

GUIDELINES FOR CAMBERSHIP DISBURSEMENTS 2010

Dear Applicant:

The Dark Waters Campership Trust Fund was created to provide partial camperships (scholarships) to families with limited financial resources who want their children to have a camp experience. The purpose of this letter is to present the guidelines used by our Advisory Board in providing tuition assistance.

Camp Dark Waters (CDW) is a small, Quaker camp located on the banks of the Haines Creek in Medford, NJ. It was founded in 1928 to give children a "simple natural setting for their summer enjoyment." The camp program includes a wide variety of activities designed to enable campers to have fun and learn new skills. Campers are encouraged to grow physically, emotionally and spiritually within an environment that emphasizes community living.

While exceptional cases will always require special consideration, the following guidelines and expectancies will generally be applied to candidates for tuition assistance:

- 1) **Your camper(s) must be registered** to attend the camp before consideration is given for tuition assistance. The camp must have received \$100.00 or more as a registration fee payable to "Camp Dark Waters, Inc." for each camper applicant along with the signed camp registration form. Registration fees are credited toward tuition. They are refunded if the camper cannot be registered or is not approved for tuition assistance or for some other reason.
- 2) Once the camper is accepted and has been registered, we will consider your campership application and the two letters of recommendation. The amount of tuition assistance for each child will be determined based on total family income (which you will report on the DWCTF campership application form) and any particular circumstances you wish the Board to take into consideration.
- 3) Since our Advisory Board wants to make assistance available to as many children as possible, tuition aid will be limited to a single two-week camp experience per camper. (You may, of course, register the camper for longer, but that expense will not be subsidized by the Fund.) Camperships are available for the two-week camp periods beginning on July 3rd, July 18th, and July 31st of 2010. Assistance in one year will not imply nor obligate the Advisory Board to provide funding in another year.
- 4) Each applicant must provide a written recommendation by two people. We will not accept duplicate recommendations for siblings of the same family; they need to be child-specific. One recommendation can be from a parent/guardian; the other must be from someone outside the family who knows the child well such as a family friend, teacher, social worker, etc. For campers new to CDW, the Advisory Board wants to know **how the candidate's strengths and interests might contribute to the camper population and how the candidate might benefit from an experience at CDW**. This information is different from the camper word picture provided on the financial aid form. For a returning camper: please describe how the child benefited from the camp experience last year and why you feel it is important to provide for another summer. Please have each reference include her/his phone number and sign the recommendation.

Campership application(s) and recommendations should be sent marked attention of Reid Bush, Camp Dark Waters, POB 263, Medford, NJ 08055. As soon as a decision has been made, you will be notified and sent additional registration information. If you have questions, you may call me evenings at home (610-273-7702).