

Houston Area Celebration #21
Mom & Dad (Adult) Staff Application
Camp Cho-Yeh, Livingston, Texas
August 4-6, 2017

Please return application to: Carol Hunt, Houston Area Celebration Registrar,
4426 Vandermere Court, Kingwood, TX 77345
registrar@houstonareacelebration.org Phone: 281-352-3365
Application Deadline: **July 1, 2017**

Name _____ Name you go by _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Your E-mail Address _____

Home Church _____ T-shirt Size _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Number, date and location of Participant Cursillo/Pilgrimage _____

Previous Service on Cursillo/Pilgrimage or Celebration Staffs (number, position) _____

Celebration is a faith-building event provided by young people, for young people, with youth staff providing most of the weekend leadership. All Moms and Dads are part of the staff, participating in essential guidance, support and chaperone roles, including sleeping in staff or participant cabins. Also, five specialized Mom & Dad roles, called Mentors, provide dedicated guidance to a team Head. While it's very helpful, but not absolutely essential, to have had previous Pilgrimage, Cursillo or Celebration staff experience to be a Mom or Dad, it is essential for a Mentor Mom or Dad to have had previous Cursillo or Celebration experience, especially in the corresponding Pilgrimage/ Cursillo/ Celebration area. Please indicate your preferred staff role for the weekend:

- Regular Mom/Dad Music Mentor Family Gopher Mentor Family Leader Mentor
 Gopher Hole Mentor Happening Team (on-site prayer/staff support) Mentor

Moms and Dads are to attend training/workday on July 22, and mom/dad training on July 30. The fee for Moms and Dads for Houston Area Celebration #21 is \$200, payable with this application. Checks should be payable to Houston Presbyterian Pilgrimage. Applications are not processed until the fee is received. Checks are not deposited until the weekend. Application and payment can also be made on-line at www.houstonareacelebration.org. Commitments and covenants made by participants and staff are listed on the back of this form - please read through them so you are comfortable with your adult role for the weekend.

I wish to have two T-shirts. If so, please add \$12 to your staff fee (Total of \$212).

NOTE: A separate Assumption of Risk Waiver form is required by Camp Cho-Yeh and must also be signed and sent with this registration form.

Participant and Staff Covenants

In order to have an understanding with each youth attending Celebration of the behavioral standards they are expected to meet, participants and youth staff members have made various commitments on their applications. The most important of the staff commitments are those of ministry and servanthood. It is our responsibility as adult Christian leaders on a Celebration weekend to nurture and encourage both participants and staff toward these commitments. So that you are familiar with these commitments before the Celebration training, workdays and weekend begin, please review these commitments as you complete this application. Any questions regarding these or other policies of Houston Area Celebration can be directed to the Celebration Registrar. Thanks for your dedication to the ministry of our young people.

Participants made the following commitments when they signed their applications to attend Celebration:

Celebration is an opportunity to explore your faith and experience the love of Christ. If you're able to attend Houston Area Celebration #21, you agree to:

- ◆ exhibit appropriate Christian behavior and actively participate in activities during the weekend
- ◆ refrain from use of any illegal drugs, prescription drugs not prescribed for you, alcohol, or tobacco products
- ◆ accept and respect the decisions of the adult leaders during weekend

The youth staff made the following Staff Covenants when they completed their applications: (as modified for adults)

Celebration is an opportunity to serve as Christ's representative to others, so if I am selected for a staff role at Celebration #21, I agree to:

- ◆ serve other participants and staff during the weekend, which means I may have to make appropriate personal sacrifices in order to live out my faith and demonstrate the love of Christ.
- ◆ attend the youth training session on **July 22** so that I am spiritually and mentally prepared to serve the Celebration participants in my assigned role. (Note the Mom/Dad training session is on Sunday evening **July 30**.)
- ◆ attend the staff workday on **July 1** if possible to help prepare supplies and equipment for the weekend.
- ◆ write one piece of **handwritten** Caritas for each participant and one piece of **handwritten** Caritas for each staff member. I will turn this Caritas in to the Head Caritas Gopher upon my arrival at camp. Caritas for the participants, in all of its forms, will be one of my first priorities. (**Note: Moms and Dads are encouraged to write one note for each youth, but this is not required.**)
- ◆ serve the participants with energy, imagination, enthusiasm and unconditional love, abiding by the necessary bedtimes set by the Moderator in order to do so. I also agree to model appropriate Christian behavior, actively participating in all group activities during the weekend.
- ◆ refrain from use of any illegal drugs or prescription drugs not prescribed for me, including all alcohol and tobacco products. I understand that the consequences of breaking this covenant are loss of my staff role and having to leave the Celebration weekend.
- ◆ agree to submit to a background check and special training by the time of HAC **21**.
- ◆ accept and respect the decisions of the adult leaders during weekend.

As an adult active in the church today, I understand the need to protect the safety of our children to the best of our ability. I understand that I will be asked to sign a release permitting a criminal background check to be completed on me. I will also complete any other training required to be deemed eligible to care for Celebration youth.

In the event of an accident resulting in injury or loss, I specifically agree to indemnify Houston Area Celebration, Houston Presbyterian Pilgrimage and their volunteers and agents from any liability for such accident, injury or loss to me or my child occurring on the retreat weekend including transportation to and from the weekend.

Pictures and video records will be made during the weekend. I authorize use of pictures of me for making a photographic record by Celebration adults of the weekend for presentation at Closing, for participant memories and for publicity for future weekends.

