

## SpringHill Day Camp Volunteers

Except for Host Partner Counselors, all volunteer roles for the week are voluntary and unpaid. All volunteers are required to sign up on SpringHill's website; there will be no exceptions.

**Volunteers can sign-up using this link:**

[www.springhillexperiences.com/day-camp-volunteer](http://www.springhillexperiences.com/day-camp-volunteer)

Please see descriptions of each of these volunteer roles below.

- Counselors-in-Training (CITs)
- Registration Volunteers
- Host Homes
- Lunch Prep volunteers
- Staff Gathering Hosts
- Prayer Partners

### Host Homes

**Quantity: (SpringHill Staff/3)**

#### Role Description

A host home houses 2-5 SpringHill staff during the week of camp. They will provide dinner on Monday and Wednesday and a light breakfast throughout the week. Staff will arrive on Sunday evening before camp and will leave on Sunday or Friday following camp. Our staff have their own transportation during the summer, and host homes will not be asked for rides. If SpringHill staff are staying the weekend in a host home, the host family is not expected to entertain them, rather we encourage SpringHill staff to get out of the house and do things together on weekends.

#### Recruitment and Selection

Families who serve as host homes should be flexible, love to host people, and understand that our staff won't be there all the time. Below are some requirements for host homes:

- Clean house
- Bathroom and shower available
- Beds preferred, however we have air mattresses available
- Can accommodate at least 2 SpringHill staff (3 or more preferred)
- Separate rooms (staff should not share rooms with host family members)
- Within 10 miles of your site (strongly preferred)

Host Homes sign up online and will be background checked by SpringHill staff. **Christ Church will provide a discount/credit to families who become our Host Homes.** All host homes who sign up and are chosen will receive an email saying their home will be used. SpringHill will communicate names of staff, any allergies the staff may have, and when the staff will arrive directly to the Host Homes the week before camp.

### **In Their Words**

“I always prayed that I could use my home as a ministry and so I started hosting SpringHill staff about three years ago. Our kids absolutely love going to camp and seeing counselors at their house. They think it’s the coolest thing! I love that my kids have such positive influences right inside our home. It’s not what you think; you’re not invaded. You just have an extended family for a little while and it’s so fun. The staff really do become a part of your family and it’s always hard to see them go.”

~ Stephanie Slocum, mother of three, Novi MI

“I love hearing about their lives, what brought them to Springhill, their hopes and dreams, their heart for God, and their ups and downs during their long, grueling days serving the kids of our community. They have inspired us in this way - so many come home with hard stories from the day and then genuinely thank God for the time they have with the kids. They really are an amazing group of people. We like to look at it as our way to give back to these young men and women that are pouring their heart and souls into our community.”

~ Sherry Bucher, mother of two, Valparaiso IN

## **Lunch Prep Volunteers**

### **Role Description**

Lunch Prep Volunteers will help each day of camp preparing food for SpringHill staff and Host Partner Volunteers for lunch at 11:45 a.m. every day. They will be in charge of preparing lunch and cleaning up each day. There are no age restrictions for this role. We need a lead person assigned to this task for the week or one person for each day to ensure all the details are addressed. Please also contact [Shari Knutson](#) if you are interested. NOTE: Friday’s sponsored lunch for families and volunteers will require extra lunch prep volunteers.

Need:

- 1 lead volunteer + multiple assistants prepare each meal for the week
- Many volunteers serve the food

## **Staff Gathering Hosts Quantity: 2**

### **Role Description**

Staff gathering volunteers are families who are willing to open their home on Tuesday and Thursday night for SpringHill staff to gather for dinner and fun. Families will feed the SpringHill team and allow us to use their backyards or living rooms for gathering. The team will stay from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m.

Many times, families serving as a host home are also excited to host the entire team for one night. Other times, someone may not be able to host for an entire week, but would still like the experience of hosting SpringHill staff. Please also contact [Shari Knutson](#) if you are interested in hosting a Staff Gathering.

## **Host Partner Counselors (Camper Goal/8) x 3**

This is a great opportunity for Christ Church's high school students to grow in serving at SpringHill camp.

