

January 25, 2010

Dear Former and Potential New Counselors:

We invite you to participate with us as counselors at **Camp I-Thonka-Chi**, The Parkland Burn Camp, in 2010. Those of you who are interested in returning know what a rewarding experience it is. And for those of you who will be "rookies", we promise that this will be a wonderful week of making new friends, enjoying these great children, and experiencing the positive impact that you will have for our campers.

Camp dates: Saturday, June 5 – Friday, June 11, 2010
Arrive by 2:00 p.m. on June 5 (gates will not be attended until 1:00 p.m.)

Enclosed are the Counselor Application, Background Check Consent, and Code of Ethics. Our policy is that only counselors that can attend for the entire week will be accepted. Also, one of the eligibility requirements is that you be 19 years old by the first day of camp. The deadline for receiving the completed application and signed Code of Ethics is February 28, 2010. Please mail or fax this information to me by this date. You may copy the application if you wish.

We will be reviewing applications in February and April. Interviews with new applicants will be conducted during this time. The 2010 counselors will be chosen after the interview process is completed.

To meet the standards of Camp John Marc, mandatory training is required for all counselors prior to camp as well as the training sessions on Saturday and Sunday at camp. Documented training information is provided to CJM so that it is available for surveys that may take place regarding camping association accreditation. **Any person who is unable to attend the training sessions must contact Donna and make arrangements for training.** The expected dates of training are: **May 11 at 6:00 p.m. and May 15 at 9:00 a.m.** The location is yet to be determined. You will receive further information after the location is determined.

It takes a great deal of effort to meet the needs of our camp. Having a sufficient number of counselors is very important. However, being a counselor is not the only way to volunteer your help. So, if it's not possible for you to be a counselor this year, call and we'll let you know what's needed. If you know of others who might wish to volunteer, please give them our number. The web site is parklandburncamp.org. If you know of children who have been burned and that are not attending camp, please let their parents know about us.

Without you, our volunteers, Camp I-Thonka-Chi would not reach the level of success that we experience today. Your interest in becoming a counselor is greatly appreciated. We hope to receive your counselor application promptly.

Sincerely,

Donna Crump, PT
Director, Camp I-Thonka-Chi

Mail or fax application and signed Code of Ethics statement to:

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