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A Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Madison

Dear Camp Gray Volunteer Candidate:

First, thank you for your interest in giving of yourself. A year spent in service, is a year to experience a beautiful paradox: "In giving, we receive." We are honored by your interest in the ministry of Camp Gray!

Let me introduce you to Camp Gray. We are a Catholic retreat center and summer camp located in southern Wisconsin, owned and operated by the Catholic Diocese of Madison. Our mission: to offer a natural sanctuary for people of all faiths to discover self, experience God, and walk hand in hand with friends.

Specifically, we offer nine weeks of summer camp, rent our facilities to groups for retreats and family reunions, facilitate many of those retreats, facilitate a faith-based environmental education program for 5th – 7th graders during the school year, and travel as a retreat team to local parishes. The enclosed brochure will help give a flavor of our ministries.

Camp Gray's volunteer tenure is from September to May. (Employment for our summer camp program is an option through the summer.) We have a variety of needs, but as a program specialist your main service will be the continued development and facilitation of our retreat programs and our Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP). Other duties will vary, but will include helping out with food service, a bit of maintenance here and there, cleaning camp buildings, and other random things that come up.

Other expectations of you as a volunteer staff member include functioning as a part of a healthy Christian community we like to call the Camp Gray family: daily prayer, communal prayer, a positive relationship with the Roman Catholic Church, a deep commitment to caring for God's creation, and loving and nurturing others as we journey together in faith.

Your tangible benefits will include room and board, health insurance, and a monthly stipend of \$150. The intangible benefits, well, I could try to explain the faces of the youth as they discover anew God's creation and learn, grow in faith, and maybe for the first time really pray. I could tell about the feeling of satisfaction after saying goodbye to the last retreatant and receiving a hug, or even describe a morning devotion in our outdoor chapel. . .but I could never do them justice. Besides, God has something different and special here for you!

The position is not in the backcountry of El Salvador or the dangerous neighborhoods of Chicago. You will be living in an apartment or home amongst the beautiful 225 acres of Camp Gray, about an hour from Madison, Wisconsin. You will be serving a population of mostly middle-class Midwesterners. Yet this service is important just the same. The people you will serve are the leaders of today and tomorrow in one of the most influential countries in the world. You bet you will be making a difference!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at **(800) 711-4729** or **programs@campgray.com** I will be looking forward to hearing from you as you prayerfully consider your application as a Program Specialist (volunteer) at Camp Gray!

Enjoy God's gift of today,

Sara Knutson
Camp Gray Program Manager

Enclosures: Camp Gray brochures, volunteer application, From the Mouths of Current Volunteers, reference forms.

Application Details: Applications available Nov. 9, 2007. Following submitting your application materials, Sara will be contacting you for an interview. We will be hiring 6 to 7 program specialists to serve Camp Gray the 2008/2009 school year. Specialists will be hired on a rolling basis i.e. we don't wait for the last application to be received, if you are a candidate that we feel will enhance this program, we will hire you until all spots are full. Typically the program specialist team will be hired by early March.

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Volunteer Application

Personal Information

Name _____ Date of Application _____

School/Current Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone_() _____ e-mail _____

Permanent Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone_() _____ e-mail _____

Are you at least 18 years old? _____ Are you at least 21 years old? _____

Position Desired _____

Education

Name/Location	Years attended	Did you graduate?	Subjects studied
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High School _____

College _____

Other School _____

Please list any courses and/or special training related to position desired:

Certifications

	Expiration date		Expiration date
___ Basic First Aid	_____	ARC Lifeguard Training	_____
___ Community CPR	_____	ARC Canoe Instructor	_____
___ Community First Aid/Safety	_____	Archery Instructor	_____
___ Other _____	_____	Climbing Belay Certified	_____

Employment Experience (Please list last three jobs; Camp Gray reserves the right to contact employers)

Employer _____ Position/duties _____ Dates _____

Supervisor _____ Phone #: _____

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Other

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (other than traffic violations)? YES___ NO___ If yes, please state offense, date, and location (a criminal records check will be acquired on all volunteers):

Why are you interested in volunteering at Camp Gray?

What special gifts or talents would you bring to the program and staff?

What personal goals do you hope to accomplish from this type of experience?

Please describe your physical, mental, and spiritual values.

Briefly describe your current relationship with Christ.

Describe your previous experiences working with youth.

Does it concern you that, as a volunteer, you would be responsible for the physical and emotional safety of others?

References please list three references, other than relatives, who we may contact.

Name_____ Relationship to you_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____ Phone()_____

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Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____ Phone()_____

I, the undersigned applicant, attest that the information supplied by me is true to the best of my knowledge, and give my permission for Camp Gray to verify my employment history and conduct a criminal background search on me.

Applicant's signature_____ **Date**_____

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Thank you for your interest in Camp Gray!!!