CAMP HOPE 2026 VOLUNTEER CHECKLIST

ONLINE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

- [ ] Complete & submit online volunteer application at CampHopeRegistration.com
  - Registration opens Feb 15th

Not every teen/adult applying to volunteer will be able to serve at Camp Hope. The below steps are only to be completed once you have been contacted by Camp Hope staff and have received confirmation that you will be serving.

RECOMMENDATION LETTER (UNDER 18)

- [ ] Recomendation letter from valid reference emailed in
  - Your volunteer application will not be processed until this letter has been received

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL FORMS

- [ ] UNDER 18
  - Print, complete and upload medical forms.
  - Physician signature on camp medical form
  - Signed physical forms from 2026 suffice as a doctor's signature along w/ camp forms
  - Upload forms using link from registration confirmation or on camp website
- [ ] OVER 18
  - Digitally complete and submit forms using link sent with acceptance email.
- [ ] FOR ALL
  - Medical forms MUST be received by July 1st, 2026
  - Attach scan of insurance card with forms (front and back)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PAPERWORK (18+)

- [ ] PGC certificate emailed to camphope.poh@gmail.com if renewed recently or new volunteer
- [ ] Background check done following instructions outlined on the website

CAMP AGREEMENTS / LIABILITY FORM

- [ ] You will receive a link to a document outlining policies on camp agreements & liability. Read, sign and digitally submit

SHIRT ORDER PLACED (IF NEEDED)

- [ ] Visit CampHopeRegistration.com for shirt ordering information. Follow the instructions on the shirt page
  - Order now through July 15th
  - Shirts will be mailed direct to homes end of July

REVIEW PACKING LIST

- [ ] Review Camp Hope packing list and acquire any needed items

KEY INFORMATION DOCUMENT

- [ ] Review Key Information document

CAMP HOPE KEY INFORMATION

1. DATES

- Volunteers arrive Saturday, August 1st and Camp Hope officially runs Sunday, August 2nd to Saturday, August 8th, 2026.

2. CAMPER ARRIVAL

- Camper arrival takes place Sunday afternoon, Aug 2nd. Drop off time slots are coordinated by family name. Stay tuned for further details.

3. VOLUNTEER ARRIVAL

- Volunteers must arrive by 12pm on Saturday, Aug 1st for camp setup as well as final orientation & training. NOTE: No campers are allowed at this day

4. CAMPER PICKUP

- Camper pickup will take place on Saturday, August 8th from 12 to 1pm (not before). Stay tuned for further details

5. CAMP T-SHIRTS

- All campers and staff are required to wear Camp t-shirts everyday at camp. Shirts are available for purchase on the Camp Hope website. Please visit the website for information as to how to order shirts and corresponding deadlines to placing orders.

6. REQUIRED MEDICAL FORMS

FOR ALL CAMPERS AND VOLUNTEERS UNDER 18

- Each camper & high school volunteer under 18 is required to print and submit completed camp medical forms. This must include a doctor's signature or recently signed physical forms (must be from 2026)
- Once completed with appropriate signatures (parent/doctor), all forms must be digitally uploaded on the camp website using the document upload area (scan or photograph - follow link sent to you). Your child's place at camp is not secured until all documents & payments have been received.

ALL ADULT STAFF 18 and OLDER

- All adult staff 18 and older must digitally complete and submit a medical form & medication use form (if needed) but a doctor's signature is not needed

7. CLOSING CELEBRATION

- On Sunday, August 9th, 2:30pm-4:30pm there is a closing Camp Hope celebration hosted at Koinonia Academy in Plainfield, NJ for campers and their families. The celebration includes the debut of the Camp Hope 2026 highlight reel, praise & worship, camp overview, camper sharings, food, and family fellowship.

CAMP HOPE PACKING LIST

- Bible and Rosary
- Notebook Pens/Pencils
- Writing paper
- Ready to mail envelopes
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Sheets
- Pillow/pillow case
- Play clothes for 1 week
- Camp t-shirts
- Bathing suit* (see below)
- Kleenex
- Hand sanitizer
- Two Towels (Bath/swim)
- Sweatshirt/Jacket
- Hat/Cap
- Raincoat/Poncho
- Rain boots
- Sleepwear
- Sneakers, Sandals, Flip-flops
- Flashlight /extra batteries
- All toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, brush, comb, deodorant)
- Laundry bag
- Sunscreen
- Bug Repellant
- Water bottle (mandatory)
- Markers/crayons(suggested)
- Baseball glove (if possible)
- Fishing gear (optional)
- Small fan (optional)
- Snack Bin (optional) Click HERE to purchase approved snack bin
- Good reading material

DRESS CODE

The following dress code was developed to allow all attending Camp Hope to participate fully in activities and to assure that no one feels offended or uncomfortable during his or her stay. Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all staff, counselors, and campers. Plan accordingly so that you will not be asked to change inappropriate clothing.

- IN GENERAL: All clothing should be neat and in acceptable condition and appearance and worn within the bounds of decency and good taste.
- CAMP SHIRTS: Campers & staff must wear camp issued shirts at all times. Please make sure to purchase and pack enough camp shirts (5-7 recommended). An extra shirt or two might be helpful if one gets dirty or wet.
- OTHER GUIDELINES: We do not allow clothing that displays profanity, products or slogans that are distracting, or anything that does not support our faith environment. Avoid clothing that is excessively baggy, tight, or short. MEN: shorts that fit appropriately or have a belt if necessary - WOMEN: shorts/skirts at least fingertip length w/arms extended at side. No leggings or yoga pants worn as pants
- WATER ACTIVITIES: Campers wear cover ups and/or camp t-shirts to and from all water activities. MEN: Swimsuits or shorts - WOMEN: Swimsuits that are or look like one piece

REMINDERS

- Mark everything you bring with your name
- The showers/bathrooms are separate from the cabins.
- Weather at camp can be hot in the day, and chilly in the early morning/nights
- Please review with your children respect for others and their belongings as well as caring for their own belongings.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Electronics of any kind (game systems, cell phones, smart watches, iPads, etc.)
- Inappropriate literature of any kind
- Dangerous toys, hunting equipment, swiss army knives or similar
- Candy or snacks containing any nuts, soda, or similar beverages