### **Host Partner Counselors Receive:**

- Training before camp starts
- Job skill development
- Intentional spiritual development during the week
- Growth opportunities in the future
- Pay at \$200/week

### **Host Partner Counselor Requirements:**

- Be at least 16 years old
- Assist in leading a group of campers alongside a SpringHill Counselor
- Assist in running activities
- Provide energy, enthusiasm and encouragement to the experience
- Assist in leading games, songs, bathroom breaks, etc. throughout camp

## Host Partner Counselor Application Process

1. Host Partner Counselor applicants will fill out the application using this link: [www.springhillexperiences.com/work1week](http://www.springhillexperiences.com/work1week).
2. Host Partner Counselors will schedule an interview with someone on our team.
3. SpringHill will review the application, references, and background check, and schedule an interview.
4. If the Host Partner Counselor applicant will make a great fit, he or she will receive an offer via email! This offer must be accepted by the applicant at least one week before camp.

## Counselors in Training (CITs)

### Role Description

A Counselor-in-Training is an opportunity for youth too old for camp, but too young to be employed by SpringHill to train to become a future counselor. Like SpringHill Counselors, CITs build relationships with campers and work with the same group of campers for the entire week. This includes playing GWAPS (Games With A Purpose), singing songs, helping with activities, and talking with kids about what they're learning about God.

CITs are expected to attend a training on Sunday before camp and will be part of morning devotionals. CITs have a significant impact on campers, and this is a relationship that we hope can be fostered even after camp is over! We love CITs that have a lot of energy, are service-minded, and love Jesus!

### Recruitment and Selection

Each CIT must be at least thirteen years of age. (There will be no exceptions to this minimum age.) CITs are between the ages of 13–15. There will be a cap on the number of CITs who can sign up at Christ Church, put in place by SpringHill.

CITs will be selected through an application process or by invitation.

CITs will sign up online and will receive communication from our staff closer to camp with details such as when to arrive on Sunday, what to bring, and generally what they can expect from this experience. Please contact [Shari Knutson](#) if your teen has interest in being a CIT as we need background checks on each student. Also, be advised that SpringHill will cap the number of CITs at camp.

### **In Their Words**

“I have been a CIT for two years now. I love learning how to teach kids about God and being a good influence. I love to see how happy kids are at camp and I get to help make their entire week! I learned a lot about myself and I get pumped every year SpringHill comes to my church!”  
~ Zack Giammalva, 15

“Being a CIT is so much fun! You get to further God’s kingdom and give to people, but you also get so much in return. My favorite thing about being a CIT is watching the “click” that happens when a camper realizes that God really loves them. I had a little boy accept Christ during the week and it was awesome to see how much he changed after making that decision. Through being a CIT, I have learned a lot about patience and having compassion for people.”  
~ Kayla Harris, 15

### **Registration Volunteers**

#### **Role Description**

On Monday (the first day of registration), Registration Volunteers help process registration quickly and efficiently. They will be stationed at tables and help parents and campers through the check-in process. This is an excellent opportunity to give parents and children a great first impression of Christ Church!

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, be detail-oriented and have great people skills. These volunteers must be available from 8:00–9:30 a.m. Volunteers will be trained at 8:00 a.m. on Monday morning. Please contact [Shari Knutson](#) if you’re interested in being a registration volunteer.

### **Prayer Partners**

#### **Role Description**

Scripture reminds us that, “The battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 6:12) Because we believe this truth, we must engage prayers warriors, both on-site at camp, and off-site who are committed to do battle spiritually, on the behalf of all campers. This role at camp is training ground for all of us, as we deliberately engage lots of Christians in interceding on behalf of the ministry of SpringHill. This role promises to stretch, challenge and surprise with “God-sized” answers to prayers!

Prayer partners will have the opportunity to pray for each camper, summer leader and Day Camp Site leaders. We’re looking for partners who are passionate about prayer. It could be just one person or a couple or small group who serves all week during camp. Please contact [Shari Knutson](#) if you are interested in becoming a prayer partner.