

# Camp Peaceworks

## 2017 Camp Information & Camper Application

### What is Camp Peaceworks?

- Camp Peaceworks, a project of the Centre County Women's Resource Center (CCWRC), is a week-long summer day camp for Centre County Youth ages 13-17y who are interested in issues of social justice and change. Participants in the camp will explore important issues relating to the existence of social and community injustices and violence. The ultimate purpose of Camp Peaceworks is to give youth a voice, or the opportunity to share their experiences regarding these issues, and to help them become an integral part of the solution.
- By committing to this project, we acknowledge that youth have the ambition and ability to participate in making significant social change. We are aware that affecting positive change requires forming alliances—across intersections of race, gender, age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and ability. We all bring something valuable to the table. With this in mind, we are recruiting youth of all different backgrounds to take part in this collaboration.

### Key Information

- **Camp Dates:** **July 24-28, 2017** (Monday-Friday)
- **Camp Hours:** **9:00a-5:00p** (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri) & **9:00a-8:00p** (Thurs)
- **Camp Location:** **Seven Mountains Scout Camp**  
227 Sand Mountain Rd., Spring Mills, PA 16875
- **Pick Up/Drop Off:** **Hills Plaza Parking Lot (7:50am, 5:30pm)**  
110 Rolling Ridge Dr, State College, PA 16801
- **Camp Fee:** Camp Peaceworks is **FREE!** Campers attend *on scholarship*, at no cost. Transportation, meals, and snacks will be provided.

### Camper Expectations

- Campers should have an active interest in the issues of social justice, community change, and specifically gender justice, racial justice, class justice, and other justice concerns.
- During Camp Peaceworks, participants will be provided with the information and tools to brainstorm a social justice project they would like to implement in their schools or communities post-camp. By the end of the camp week, campers will be able to name and describe their projects.
- Further, campers will be asked to actively engage post-camp in an ongoing school or community project that promotes peace, tolerance, and social justice. They will be provided with *ongoing* support necessary to work to achieve this goal.
- Campers will be encouraged to attend the Camp Peaceworks Reunion event post-camp, as well as attend monthly alliance meetings throughout the school year. (Dates TBD.)
- Participants successfully completing Camp Peaceworks will be given the opportunity to apply for positions as *Youth Leaders & Facilitators* for future camps.

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## Information for Parents & Guardians

Camp Peaceworks is an exciting project of the Centre County Women's Resource Center (CCWRC) and its community partners, both volunteer and professional.

The goal of Camp Peaceworks is to encourage young people to work together within our community to foster a multicultural society based on love, caring, and justice—with the ultimate goal of **decreasing violence** by creating a more *inherently* peaceful society.

Currently, the Camp Peaceworks team is recruiting a diverse group of 20-30 students—who have just recently completed their 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade school year—to participate in a five-day summer day camp. Camp Peaceworks will be held at the **Seven Mountains Scout Camp** beginning **Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**. (Note: Activities will extend into the evening on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.) All campers will attend “on scholarship,” or free of charge. Food, snacks, and transportation, will all be provided.

Camp Peaceworks is based on the curriculum, “**Making the Peace**,” by Paul Kivel and Allan Creighton, with the Oakland Men's Project. The “**Making the Peace**” curriculum provides the framework for understanding violence, and the roles of gender, race, class, and economic status as the issues which contribute to it. Further, the program was written to help young people break away from violence, develop positive self-esteem, and regain a sense of community.

While Camp Peaceworks begins with a five-day encampment, it does not end there! A critical part of the project is the development of ongoing activities and initiatives within schools and faith-based institutions, and as part of community projects, that will continue the work begun at camp. Camp Peaceworks' trained staff and volunteers will follow and help nurture these projects throughout the year. This project intends to enlist young people to aid in the elimination of violence, the fostering of respect, the promotion of social justice, and ultimately **peace**, within our community. For additional information about Camp Peaceworks, please contact us by email at [camp@ccwrc.org](mailto:camp@ccwrc.org)

### **Parent/Guardian Approval**

All parents/guardians will have the opportunity to communicate any special needs (dietary, medical, etc.) their child may have prior to camp. When acceptance letters are mailed to campers, information packets will be mailed to parents/guardians. Please return the required forms to us at one of the two Parent/Guardian Orientation sessions (dates TBD). These sessions will be held at the conference room of the CCWRC (140 W Nittany Ave.). If you cannot attend one of the Parent/Guardian Orientation sessions, please mail the materials so that they are received at our office no later than Friday, July 14' 2017. **No camper will be allowed on the bus to Camp Peaceworks without all required forms!**

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## Student Camper Application

### CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level Completed (2016-17 school year): \_\_\_\_\_th

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Home (Street) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: PA Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print clearly)

May we contact you via social media? Yes No

If **Yes**, what is the best way to access you via social media? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any dietary restrictions?  vegetarian  vegan  gluten intolerance

other: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: Female style:  S  M  L  XL  XXL

Male style:  S  M  L  XL  XXL

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**\*\*Answers to the following questions are not mandatory; they are of interest to us in the spirit of recruiting a diverse team of campers for involvement in Camp Peaceworks.**

**Do you identify as....**

**\*\*1.**  Male  Female  Transgender  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*2.**  Heterosexual (straight)  Gay  Lesbian  Bisexual

Queer  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*3.**  Caucasian (White)  African American (Black)  Latino

Bi/Multi-racial  Native American  Asian

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Parent/Guardian Approval Form

By signing this form, and if my child's application is accepted, I give permission for them to attend Camp Peaceworks from **July 24-28, 2017**, at the Seven Mountains Scout Camp located in Spring Mills, PA.

*(Note: Please attach this form to the Student Camper Application and mail to us. Please keep the information pages for your reference.)*

Student Camper Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print name legibly)

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### **\*\*\*Parent/Guardian Signature and Contact Information\*\*\***

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Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print name legibly)

Daytime Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

*Although Camp Peaceworks is provided at no cost to student campers, we will gratefully accept any cash donations you may wish to provide to help cover the expenses of the camp. If you choose to do so, checks can be made to Centre County Women's Resource Center with a notation that it is for "Camp Peaceworks." Donations can also be made online at [www.ccwrc.org](http://www.ccwrc.org). (Enter "Camp Peaceworks" under "Gift Notes.")*

*Thank you for your consideration.*