

## WHAT TO EXPECT

There's going to be a lot more to Camp Vineyard than S'mores and awesome games. Oh, sure, we'll have those too; but we've got some other great stuff happening, and we want you to be prepared.

## GUIDELINES

### Clothing

We understand the weather in Georgia is hot. Still, we're big on creating an environment that's appropriate and fosters mutual respect for all attendees. Here are things to keep in mind while choosing your clothes:

- Attendees must remain fully clothed (tops and bottoms). Dudes, we're not playing "Shirts v. Skins" Ultimate Quidditch.
- T-shirts/coverups must be worn when going between the Cabin and the Bathhouse or Pool.
- Swimwear must be worn for swimming. Swim bottoms must have full coverage (no speedos), and swim tops must also cover midsection (no bikinis).
- "No Buttons, No Cheeks" – Pair cropped shirts with shorts/pants that cover your midsection and choose shorts that provide coverage so the only cheeks anyone sees are the ones attached to your face.
- Athletic shirts with air vents/split seams should not expose large portions of skin.
- Sleepwear should only be worn in cabin areas. Camp is not Walmart, and those bunny slippers are going to be nasty after a trip to Big Game and back.
- Undergarments must always be covered and cannot be worn alone in public.

All the above applies equally to all attendees. Anybody not meeting these standards may be asked to change. If you're not sure about an outfit, ask the Dean of your cabin area at Camp.

### Medication

We are aware that many Campers need medication and special accommodations due to health issues. Our on-site volunteer medical staff work hard to help meet these needs safely. However, there are a few things they need your help with as you know your Camper best.

- Prescription medications and their schedule need to be updated **every year** on the registration form and will be given to medical staff during check-in.
- Medications must be in a prescription bottle with Camper's current, legible, in-date prescription.
- If medication needs to be given at specific times, this needs to be clearly stated. Otherwise, the medication will be administered at designated mealtimes (breakfast/AM, lunch, dinner/PM) and at bedtime.
- Emergency medications (inhalers, epi-pens, etc.) need to have the Camper's name clearly written on it. We request a **written, signed** consent be attached stating your wish for medical staff or your Camper to hold. If your Camper is designated, they must be responsible enough to always have it on their person.

- Certain medications (allergy, OTC, etc.) may be left with the Camper at the medical staff's discretion due to influx of medication needs.
- If corrective or supportive devices (i.e., knee braces, arch inserts, etc.) are to be worn, the Camper must bring these with them. Camp is very active, and your Camper will need to be prepared.

### Things NOT to Bring

- Tablets, portable video games, media players, other electronics.
- Weapons or drugs. See above for info on prescription medications.
- Our medical staff will have common OTC meds like aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, indigestion, and OTC allergy medications on hand, you won't need to pack them. If you have an OTC medication you think is unusual, that's OK to pack.
- **Nuts or snacks containing nuts of any kind.**

### What about Phones, Tablets, or other Devices?

At check-in, we will collect and label all Camper cell phones as well as tablets and any other devices. Those will be kept securely with the rest of the devices from their group and returned to their group's leader at the end of Camp.

Camp is about getting away from distractions, taking a break from the constant pull of our devices. It's a time to decompress and focus.

Still, if a need arises, we want to be sure parents can get in touch with their Campers (and vice versa) if something comes up. We encourage parents to get their group leader's cell phone number. **Also, you can call Camp Vineyard at 423.458.2386.** That's a Google Voice number, so if you don't catch one of the team live, we will get your message and address it appropriately.

Of course, if your Camper needs to get in touch with you for something important, we'll be sure they get their phone, or can use another phone. If you have any questions, you can call us at that number above.

## ACTIVITIES

You won't need any weird equipment for the Color Team Competitions and other games, just be ready to win some points for your team. And, if you're a Senior Camper don't forget to choose your Track for the week. You can see all the options at [campvineyard.com/tracks](http://campvineyard.com/tracks). Junior Campers, you're already signed up for Activity Track!

In addition to all the scheduled activities and games, your free time options include basketball, campfires, hiking, slip-n-slide, swimming pool, volleyball, and human foosball, to list a few.

## WHAT TO BRING

### **Packing List** (*Put your name on your stuff!*)

- Clothes for each day. Be sure to bring extra clothes, including ones you don't mind getting messy in.
- Pajamas
- Sandals
- Tennis shoes (certain activities require closed toe shoes)
- Shower shoes
- Toiletries (Especially deodorant.)
- Towels and washcloths
- Swim towel
- Sunscreen
- Linens (twin bed) or sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Cash for Canteen, Camp Store, etc.
- Bible & Notebook
- Pens or pencils
- **Prescription medication: Refer to medication guidelines for more details.**
- Camera not attached to your smartphone or other device
- Flashlight
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Bug Spray
- Bag for dirty clothes
- Reuseable water bottle
- Backpack
- Snacks (**All snacks must be nut-free.**)
- Football, Frisbee, soccer ball, baseball and glove, etc.
- USB Power Bank (only if your leader lets you use devices on the drive home!)

