

Camp Peaceworks

2018 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 23-27, 2018** (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.
- Due to the personal nature of the topics discussed we try to create a safe space for youth to make mistakes and take chances at being vulnerable.
- We ask that campers be open, honest, and willing to learn. You will never be forced to share, but it will greatly enhance your experience.
- Since the themes in camp build upon each other from day to day and create a trusting environment, we ask that campers commit to attending the entire week.
- 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 8th to 11th 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 23^h through Friday, July 27th**. (Note: Activities will extend into the evening on Thursday, July 26th.) 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 to meet regularly with campers at monthly alliance meetings or events chosen by campers and adult allies, that will continue the work begun at camp. These events give campers the opportunity to continue to build relationships with other youth and expand on the knowledge they gain while at camp. 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

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 sent to campers, information packets will be sent 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, June 29, 2018**.

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 (2017-18 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

****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 23-27, 2018**, at the Seven Mountains Scout Camp located in Spring Mills, PA.

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

Student Camper Name: _____
(please print name legibly)

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

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
(please print name legibly)

Daytime Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Applications Due by June 29, 2018
Once completed, please return this application to:

camp@ccwrc.org

or

Centre County Women's Resource Center
Attn: Camp Peaceworks
140 W. Nittany Ave.
State College, PA 16801
THANK YOU!!

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. (Enter "Camp Peaceworks" under "Gift Notes.")

Thank you for your consideration.