

Summer Day Camp Volunteer Fact Sheet

Thank you for your interest in learning more about becoming a **Summer Day Camp Volunteer** at **The Pittsburgh Project**. This fact sheet should provide you with answers to some frequently asked questions about volunteering with our program. Please call **Ginny Giles, Volunteer Resources Manager**, at 412-321-1678 or email her at vgiles@pittsburghproject.org for answers to any other questions. For more information about the mission and programs of **The Pittsburgh Project**, visit our website at www.pittsburghproject.org.

What is the Vision and Purpose of The Pittsburgh Project?

Our **vision** statement reads, “That Pittsburgh will be called a City of Truth, where once again, men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets, each with cane in hand because of age, and where the city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there.” (from Zechariah 8:4-5)

Our **purpose** statement reads, “We develop servant leaders and uphold the dignity of vulnerable homeowners.”

What is the Day Camp?

The day camp is an eight-week academically structured program that serves children primarily from North Side neighborhoods. Every facet of our program is based upon the empowering and redemptive qualities of Christ. Our long-term goal is that the children we serve will in turn become servant leaders for the future of our communities.

What will I be doing as a Day Camp Volunteer?

- Assisting students with special reading needs
- Assisting teachers with specific classroom assignments
- Assisting with supervising kids during lunch time
- Various sports activities that are pre-planned
- Assisting with some classroom set-up and special activities
- Crowd control for special events
- Chaperoning small groups of students for field trips (typically on Fridays, off-site)
- Helping with the decorations for hallways/classrooms and special events
- Utilizing any special gifts that you desire to share (with supervision by a staff member)

What are some of the benefits of volunteering with the Day Camp?

- You will always be with a staff member while volunteering
- You will be provided with training and support from leadership staff
- You will have the opportunity to share your faith and love for Christ
- You will never be pressured to perform a task with which you are uncomfortable
- You will have the chance to demonstrate servant leadership
- Meals will be provided for you during camp hours

- You will get to experience community life and be cared for while you are caring for students
- You will get a brief glimpse into the workings of urban ministry

What is the time commitment?

- One day a week for 7 weeks of camp or daily for one week of camp
- Camp hours are M-F, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, beginning June 21, 2010
- B.A.S.I.C. (Elementary) Camp needs volunteers from 8:15-3:00 or the day can be split into half days from 8:15-12 or 11:45-3
- REACH (Middle School) Camp needs volunteers M-TH from 9:30-12:30
- High School Camp needs volunteers M-TH from 8:30-3 or the day can be split into half days from 8:30-12 or 12-3

What kind of training or orientation do I need?

Volunteers will be expected to attend an orientation session prior to beginning volunteer service. To register for an orientation, please contact **Ginny Giles**. Her contact information is listed at the end of this document. Orientations are held at our site, 2801 North Charles Street, on the North Side of the city.

While volunteering, whom will I go to with questions or concerns?

Each classroom has a staff person in the role of teacher. These teachers are present to lead their class each day but also to support you as a volunteer. **Dionne Edmonds**, our Elementary Coordinator, along with **Steve Singleton**, our Middle School Coordinator, and **Lorenze Jefferson**, our High School Coordinator, provide oversight for these summer programs. Volunteers may contact any of them at anytime by calling 412-321-1678.

What are the personal requirements for volunteering with the Day Camp?

All **Volunteers** are required to complete an application and are also asked to provide two references. Adults (over 18) will be asked to complete a criminal record check and child abuse clearance form. Students who desire to become Day Camp Volunteers must have completed at least 9th grade and have a 3.0 or above GPA. It is expected that individuals interested in volunteering would have patience, encouragement and compassion as strengths, as well as a strong desire to see students grow academically. **We also require that a Day Camp Volunteer make every effort to be here during his or her scheduled time each week that our program is in session, unless a personal emergency arises.**

How do I find The Pittsburgh Project?

Directions to our facility are located on our website: www.pittsburghproject.org. For further information, contact Ginny Giles at 412-321-1678 ext. 134 or by email: vgiles@pittsburghproject.org.

We hope you will consider joining our Day Camp Volunteer team. You will make a tangible difference in the lives of young students.