There will be a Mom-Dad training session in Houston (**July 30**) that I agree to attend if at all possible.

Food Allergies or other health concerns? _____

In signing this document, I agree and commit to assist in this Houston Area Celebration weekend in keeping with all of the statements and requirements as listed above:

Your signature _____ Date _____



GROUP NAME:
Houston Celebration - HAC #21 2017

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INDIVIDUAL ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, RELEASE, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Each participant must fill out this form. All forms should be turned in to Camp Cho-Yeh before or upon arrival.

I wish to enter onto Camp Cho-Yeh's premises and to participate in recreational activities to be made available to participants at Camp and Conference Center, Inc. I am aware that there are a number of risks of injury and death at Camp Cho-Yeh. I am aware that Camp Cho-Yeh has a lake on site and has direct access to a swimming pool. Therefore, I may have the opportunity to participate in aquatic activities including, but not limited to, swimming, kayaking, fishing and any other activity arranged for me by the group leader and Camp Cho-Yeh's Staff. I acknowledge that it is the full responsibility of me (or legal guardian if under the age of eighteen) to decide on and carry out any activity restrictions I (or legal guardian) deem personally necessary. I acknowledge that non-swimmers or weak swimmers should not participate in aquatic activities. I understand Camp Cho-Yeh also offers activities on a Challenge Course. This Course includes elements as high as forty-five (45) feet high with which a belay system is used as well as low elements approximately six (6) feet high with which group spotters are used. I understand that Camp Cho-Yeh offers activities on a paintball course. I acknowledge that paintball is a strenuous activity in which participants can and do get injured including the lower body, mid-section, upper body, and head. In addition, marks are usually left on the skin when a paintball makes contact with a participant. I understand other activities include, but are not limited to, team and individual sports, miscellaneous games, and all aspects of camping. I am aware and understand that the activities discussed in this document are only some examples of risks of injury and death at Camp Cho-Yeh, and that these and/or other activities in which I participate during my stay at Camp Cho-Yeh (the "Activities") may be hazardous or otherwise involve a risk of physical injury or death to participants. I understand hazards include, but are not limited to, the hazards of being in a wilderness area, the forces of nature, and other reasons associated with the activities.

In consideration of Camp Cho-Yeh permitting me to enter upon premises owned or controlled by Camp Cho-Yeh, to participate in Activities at Camp Cho-Yeh, and/or to use any equipment owned or controlled by Camp Cho-Yeh, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I agree as follows:

I expressly assume any and all risks of injury or death arising from or relating in any way to the following "Causes": (i) my ingress, egress or presence or activity on Camp Cho-Yeh's premises (including but not limited to participation in Activities defined above), (ii) the condition of Camp Cho-Yeh's premises, the adjoining land, or any of the driveways, streets, or alleys used in connection with Camp Cho-Yeh's premises, or (iii) the use or condition of any equipment on Camp Cho-Yeh's premises or equipment owned or controlled by Camp Cho-Yeh, or (iv) any act or omission of Cho-Yeh Camp and Conference Center, Inc., its affiliates, contractors, vendors, directors, officers, agents, sponsors, employees, staff, volunteers, or representatives of any kind (collectively "Releasees"). On behalf of myself, my dependents and personal representatives, **I hereby agree to waive and release any and all actions, claims, suits or demands of any kind or nature** whatsoever against the Releasees arising from or relating in any way to any of the Causes. I understand and agree that this Individual Assumption of Risk, Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement means, among other things, that **if I am injured or die as a result of any of the Causes, I, my family, my heirs, and others cannot under any circumstances sue Releasees** or any of them for damages relating to or caused by my injuries or death.

I agree to indemnify, to the extent permitted by the laws and constitution of the State of Texas, **Releasees** or any of them, and their subrogees, if any, in the event of any loss, damage or claim (including court costs and attorneys' fees) for my injury or death arising from or relating in any way to any of the Causes. **MY ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, RELEASE, AND OBLIGATIONS TO INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES UNDER THIS DOCUMENT SHALL APPLY TO LIABILITIES EVEN IF SUCH LIABILITIES ARE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE SOLE, JOINT, OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR LIABILITY OF ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE RELEASEES, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH SOLE, JOINT, OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR LIABILITY WAS ACTIVE OR PASSIVE.**

I understand and agree that I would not have been permitted upon premises owned or controlled by Camp Cho-Yeh, and/or to use any equipment owned or controlled by Camp Cho-Yeh had I not executed this Individual Assumption of Risk, Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement.

I have read this Assumption of Risk, Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement, have asked and received answers to any questions I had concerning its meaning, and execute it freely, without duress, and in full complete understanding of its legal effect, and of the fact that it may affect my legal rights.

I hereby consent to and authorize Camp Cho-Yeh to use and reproduce any photographs and/or video taken of me for the purposes of web and print media designs and publications, and I will not receive compensation for such use.

Date Signature of Participant Printed Name of Participant

Street Address City State Zip E-mail (optional)

FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN

I am the parent or legal guardian of the child whose name and signature appear above. I have read and understand this Assumption of Risk, Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement, and consent on behalf of the Participant to its terms.

Date Signature of Parent Printed Name of Parent

Date Signature of Witness Printed Name of Witness

Emergency name and phone number in the event the above cannot be reached.

Printed Name of Contact Primary Phone Number Secondary Phone Number