

# Volunteer Application, Background, and Medical Release Form

## Stone Soup Volunteer Application

Please print in ink

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Experience, Training, or Certifications \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Pager / cell \_\_\_\_\_

Medical insurance coverage \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Two Character References: (not relatives)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of Redeemer Fellowship or Judson Baptist Church? YES  NO  If no, of which church are you a member of or have attended during the last five years? Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Your Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been indicted for or convicted of a felony crime involving a minor or disabled person? NO  YES   
If yes, please describe convictions for the past seven (7) years. Please use the backside of this page. This information is subject to review by a private security firm.

If necessary, describe in detail the nature and severity of any physical and/or psychological ailment, illness, propensity, weakness, limitation, handicap, disability, or condition to which you are subject and of which the staff should be aware, and what, if any action of protection is required on account thereof. Submit this notification in writing and attach it to this form. We desire all persons to be able to serve and to be served as well.

Date of last tetanus shot: \_\_\_\_\_

### For your information, we expect all campers and workers to conform to these standards of conduct

- No possession or use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco
- No offensive or immodest clothing
- Participation with the group is expected
- Respect one another, staff, and program directors
- Respect and comply with event schedules

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**What to Wear:** Casual clothing to allow for movement

**Food:** Bring a sack lunch

**Hours:** See [stonesoupnews.com](http://stonesoupnews.com) for event details or call 599-3326

Activities may include, but are not limited to, eating, walking, singing, use of craft materials, such as glue or finger paint, group activity photographs.

This event is sponsored by: Stone Soup / Redeemer Fellowship / Judson Baptist Church (hereinafter “Church”)

This consent form gives permission to seek whatever medical attention is deemed necessary, and releases the Church and its staff of any liability against personal losses of named volunteer.

I understand that there are inherent risks involved in any ministry or athletic event, and I/we hereby release the Church, its pastors, employees, agents, and volunteer workers, or campers from any and all liability for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property that may occur during the course of my involvement. In the event that I am injured and require the attention of a doctor, I consent to any reasonable medical treatment as deemed necessary by a licensed physician. In the event treatment is required from a physician and/or hospital personnel designated by the Church, I agree to hold such person free and harmless of any claims, demands, or suits for damages arising from the giving of such consent. I also acknowledge that we will be ultimately responsible for the cost of any medical care should the cost of that medical care not be reimbursed by the health insurance provider. Further, I affirm that the health insurance information provided above is accurate at this date and will, to the best of my knowledge, be in force at the time of volunteering.

Volunteer Statement: I authorize references or churches listed in this application to provide information (including opinions) they may have regarding my character and fitness for working with preschoolers, children, youth, or adults with disabilities. I release all such references from any liability for furnishing such evaluations, provided they do so in good faith and without malice. I waive any right I may have to inspect references provided on my behalf. I agree to be bound by the bylaws and policies of the Church. I further state that I have carefully read this medical and background release form and understand the content thereof and I sign this release as my own free act.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please bring application to the event or mail at least one week before event to:**

**Redeemer Fellowship  
c/o Judson Baptist Church  
Attn: Lynn McGary  
4900 Franklin Road  
Nashville, TN 37220**

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## Stone Soup / Holiday Camp Team Instructions

1. Please arrive on time so that our team can be ready and relaxed to receive campers. Overview of the day, specific assignments made, and a Question and Answer time will be held.
2. Remember to wear comfortable clothes to allow for movement.
3. Bring your own sack lunch. Refrigeration is available. Cups/ice and water provided.
4. Be prepared to be flexible to unfolding situations and needs with the campers.
5. React to the campers as you would anyone else – be friendly, speak normally (not in baby talk or sing-song voice), smile, be positive, look for simple responses, have a good time.
6. Express your joy to the parent(s) for bringing \_\_CAMPER'S NAME\_\_ to Stone Soup / HC
7. The correct way to say it: a child or young adult with down's syndrome (with autism, CP[cerebral palsy], learning disabilities, etc) NOT a "down's syndrome child."
8. Do not say words that indicate you feel sorry for the parent or the camper.
9. Speak clearly and provide clear communication with the campers. Repeat instructions.
10. Be patient with yourself and the campers.
11. Stay on their level – if the activity requires sitting on the floor for the camper then join them there! Do not stand above or back away from the camper if possible.
12. Expect to receive specific management instructions from our director to help you work well with a particular camper and their learning and communication styles. Lynn, our director, gives excellent instructions that make it fun and effective.
13. Ask questions when you have them! No question is dumb.
14. Ask for help if you do not understand what to do during a particular activity.
15. If you are a counselor, working with a specific person, remember a special blessing you receive in working with them to share when their parents or caregiver comes back at the end of the Event / Camp. This can be something humorous or insightful to you. Recall something specific. "When we were painting the stars I noticed he liked to paint very carefully." "She had such a good time when we did the Hokey Pokey."
16. Pray for the campers throughout the day. Last year we had campers who had been unable to be left by their parents for any length of time at other programs, who were successful all day long at Stone Soup / Holiday Camp – to their parent's surprise and relief.
17. Remember we are connecting to the most neglected people group by American society. No other Nashville area church is providing this type of outreach to the community, so let's do our best to represent Christ well.
18. Do not ask the parents about church attendance but be prepared to invite them to Stone Soup Friday Night and Stone Soup on Sunday if they ask about it.
19. Review our web-site: [www.stonesoupnews.com](http://www.stonesoupnews.com) to have a working knowledge about Stone Soup.