### **VOLUNTEERS AND GROUP LEADERS**

If you're an adult volunteer and it's your first time at Camp, here are a few extra things you and your group should add to the list, courtesy of some Camp Vineyard vets (for things listed as "1 per cabin" figure 1 for every 8-10 people in your group):

- Bottled water
- Electrolyte drinks
- Salty snacks & sweet snacks (**no nuts**)
- Spray deodorant
- Scented dryer sheets (Place under bunks, on air conditioning unit, and in dirty clothes bags)
- Digital clock & batteries (1 per cabin)
- Power strips (1-2 per cabin)
- Febreze (to reduce smells)
- Odor absorbing trash bags (for dirty clothes)
- Clothesline (rope and clothes pins for wet towels, etc.) (1 per cabin)
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Box fan (1 per cabin)
- Ziplock bags for opened snacks
- Paper towels
- Protein shakes (for Campers not eating - Teenagers will Teenager sometimes.)
- Football, frisbee, cards, or other games

# *Camp Vineyard Volunteer Info*



Thanks for your interest in being a volunteer at Camp Vineyard! We're glad you want to be a part of our team. Just so we're all on the same page, please read through this entire document. We try to keep things simple, but there are some specific things we want you to be aware of.

## BEFORE CAMP

You'll start the volunteer application process during registration. If you've never served at a Camp Vineyard event before, or it's been a few years, we'll be contacting you for an interview. It's not anything too complicated, but there's a lot that goes on at Camp, with a lot of jobs that need to be done, and we want to be sure we find the best place for you to serve. We want Camp to be a lot of fun for you, too!

Also, we'll require you to complete two pieces of training and a background screening. The first training is our own Counselor World training videos at [campvineyard.com/counselor-world](http://campvineyard.com/counselor-world). These will get you up to speed on our policies, your responsibilities, and the crazy, fun culture we have at Camp. The second training is supplemental child safety training. You'll be emailed a link to their online training, which comes with a test that you'll need to pass to serve. If you were a volunteer last year, we encourage you to take a refresher course on both. You'll receive a separate time-sensitive email to complete a background screening as well.

All of that will take just a couple of hours but will give you the knowledge and tools to be an effective volunteer at Camp. They're easy to do, and we require that you complete these training courses before you can take part in activities at Camp. You'll sign a statement saying that you've completed them, so please take a little time between now and June to do so.

## RESPONSIBILITIES AT CAMP

Every adult at Camp wears multiple hats. It's most likely that you'll be a Counselor, and either assigned to a Color Team or working with Clear Team (those terms are defined below). Wherever you serve, you'll have responsibilities in addition to chaperoning your own church's group.

### **Counselor**

The Counselor's first job is to ensure Camper safety. We use the term "Counselor" because it's a familiar Camp-related term, however that does not indicate any kind of formal licensure. Counselors, whether in their teams or their cabins, are the first line of care for Campers. A Counselor should be an encourager, cheering on the kids, setting the standard for participation and engagement. Any disciplinary issues should be referred to a Dean. Also, should anything come up during the small group discussions (or any other time at Camp) that requires reporting, this must be done immediately to a Dean, Site Pastor, Site Coordinator, or Site Director. You'll be introduced to all those people at the Opening Session.

Most Counselors will be both a **Cabin Counselor** and a **Color Team Counselor**. Cabin Counselors are responsible for a cabin of Campers from their home church group from curfew at night through arrival at Morning Thing, after breakfast, the next morning.

**Color Teams** are how we split the Campers up for games and other activities. They're made up of students and adults from different churches and will compete together as a team throughout the week. Color Team Counselors' responsibilities for their Color Team begin at Morning Thing and last through to the end of the Main Session, with breaks around meals and Free Time. Counselor World video 3 takes you through a typical day and will answer a lot of the questions you just had reading those last 2 paragraphs.

### **Clear Team**

This is our name for the Staff and any other volunteers who are not part of a Color Team. The Clear Team is made up of the Game Teams, Deans, Nursing staff, Track leaders, and the administrative staff.

### **Dean**

Deans are pastors and/or their spouses selected by the Site Pastor for their years of experience in ministry. Deans are responsible for bed checks in their assigned cabins each night, as well as serving the counselors on their assigned Color Team for discipline, safety, Camper tracking, or pastoral counseling issues. They report to the Site Pastor.

