

**2008 Summer Staff Application**  
**Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly**  
**8500 Oakwood Lane**  
**Andalusia, AL 36420**  
**334-222-5407**  
[www.bluelakecamp.com](http://www.bluelakecamp.com)

Are you looking for an adventure during the summer? An opportunity to learn about yourself, others and to grow spiritually? Are you interested in working with children and youth during the summer?

Summer Camp is one of the neatest experiences for both campers and summer staff. So many have had their life changed at Summer Camp. The hours are long, the work is hard, the children and youth are full of creativity, and the experience is one of the most rewarding you will ever have.

Summer Staff are trained as life guards, trained in CPR, trained on the ropes course, trained in archery, and trained to work with the camping experience each week. Summer staff are leaders each week of camp while also living with the campers. The six weeks of camp begin June 9 and end in at the end of July. Staff training begins May 25.

If you are interested in applying:

- Complete all the attached forms
- Return to Chaplain Vickers, Director, by December 12
- Participate in Interview Weekend, January 11-13, 2008. *Interview weekend is a very important part of the process. Interviews coincide with Elementary Winter Retreat. As part of your interview, you will be assisting throughout the weekend with the various retreat activities. The weekend begins on Friday, January 11 at 6:00 pm and concludes on Sunday after morning worship. If you are unable to participate in Interview Weekend, please inform Chaplain Vickers as soon as possible.*
- Submit a complete resume
- Obtain three (3) Letters of Reference mailed before December 12 directly to:  
Chaplain Vickers, Director  
8500 Oakwood Lane  
Andalusia, AL 36420  
[director@bluelakecamp.com](mailto:director@bluelakecamp.com)
- Have application, resume, and three (3) letters of reference in the office by December 12, 2007. Applications need to be mailed to the address at the top of the page.

Should you have any questions, please contact Chaplain Vickers at Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly.

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Print off and complete the following application. Print legibly or type. Remember if you are under 18 years of age when completing the application, a parent will need to sign the application with you. Mail your application to Chaplain Vickers, Director at the above address. Include a copy of your resume, faith statement, and statement of desire to serve when mailing in your application.

Full Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name Called:

\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

College Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age as of June 1, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_M \_\_\_F

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

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

Church Affiliation (name and town) \_\_\_\_\_

Mark certifications and give dates:

\_\_\_\_ Lifeguard (date and expiration \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_ First Aid (date and expiration \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_ CPR (date and expiration \_\_\_\_\_)

History: (Please attach an explanation for each "yes")

Y N 1. Have you ever been convicted for the possession, use or sale of drugs?

Y N 2. Have you ever been convicted of a crime against children or other persons?

Y N 3. Have you ever been convicted of a felony crime?

Y N 4. Is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call in question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance and care of children, youth, or adults?

- Y N 5. Have your driver's license been suspended or revoked within the past 3 years?  
Y N 6. Within the past 30 days, have you abused alcohol, legal or illegal drugs?  
Y N 7. Have you ever been reviewed by church and or secular bodies and been restricted from involvement with children, youth, or adults, or been restricted from involved in Youth or Camp and Retreat Ministries?

Habits:

The use of tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs are against the policy of the Alabama-West Florida Conference Camping Program and Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly. I understand that my use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs during the seven weeks of assignment with the Alabama-West Florida Camping Program and Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly would result in termination of my employment. Are you willing to abide by this policy if employed by the Alabama-West Florida Conference Camping Program and Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly? \_\_\_\_\_  
yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Waiver and Consent:

I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this application for Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly is true and correct. I authorize the Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly to verify the information I have provided on this application by contacting the references I have listed, by conducting a criminal background check, or by other means, including contacting others whom I have not listed. I authorize the references listed in this application to give you whatever information they may have regarding my character and fitness for the work with Summer Camp. Furthermore, I waive any rights I may have to confidentiality.

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

I agree to abide by and be bound to the policies of Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly and the Alabama-West Florida Conference.

Initials \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **STATEMENT OF FAITH:** Write, on a separate sheet of paper, your Christian autobiography, noting experiences, persons, ideas, and teachings that have helped shape your life as a Christian, incorporating a statement of faith.

\_\_\_\_\_ **STATEMENT OF DESIRE TO SERVE ON SUMMER CAMP STAFF:** State why you wish to serve on the Summer Camp Staff, indicating what you can offer and what you would like to learn. If you have been on previous summer staff experience, indicate how that experience will be beneficial.

\_\_\_\_\_ **RECOMMENDATIONS:** This application will not be complete until three (3) letters of recommendation are submitted to Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly. One recommendation

must come from your pastor. Please submit another pastor's recommendation if your parent is your pastor. Recommendations from any relative will **not** be accepted.

The recommendation should include:

- (1) The length of time and under what circumstances the person has known you;
- (2) Their assessment of the vitality of your Christian faith;
- (3) Their understanding of your ability to work as a member of a team;
- (4) Whether they consider you a person to have or not have patience under pressure;
- (5) How well you follow rules; and
- (6) Whether or not they believe you to be well suited for 6 weeks of the summer camp environment.

**The deadline for receipt of these three recommendations is December 12, 2007.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be able to attend Interview Weekend, January 11-13, 2008.

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I have read this waiver and the entire application, and I am fully aware of its contents. I sign this consent freely and under no duress or coercion.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(If under 18 years of age, parent/guardian must also sign.)

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_