf of Youth Resources.

I further state that **I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF, AND I SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT.** This is a legally binding agreement which I have read and understood.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Witness signature _____ Date _____

*Please return this application to Emily Strahle, Youth Resources,
PO Box 3635, Evansville, In 47735-3635, (812) 421-0030.*



TEENPOWER

Adult Staff Description and Contract

Time and Attendance:

1. All staff members will be in attendance and actively involved during the staff training and orientation held the day before TEENPOWER.
2. Staff members will be considered to be on duty during the conference **unless** prior arrangements have been made with the TEENPOWER Coordinator and should attend all events **unless** otherwise notified.
3. For the security and safety of all participants, staff members will sign in/out upon coming and going from campus.
4. Adult staff members should attend all scheduled staff meetings.

Behavior:

1. Staff will not ingest any alcoholic beverages, nor use any mood altering chemicals, nor violate smoking rules and regulations and use of other tobacco products during the conference.
2. Staff members will act as appropriate role models during the conference.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Staff members will assist 1-2 youth staff members in facilitating a small family group. Family groups will meet 1-2 times a day and consist of 7-10 members.
2. Staff members will assist and participate in all evening activities as needed.
3. Have Fun at all times!!!

As an adult staff member of TEENPOWER, a leadership conference for the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and abuse, I willingly accept the responsibilities for my position as outlined below in accordance with the conditions listed above. I also agree to abide by all policies and procedures of the organization and to protect the health and safety of all participants at all times.

Signature _____ Date: _____



High School TEENPOWER Conference
June 1-4, 2010
University of Evansville
All-Staff Training Monday, May 31st 5-7 p.m.

Middle School TEENPOWER Conference
June 28-30, 2010
University of Southern Indiana
All-Staff Training Sunday June 27th (Time-?)

Thank you for accepting or considering accepting, the role of TEENPOWER adult staff. This will be an opportunity you will not soon forget. As an adult staff member you will have the opportunity to be a positive role model at Youth Resource's middle school camp, high school camp, or both camps! We appreciate your desire and devotion to substance abuse prevention and to the youth of our community. Get ready to be a part of an amazing staff and see lives impacted and changed for the better!

Who makes up the adult staff?

The TEENPOWER adult staff is comprised of ten to fifteen community leaders and volunteers. Adult Staff members come from the Sheriff's Department, Police Department, schools, treatment centers, and also include counselors and fun-loving adults committed to sharing the prevention message.

Who else will be on staff?

As an adult staff member you will have the opportunity to partner with Youth Resources and the TEENPOWER youth and college staffs. Each year approximately 25 high school students form the TEENPOWER youth staff. They interview in January and then proceed through trainings in leadership, peer facilitation, substance abuse, prevention, and intervention. The youth staff plays a major role at camp as they plan, implement, and lead most camp activities. In addition to the youth and adult staff High School TEENPOWER will have approximately 8 former youth staff who will serve on college staff and coordinate the evening activities.

What are the roles of an adult staff member?

□ **Provide support and guidance to Youth Staff**

One responsibility of an adult staff member is to support and encourage the TEENPOWER youth staff in a small family group. These peer-led family groups allow camp participants to process and debrief all TEENPOWER activities. They are designed to provide a "safe place" for youth to be themselves and openly and confidentially share their thoughts, challenges, fears, experiences, and feelings about life in general. They meet twice a day for one hour each time and consist of 10-14 TEENPOWER participants, 1-2 Youth Staff, and 1-2 Adult Staff.

As an adult staff your role is not to lead the group, but to support the youth staff and help as needed.

Adult staff roles continued...

□ Be a positive adult role model for the youth

One of the goals of TEENPOWER is to develop healthy youth and adult partnerships. As an adult staff member you will be given the opportunity to connect with youth from diverse backgrounds. It is important that we provide these youth with adults that will display good morals and values.

□ Have fun!

The entire camp revolves around FUN! From the moment the youth arrive at camp until the moment they leave their days are action-packed with exciting activities. TEENPOWER is a laid back atmosphere that allows the youth to interact with the adults in a positive environment. Past fun-filled activities at TEENPOWER have included scavenger hunts, talent shows, dances, movies, pool parties, and concerts. The bottom line is that kids like to have fun and it is our goal to make everything (from workshops to room checks) fun! We assure you that getting involved in all camp activities will be both entertaining and rewarding!

Where will I stay the week of camp?

In order to receive the full TEENPOWER experience it is recommended that you stay in the assigned dorms during TEENPOWER. All adult staff members will be given individual rooms unless a roommate is requested. We do understand that many of you do have family obligations and arrangements can be made allowing you to stay at home during the week of TEENPOWER returning to campus each morning.

Will I receive training prior to camp?

A one-day TEENPOWER staff training will take place the day prior to each camp. This training will be an opportunity for you to learn more about TEENPOWER, meet the entire TEENPOWER staff, and participate in staff teambuilding activities.

What is the schedule like?

A camp schedule will be sent to you approximately one month prior to camp. As an adult staff member it is critical that you attend most camp activities. There are times when you can slip away if needed, and they will be highlighted on your schedule. Typically the day begins with an all-staff meeting at 8:00 a.m. and ends around 11:00 p.m. The middle school camp will end at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30th and the high school camp will end at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4th.

I'm interested. How do I sign up?

Adult staff applications are available on our website www.youth-resources.org. Adult staff applicants must complete a volunteer application and background check. Send your application today or call Emily Strahle at 812-421-0030 ext. 15 for more information.