

# SWO INSTITUTE APPLICATION 2016-2017

UPON COMPLETION, PLEASE TURN FORM INTO CAROLINE ELLIS BY THE END OF WEEK 5.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ SWO Summers worked: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper.

1. Why do you want to work at Snowbird year round?
2. What do you feel the Lord is currently preparing you to do & how does working at SWO year-round fit into your preparation?
3. How long would you like to be at SWO?
4. Have you ever interned anywhere else? If so, where and what were your responsibilities?
5. Have you graduated from college? If so, in what was your degree?
6. Please describe, using Scripture, the believer's response to the following authority: SWO leadership, your SWO institute department head, the Church, Jesus Christ.
7. As a believer, when are you released from any commitment you have made whether it be to SWO/another employer/another person/etc? Support with Scripture.
8. Do you have any specific qualifications, talents, or skills that would be especially beneficial to your employment here at SWO year round?

Check all that apply to you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Office:                                     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excel   | <input type="checkbox"/> Videography        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word  | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access  | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mass Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing   | (including but not limited to social media) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational/planning skills                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation equipment/execution                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds work (mowing, weed-eating, construction, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician work   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanic  | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Visual work  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Construction                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage Makeup/Drama |

How much experience do you have in each of the categories that you checked?

By signing this application I agree that if selected I will submit to the leadership of SWO, abide by the SWO staff handbook, and fulfill the expectations of the SWO Institute program. By signing this form I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that, if accepted, I am committed to the SWO Institute beginning August 15, 2016 and ending August 5, 2017. I also understand and agree to the expectations as laid out for me in the SWO Institute Syllabus which includes attending and being financially responsible for the trip to Honduras.

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

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

# SWO INSTITUTE

## Syllabus



Snowbird exists as a camp that is committed to seeing the church of Christ equipped to impact this generation. The SWO Institute program was created out of that desire to better equip the church while specifically focusing on college-aged students that commit to being here throughout the year. Our goal is to invest in Institute students in three specific areas: formal theological training, ministry-leadership experience, and vocational instruction.

The classroom is the most recent addition to the program. If a student stays for 2 years they will go through Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, Systematic Theology, World Religions and Apologetics. Students will be required to read in the textbook that we provide and write a 1 page summary every week. Most weeks we will meet twice for 2 hours at a time.

The ministry training will take place in working with groups. The retreat season at SWO is a crazy time, and we'll have students on the property nearly every weekend. These groups will include Christian school trips as well as spring and fall retreats. Institute students will be the direct contact person for student pastors as well as immersing themselves in relational ministry with the students.

Finally, when students are not on the property, each Institute student will be assigned to a SWO department with the goal of gaining proficiency in a specific vocation. Our goal is to prepare Institute students for whatever God might call them to next--whether it be in vocational ministry or the workforce.

Being a part of SWO year-round is a blast, but it's hard work. Those applying to the SWO Institute program should understand that it will challenge you in every area of your life. This program, despite the change in name and syllabus, isn't new to SWO, and we know that a season at SWO could be one of the greatest periods of growth in your Christian experience. It will involve long hours of running recreation and leading small groups combined with reading, study and work. In addition to this, you will be incorporated into a loving community of believers and will be expected to invest in those around you. However, you will only get out of it to the extent that you invest in it.

### What you can expect:

- To be trained in God's Word, leadership ministry, and a specific department
- A monthly stipend of \$175 a month and the ability to raise additional funds from family & friends through SWO
- Continual experience in student ministry
- To work hard in faithful service to the Lord

### Expected from you:

- 1 year commitment from August 15, 2016 - August 5, 2017
- Join SWO for the December Honduras trip December 1-8, 2016. This will require you to raise at least \$1,200.
- Be actively involved in a local church
- Read the assigned work and write a one-page summary each week
- Work wholeheartedly as unto the Lord (Col 3:23) with an attitude that reflects Jesus (Phil 2:12-16)

*\*In order to apply for the SWO Institute program, you must have worked at least one season of summer camp at SWO.*