

# Camp Peaceworks

## 2019 Camp Information & Camper Application

### What is Camp Peaceworks?

- Camp Peaceworks, a project of Centre Safe, 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 effecting 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. As interest in Camp Peaceworks continues to grow, we may not be able to take all campers that apply. Please know there may be a selection process as we try to extend opportunities to as many applicants as possible while also striving to create a diverse and inclusive community for the camp experience.

### Key Information

- **Camp Dates:** **July 22-26, 2019** (Monday-Friday)
- **Camp Hours:** **9:00a-5:00p** (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri) & **9:00a-8:00p** (Thurs)
- **Application Deadlines:** **Priority Deadline:** June 10th\*  
**Final Deadline:** June 28th\*  
\* We will begin confirming acceptance into camp after the “Priority Deadline,” although we will continue to consider applications received through the “Final Deadline.”
- **Camp Location:** **Seven Mountains Scout Camp**  
227 Sand Mountain Rd., Spring Mills, PA 16875
- **Pick Up/Drop Off:** **Weis Market Plaza Area (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 Centre Safe 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 22<sup>h</sup> through Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**. (Note: Activities will extend into the evening on Thursday, July 25<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 to explore ways to meet with campers at alliance meetings or other social justice-related community events throughout the rest of the year, 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@centresafe.org](mailto:camp@centresafe.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 (Monday July 8, Tuesday July 16, 6-7:30 pm). 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 28, 2019**. We will send out more information about the orientation sessions closer to the dates.

**No camper will be allowed on the bus to Camp Peaceworks without all required forms!**

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**Once completed, please return this application to:**

[camp@centresafe.org](mailto:camp@centresafe.org)

or

**Centre Safe**

**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 monetary 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 Safe with a notation that it is for "Camp Peaceworks." Donations can also be made online at [www.centresafe.org](http://www.centresafe.org). (Enter "Camp Peaceworks" under "Gift Notes.")*

*Thank you for your consideration.*

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## 2019 Student Camper Application

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Grade Level Completed (2018-19 school year): \_\_\_\_\_

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 considerations?  vegetarian  vegan  gluten intolerance

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

T-shirt size:  XS  S  M  L  XL  2XL  3XL  4XL

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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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**PERSONAL EXPERIENCES** *(Please feel free to include additional pages if needed)*

**1. Why are you interested in attending *Camp Peaceworks*? How do you think that you, your school, and your community would benefit from your attendance?**

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**2. Please describe the activities (in and/or out of school) with which you are involved:**

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**3. As we work to create a safe and comfortable learning environment, are there any considerations that you would like us to know? (e.g. sensitivity to loud settings, sensory issues, social anxiety, mobility considerations, etc.):**

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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 22-26, 2019**, 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)*

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

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(please print name legibly)*

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

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

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

Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_