



Staff Application

Sokol National Camp 2024 - Staff Information

In order to provide the highest level of programming and safety for our campers, we ask each potential Camp Staffer to complete an application that will be reviewed and approved for selection prior to the Camping period. If you have an interest in being on the National Camp Staff, please submit the required paperwork by the deadline to be considered. In addition to your application, please submit a letter of recommendation from your Unit or District Leader.

ALL STAFF APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2024.

Required: National Camp Staff/Counselors will be at least 18 years of age, a Sokol member in good standing for at least 1 year, have experience supervising/working with children (explain on application). All applicants must pass a background check and complete the SafeSport certification course.

Preferred: Previous Sokol Camper/Sokol Instructor's Course Attendee, Camp Counselor / Instructor experience, CPR Certification

Additional Information: An average day at Camp may include any of the following activities and others not listed. As a Staff member you will be expected to take part in or supervise camper activities including chores, sports, crafts, swimming, games, meals, and more. If you feel that for any reason you may not be able to meet any of the expectations outlined, please speak to the Camp Director prior to submitting your application.

ALL STAFF APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY APRIL 1, 2024 TO:

Maria Breidenbach, National Camp Director
4509 Tholozan Ave
St. Louis, MO 63116

Forms can be emailed to mariab4@gmail.com

Staff Selections will be made by April 15.

Please do not make travel arrangements without confirmation from Camp Director.

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Staff Expectations

- Be knowledgeable about and willing to enforce all Camp rules promoting a safe environment
- Follow a schedule, adhere to scheduled meal and sleep times so as not to detract from activities
- Attend pre-Camp virtual meetings to collaborate programming leading up to Camp
- Willingness and ability to plan, prepare, and lead activities during Camp
- Assist fellow staff members with their activities as needed
- Supervisor Camper behaviors and interactions, being mindful of any potential safety or disciplinary issues and respond accordingly
- Limit personal phone use, minimize personal down-time; be present and participating with Campers during activities and free time (We all have lives outside of Camp and you will have time to periodically check in with family/work etc, but this should be a minimal amount of time – do not expect flexibility to “work remotely” during Camp week)
- Be able to cope with limited sleep schedule, high temperatures, exposure to nature (bugs, sun, grass, pollen, poison ivy, etc), being on your feet for extended periods of time
- Additional duties may include assisting in kitchen, supervising chores, night watch, etc.



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First and Last Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age on June 23, 2024: _____

Sokol Unit: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ Phone: _____

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Medical Insurance Information

Carrier: _____ Group #: _____ Policy #: _____

Please complete the remainder of the application with detail. Include additional pages if needed.

Currently certified in: (check those that apply, be able to provide license if requested)

- CPR
- First Aid
- First Responder
- Lifeguard
- Other Similar _____

Why do you want to be a National Camp Counselor?



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Please list previous Camp Counseling/Staff experience (Sokol and Non-Sokol)

Describe any other experience working with children that would be beneficial in a camp setting.

Identify any skills/talents/knowledge that makes you uniquely qualified to be on staff (play an instrument, knowledge of trees/wildlife, etc)

What do you think our campers should get out of attending National Camp?

Think of yourself in the role of a National Camp Counselor. Identify 3 strengths you would bring to the role and 3 weaknesses that might require additional support.



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How will the campers describe you to their parents when they return home?

In submitting this document and pending selection of my application, I acknowledge and accept this position. I understand and agree that any action on my part that contradicts this agreement or the rules and regulations for Camp will be grounds for dismissal from my volunteer position. If I accept this position and become unable to fulfill my responsibilities I will notify the Camp Director immediately.

By signing this form I release the American Sokol Organization, Gymnastic Association Sokol, Sokol Camp and its members and volunteers from all responsibility for injury sustained by me during the camping period at Sokol Camp, Imperial, MO. I also understand that any pictures or video of me may appear in promotional materials including but not limited to a Sokol website, social media site or marketing materials. I understand I am expected to follow all rules, regulations, and directions set forth by the Camp Director and failure to comply may result in removal from Camp at my expense.

Signature

Date

Ensure all documentation has been reviewed and completed.

- Staff Application
- Waiver
- Letter of Recommendation from Unit or District Leader
- Health History and Emergency Information will be collected prior to the start of Camp.

Completed Paperwork must be received by April 1, 2024.

Staff Applications will be reviewed by the National Camp Director and committee members.

Applicants may be asked to participate in a virtual interview.

All applicants will be notified of their application status by April 15.



Sokol National Camp 2024

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in any AMERICAN SOKOL NATIONAL CAMP 2024 ("CAMP") activities from June 23-june 29, 2024, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, AGREE AND REPRESENT that I understand the nature of camp activities, including sports, games and others, both indoor and outdoor ("CAMP ACTIVITIES") and that I am qualified, in good health and proper physical condition to participate in such;
2. FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT: A) CAMP ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death ("RISKS"); B) these RISKS and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the CAMP ACTIVITIES, the conditions in which the CAMP ACTIVITIES take place, or the negligence of the RELEASEES named below; C) there may be other RISKS and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the CAMP ACTIVITIES;
3. AGREE AND WARRANT that I examine and inspect each CAMP ACTIVITY in which I take part as a camper at the AMERICAN SOKOL NATIONAL CAMP and that, if I observe any condition which I consider to be unacceptably hazardous or dangerous, I will notify the proper authority in charge of the CAMP ACTIVITY and will refuse to take part in the CAMP ACTIVITY until the condition has been corrected to my satisfaction;
4. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE American Sokol, Sokol St. Louis, the American-Czech Educational Center, Sokol Camp, or the Central District, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, other participants, and if applicable, owners or lessors of the premises on which the CAMP ACTIVITIES take place, (each considered one of the RELEASEES herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the RELEASEES or otherwise, and I further agree that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, I, or anyone on my behalf makes a claim against any of the RELEASEES, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the RELEASEES from any litigation's expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as a result of such claim.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

Printed Name of Participant _____ Date _____

Address _____

Signature of Participant if over 18 _____ Phone _____

PARENTAL CONSENT AND I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of CAMP ACTIVITIES and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such CAMP ACTIVITIES. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE, and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the RELEASEES from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the RELEASEES or otherwise, and I further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the above RELEASEES, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of any such claim.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Address _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Phone _____