

Sample Invitation to Apply: Individual Volunteers

Smokey Mountain Resort Ministries

Be a Part of Our Missions Team!

If God is leading you into a life or season of missions awareness and response, SMRM would invite you to consider working with us. We have a deep appreciation for summer missions people, and are always in need for such volunteers to work with our program. The ministry assignments are in campgrounds, outlet malls, the Parkway, special events, and theme parks. The work includes worship leadership, day camps, creative arts and music performance, and lots of personal ministry time. There is great emphasis on personal Christian growth and an understanding of the work of the church as experienced in an intentional community.

There are several roles that you can have on staff:

Summer missionaries are assigned through the North American Mission Board [NAMB] and various state Baptist conventions. These volunteers are college or graduate school students. They have their transportation paid and earn about \$600 for the summer. We can work with you in facilitating such an appointment.

Innovators are selected by us and assigned through NAMB. They are college students and perform double work for the summer. Innovators get secular jobs in our setting and earn a regular salary. In addition to the 40 hours they work, they also put in about 20 hours of ministry time. They must pay their own transportation and housing/ food (\$160/month). We assist them in finding jobs, and most leave with about \$600 at the end of the summer.

Sojourners are selected by SMRM and assigned through NAMB or Woman's Missionary Union. Sojourners have finished their junior or senior year of high school. They have their transportation paid and do not receive any summer salary. Again, SMRM selects our own Sojourners.

Art Holloway Missions Scholarship recipients are selected by SMRM and receive a stipend of \$500. These volunteers can be in high school or college. They are assigned through NAMB, which provides for transportation.

Missionary Apprentices are high school students (8-12 grade) who come for a one-week missions experience with our staff. They are selected by us with the intention of preparing for future staff roles. They provide their own transportation and receive no pay.

Houseparents are adult volunteers who come for one or two weeks or two during the summer to cook for and supervise the other staff. Houseparents are selected by SMRM.

All of our volunteers receive a basic health insurance for their term of service through NAMB. We have a large dormitory with houseparents that provide wonderful meals and promote a healthy Christian family setting.

Our summer staff program runs for the entire summer. Our dorm will open May 27 and orientation (required) will be June 2-9. August 15 is when most staff will depart, but ending dates are negotiable (especially if you can stay longer!).

Enclosed with this is an application that can be filled out and returned to us. We would be very interested in talking with you about your working with us. Please contact us if you have more questions or need help with the application process.

"I've grown the most this summer in my personal devotion and discipline to God. Also, I've never been pushed so hard to be in intentional ministry. I love it!"

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