YMCA of Honolulu - Camp Erdman
2020 Camp Assistant Application and Information

We offer Leadership Programs throughout the summer. These programs were designed by campers to meet their needs and goals. They all offer opportunities to mentor and work with our staff and younger campers in a leadership role, but there is an emphasis on camp activities, opportunities for new experiences, and time spent with peers.

The Camp Assistant (CA) program is the final step and is an opportunity for campers who have completed the 2 week leadership programs (LIT), or who have demonstrated leadership through school, volunteer, or work experiences, to take on the challenges of leadership in camp. CAs make a 3 week commitment, and assist in a variety of camp program areas including sports, crafts, game leadership, evening programs, and aquatics. They are also role models for younger campers.

The CA program is a competitive volunteer experience for those teens entering 11th or 12th grade and they must apply and interview for placement. They must be responsible, dependable, and self-motivated. They should have either completed our leadership program or demonstrate proof of similar training and experience. Although supervised by camp staff, CAs must be able to work successfully as individuals and as part of a group. There is no charge for the CA program.

What type of people are we looking for? The CA program is designed to build skills and provide leadership opportunities for teens. However, we are looking for participants who want to be at camp, are responsible, energetic, positive, and motivated. They must be a good role model and capable of working with diverse children in a positive and supportive manner.

Applicants for the CA Program: Do not fill out a camp registration form. Return this completed CA application and signed Code of Conduct to Camp Erdman. Applications are accepted March 1-31st.

To apply for a CA position, please fill out and return the attached application to:

EMAIL: CampErdman@YMCAHonolulu.org

OR MAIL:
YMCA Camp Erdman
69-385 Farrington Hwy
Waialua, HI 96791
YMCA of Honolulu, Camp Erdman
2020 Camp Assistant Application

Date ___________________________ Camper Phone Number (_____ ) _________________________
Camper Name (in full) __________________________ Camper Email ____________________________
Address __________________________________ City, State, Zip: _________________________________
Current Grade in School ______ Your Birthday _____ / _____ / ____ Age in June, 2020 ______ T-Shirt Size ______
Parent/Guardian Contact info: (Names, phones, emails)
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Personal Information (attach additional sheet)
What are your hobbies and interests?
What do you think your best quality is?
In what area do you feel you need the most improvement?
Who is a role model for you and why?
Why do you want to be a Camp Assistant?

References
I have discussed the CA program with the following people and they are supportive of my participation:
Name ___________________________ Phone # __________________ Relationship to you _________________
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Work & Volunteer Experience (attach additional sheet if needed)
List any experience you have had working with children: __________________________
List any service projects you have been involved with: _____________________________
Have you ever participated in a resident camp? If so, where and how? ___________________________

List any other skills you feel would be helpful at camp:
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____________________________________________________________________________________
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For all participants: The facts set forth in the application are true and complete. I have read the program
description and understand the goals and purpose of the program. I agree to abide by camp rules and
policies.

______________________________ Date __________________
Camp Assistant Signature

______________________________ Date __________________
Parent/Guardian Signature

Please circle which Session you would most like to attend (not guaranteed)

(Circle one): June 07 – June 26 OR July 12 – July 31

Transportation: ___ Own transportation
____________ Nu’uanu Branch bus pick-up needed
____________ Nu’uanu Branch bus drop-off needed
____________ Airport pick-up needed
____________ Airport drop-off needed
1. CAs shall be a positive role model for youth by maintaining an attitude of respect, caring, patience, courtesy, tact, and maturity.
2. CAs shall use positive techniques of guidance, including redirection, positive reinforcement and encouragement rather than competition, comparison and criticism.
3. CAs should be aware of the health of children and tell the nurse or program director if something is noticed.
4. CAs shall respond to children with respect and consideration and treat all children equally regardless of sex, race, religion or culture.
5. CAs shall appear clean, neat and appropriately attired.
6. CAs shall respect all children’s right to not be touched in ways that make them feel uncomfortable and their right to say no.
7. CAs shall not abuse children including: physical injury (strike, spank, slap); verbal abuse (humiliate, degrade, threaten); sexual abuse (inappropriate touch or verbal exchange); unjustifiable punishment (shaming, cruelty); neglect (withholding food, water). Any type of abuse will not be tolerated and may be cause for immediate dismissal from camp.
8. CAs should never put themselves in a position where they are alone with a child.
9. No child, regardless of age, should ever enter a bathroom alone in camp or on a field trip.
10. Using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is prohibited. Smoking or use of tobacco is also prohibited.
11. Profanity, inappropriate jokes, sharing of intimate details of one’s personal life, and any kind of harassment is prohibited.
12. CAs shall refrain from intimate displays of affection towards others. Personal relationships beyond friendship are not appropriate at camp.
13. CAs must be supervised by a staff member at all times.
14. CAs are required to report observed violations of the Code of Conduct to the Summer Director.
15. CAs will not be able to leave camp other than with a parent or legal guardian.
16. At no time will CAs be with staff members during activities unrelated to camp or outside of camp unless it is an organized camp trip with appropriate staff supervision.
17. CAs are to remain on Camp for the duration of their stay.
18. CAs will not be permitted to drive, or have a vehicle at Camp without a note from parent/guardian on file with Program Director.
19. Auto keys must be handed in to Program Director upon arrival. They will be returned at departure time.
20. CAs will be required to be in their bunks no later than 10:00 pm.
21. CAs and parents must understand that CAs are considered campers and at no time are to call themselves or solely play the role of a YMCA Staff member.

I have read and understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct may result in dismissal from camp and greatly reduce my ability to return to Camp as a future Camp Assistant or Staff Member.

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Print Camp Assistant Name      Camp Assistant Signature       Date

I have read and understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct may result in me picking up my son/daughter at any time during their stay at Camp Erdman.

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Print Parent/Guardian Name      Parent/Guardian Signature       Date