

Camp Peaceworks

2020 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 13-17 who are interested in social justice and change. Participants in the camp will explore important concepts around identity, justice, allyship and action. At Camp Peaceworks, we work to provide youth a space to use their voice, the opportunity to share their experiences regarding issues that matter to them, and the skills and knowledge to help them become an integral part of the solution within our community.
- 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 expression, and ability. We all bring something valuable to the table. With this in mind, we are recruiting youth of 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 who 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 20-24, 2020** (Monday-Friday)
- *Camp Hours:* **9:00a-5:00p** (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri) & **9:00a-8:00p** (Thursday, July 23)
- *Camp Fee:* Camp Peaceworks is **FREE!**
Campers attend on scholarship, at no cost.
Transportation to/from State College, meals, and snacks will be provided.
- *Application* **Priority Deadline:** May 15, 2020
Deadlines: **Final Deadline:** June 12, 2020
- *Camp Location:* **Seven Mountains Scout Camp**
227 Sand Mountain Rd., Spring Mills, PA 16875
- *Bus Pick Up/Drop Off:* **Weis Market Plaza Area (approx. 7:50am, 5:30pm)**
110 Rolling Ridge Dr, State College, PA 16801

Camper Expectations

- Campers should have an active interest in social justice (such as gender justice, racial justice, class justice, etc.) and community change.
- Due to the personal nature of the topics discussed, we try to create a supportive 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 are invited to attend post-camp monthly meetups and events.
- Participants completing Camp Peaceworks will be given the opportunity to apply for positions as Youth Leaders & Facilitators for future camps.

More about Camp Peaceworks

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.

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 camp experience, 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 to build relationships with other youth and expand on the knowledge they gain in the summer. A future and continued goal of Camp Peaceworks is to find supportive ways to work with young people as they organize, use their voices, challenge policies, and work to prevent violence in their lives, schools, and in the community.

For additional information about Camp Peaceworks, please contact us by email at camp@centresafe.org or visit www.centresafe.org/education-and-prevention/camp.

Parent/Guardian Approval

All parents/guardians and youth will have the opportunity to communicate any special needs (dietary, medical, etc.) their child may have prior to camp. Information packets with detailed information will be sent out by/in June 2020. Please return the completed required forms to us at Parent/Guardian Orientation (date/time TBD). If you cannot attend Parent/Guardian Orientation, please mail or email the materials so that they are received at our office no later than **Friday, July 10, 2020**. We will send out more information about the orientation session 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

or

Centre Safe

Attn: Camp Peaceworks

140 W. Nittany Ave.

State College, PA 16801

or

Fax: 814-238-4449

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. (Enter "Camp Peaceworks" under "Gift Notes.") Thank you for your consideration.

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2020 Student Camper Application

CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Grade Level Completed (2019-20 school year): _____

Last Name: _____ School Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Home (Street) Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Number: () ____ - _____ Cell Number: () ____ - _____

Email Address: _____ (please print clearly)

Do you have any dietary considerations? vegetarian vegan gluten intolerance

other: _____

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

Answers to the following questions are not mandatory; they are of interest to us in the spirit of creating a diverse group of campers for involvement in Camp Peaceworks.

I identify my gender as _____

Examples: Man/Boy, Woman/Girl, Transgender, Demigender, Non-Binary etc.

I identify my sexual orientation as _____

Examples: Straight, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Queer, Asexual etc.

I identify my race as _____

Examples: African American or Black, Latinx, Bi- or Multi- Racial, Asian, Native American, White

I identify my ethnicity as _____

Examples: Jewish, Arab, Russian, Caribbean, African, Tribal affiliation etc.

I identify my ability as _____

Examples: Able-bodied, Differently abled, Neurodivergent, Aneurotypical etc.

Please tell us about any other identities that you are proud of or that we did not ask about:

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?

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

3. As we work to create an open 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.):

4. Please circle or highlight any social justice topics of interest as you think about what you might like to explore more at Camp Peaceworks.

Racial Justice

Disability Justice

**Environmental Justice/
Climate Change**

Immigration

LGBTQ+ Justice

Gender Justice

Youth Justice

Indigenous Rights

Religious Freedom

Other (please write in):

5. What do you hope to experience and take away from Camp Peaceworks?

Thank you for telling us about YOU!

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Parent/Guardian Approval Form

By signing this form, and if my child's application is accepted, I give permission for my child to attend Camp Peaceworks from **July 20-24, 2020**, 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: ___ / ___ / ___