

## 2018 Camp Information

### What is Camp Safe Berks?

- Camp Safe Berks, a project of Safe Berks, is a summer day camp for Berks County youth ages 13-17, who are interested in issues of social justice and change; participants in the camp will explore the existence of inequality and violence in our society in a fun and interactive way. The purpose of Camp Safe Berks is to give youth a voice and an opportunity to share their experiences regarding these issues, and to encourage them become an integral part of the solution.
- By committing to this project, we acknowledge that youth have the ambition and ability to participate in making significant social change. We are aware that creating change requires forming alliances – across race, gender, socio-economic group, sexual orientation, and age lines. We all bring something essential to the table. With this in mind, we are recruiting youth of all different backgrounds and experiences to take part in this collaboration.

### Dates, Location and Key Information

**Date: July 23-27, 2018**

**Time: 8:30AM-4:00PM (Thursday will extend to 7PM with dinner included)**

**Location: Albright College, Reading, PA**

- Albright's campus offers indoor and outdoor gathering spaces as well as swimming and open fields for outdoor sports and activities
- **Transportation, meals (breakfast, lunch and Thursday dinner) and snacks for each day will be provided.** Student drop-off at Albright from parents or guardians is also welcomed.
- Camp Safe Berks is FREE! Campers attend **“on scholarship,”** or at *no cost*.
- There will be a Camp Reunion Event in August. The date will be announced at a later time. Post-Camp gatherings will also take place throughout the year following Camp.

### What is expected of a camper?

- Campers should have an active interest in issues of social justice, community change, and specifically gender justice, racial justice, class justice and other social justice interests.
- Campers will be encouraged to attend the camp reunion event and attend occasional alliance meet-ups throughout the following school year to discuss bringing about social justice changes in their communities.
- Campers will be given the opportunity to apply to come back as Youth Leaders & Facilitators for future camps.

**KEEP THIS PAGE FOR  
YOUR RECORDS**

## For Parents and Guardians

Camp Safe Berks is an annual project of the Safe Berks Education and Community Outreach Department with the help and support of volunteer and professional community partners. We have received support from the Allstate Foundation, the Episcopal Churches of Berks County, CarTech Foundation, the Junior League of Reading and several other community organizations.

The goal of the Camp Safe Berks Project is to encourage young people to work together within our community to foster a multicultural society based on love, caring, and justice – with the ultimate goal of **decreasing violence** by creating a more *inherently* peaceful society.

The Camp Safe Berks team is recruiting a diverse group of 35 – 40 youth campers, ages 13-17, to participate in a five-day summer day camp which will take place at Albright College in Reading from **July 23-27, 2018 from 8:30 AM-4:00 PM**. Activities will extend into the evening on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> likely to end no later than 7:00 p.m. **All campers will attend “on scholarship,” or free of charge.** Food and transportation will be provided.

The camp utilizes the Second Edition of **“Helping Teens Stop Violence, Build Community and Stand for Justice”** by Allan Creighton and Paul Kivel, as well as the curriculum **“Making the Peace,”** by Paul Kivel, Allen Creighton, and Nell Myhand, of Oakland, California. The **“Making the Peace”** curriculum provides the framework for understanding violence, and the role of gender, race, class, and economic status as the issues which contribute to it. Further, the program was written to help young people break away from violence, develop self-esteem, and regain a sense of community.

This project, in its new approach to enlist young people to aid in the elimination of violence, the fostering of respect, the promotion of social justice, and ultimately *peace*, within our community, has become a pilot for other similar projects throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For additional information about the Camp Safe Berks Project, contact Jen Ebersole, Director of Education and Outreach, at 610-370-7811 or email [JenniferE@safeberks.org](mailto:JenniferE@safeberks.org).

### **Parent or Guardian Approval**

All parents/guardians will have the opportunity to communicate any special needs (dietary, medical, etc.) their child may have prior to the camp. When acceptance letters are mailed to campers, information packets will be mailed to parents/guardians. Please return the required forms to us at your earliest convenience, either by dropping off or mailing to our office located at 255 Chestnut Street, Reading, PA 19602. **No camper will be allowed on the bus to camp without all necessary forms completed.**

**KEEP THIS PAGE FOR  
YOUR RECORDS**

## Camper Application

---

### Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level (2018/2019 school year): \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

### What is the best way to contact you:

Cell Phone  Home Phone  E-mail  Facebook  Twitter  Instagram

other method (please tell us) \_\_\_\_\_

### T-shirt size:

male style size:  M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL; or

female style size  S  M  L  XL  XXL

Please let us know about any ADA accommodations you require:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know about any of your dietary preferences or restrictions:

\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Answers to the following questions are not mandatory; they are of interest to us in the spirit of recruiting a diverse team of campers for involvement in Camp Safe Berks.**

**Pronouns:**  he/his  she/her  they/their  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  Decline to answer

**Gender Identity:**  Male/Man  Female/Woman  TransMale/TransMan  TransFemale/TransWoman

Genderqueer/Gender nonconforming  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  Decline to answer

**Sexual Orientation:**  Straight  Lesbian  Gay  Bisexual  Queer  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Decline to answer

**Race/Ethnicity:** Caucasian African Latino/Hispanic Middle Eastern East Asian  
South Asian Native American Caribbean Bi/Multi Racial Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Decline to answer

---

Tell us more about yourself!

**1. Why are you interested in attending Camp Safe Berks? How do you think that you, your school, and your community would benefit from your attendance?**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**2. Describe the activities (in and/or out of school) with which you are involved:**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Parent/Guardian Approval Form

---

By signing this form, I give permission for my child to attend Camp Safe Berks from **July 23-27, 2018** at Albright College in Reading, PA.

*(Attach this form to the camper application form and mail to us. Please keep the information pages for your reference.)*

Camper Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Signature and Contact Information

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name legibly \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Safe Berks is proud to offer Camp Safe Berks to our youth free of charge. Should you wish to make a donation to help defray the costs associated with Camp, please make checks payable to Safe Berks, with "Camp Safe Berks" written in the memo section. Donations can also be made online at [www.safeberks.org](http://www.safeberks.org).

---

**Please return the Camper Application, as well as the Parent/Guardian Approval Form, to:**

Safe Berks  
Attn: Jen Ebersole; c/o Camp Safe Berks  
255 Chestnut Street  
Reading, PA 19602