### **Game Team**

A sub-set of the Clear Team that is responsible for the Color Team Competitions, Big Game, or any other large-group game programming. The Game Team will organize and stage the game equipment in Counselor World, set up and run the games at the appropriate locations, and clean up after the games are completed. **Note:** Being a member of the Game Team prevents an individual from being a Color Team Counselor, but not from being a Cabin Counselor.

## NEXT STEPS

If some of those terms sound like Ancient Greek to you right now, that's ok. Remember, you'll need to complete both the Counselor World and supplemental child safety training, and both of those will get you up to speed on everything you need to know before Check-In.

If this is your first time serving with us, or it's been a few years since we've last seen you, we'll be contacting you to set up that interview.

Thanks again for your interest in serving at Camp Vineyard. See you in June!



# Volunteer Application

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M / F

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ DoB \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church (Or Church you are attending with): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size: Adult XS/ S / M / L / XL / XXL

Are you taking prescription medication? Yes / No

Medication Schedule \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions/Allergies/Other Medical Information \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever volunteered at a Camp Vineyard event before? Yes / No What year? \_\_\_\_\_

**For the following six questions, please explain "Yes" answers in the space provided below:**

- Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes / No
- Have you ever plead guilty, been found guilty, entered a Plea Nolo Contendere or an Alford Plea of guilty for any offense? Yes / No
- Have you ever plead guilty, been found guilty, entered a Plea Nolo Contendere or an Alford Plea of guilty for any offense involving a minor child? Yes / No
- Have you ever been placed on probation, received a Suspended Execution of Sentence, or a Suspended Imposition of Sentence? Yes / No
- Have you ever been placed on probation, received a Suspended Execution of Sentence, or a Suspended Imposition of Sentence for any offense involving a minor child? Yes / No
- Have you ever been placed on a local, state, or Federal registry for sex offenders? Yes / No

Explain any "Yes" answers: \_\_\_\_\_

## Verification and Release:

I recognize that Restoration Vineyard Church, as the organizing church for Camp Vineyard, is relying on the accuracy of the information I provide on this registration application form. Accordingly, I attest and affirm that the information I have provided is absolutely true and correct, to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understand the Volunteer Application process as described on the Volunteer Info Sheet.

I authorize a representative from the above-listed Home Church or the Church I am attending the event with to enter the information on this form into the online registration system on my behalf.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: A SEPARATE CONSUMER REPORT DISCLOSURE AND AUTHORIZATION FORM (BACKGROUND CHECK) WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU AFTER YOUR REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED ONLINE.**

## VOLUNTEER/STAFF COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Camp Vineyard and the sponsoring churches of Camp Vineyard events are committed to providing a safe, fun, Christ-like environment for all minors and adults who participate in Camp Vineyard events. The following policy statements reflect our commitment to preserving this environment at all Camp Vineyard-sponsored events. Please carefully read and understand each one before signing.

Camp Vineyard and its sponsoring churches reserve the right to deny access to the events, programming, location, and any interaction with minors to any adult who has been convicted of any form of child abuse (emotional, physical, or sexual), or any other crime against a minor.

All Staff/Volunteers involved with minors at a Camp Vineyard-sponsored event must have read, and be fully committed to, following all policies and procedures.

All adults involved with minors at a Camp Vineyard-sponsored event shall abide by all the policies in the Child Protection System at all times.

Camp Vineyard does not tolerate any form of abusive behavior. Any volunteer or staff member found to be in opposition to, or in violation of, this policy will be disciplined according to the policies laid out in the manual.

All adults involved with minors at a Camp Vineyard-sponsored event shall attend (either in person or online) training and educational events provided by the Camp to keep Staff/Volunteers informed of Camp policies and laws regarding child abuse before they will be allowed to participate in any Camp Vineyard-sponsored event.

All adults involved at a Camp Vineyard-sponsored event shall immediately report to their supervisor (Dean, Site Pastor, Site Coordinator, or Site Director) any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate in any manner between Campers, between Campers and Adults, or between Adults.

You are advised that ALL reporting is kept confidential (to the extent that said confidentiality is consistent with all applicable laws), and will in no way harm your position with Camp Vineyard unless false allegations are found to have been made by you.

By signing below I certify that I:

1. Agree to observe and abide by all Camp policies in the Child Protection System;
2. Have completed the Counselor World video training;
3. Have completed supplemental child safety training;
4. Agree to observe and abide by all other Camp policies as set forth in the Volunteer Manual; and
5. Have read this Commitment Statement, and agree to observe and abide by all the policies set forth above.

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*Signature of Applicant*

*Date*