

The Holler Missions Camp Training Packet

First Steps to Building the
Next Generation Missionary Force



Welcome!

All of us at Holler Ministries congratulate you on your decision to attend Missions Camp (MC)! We welcome you to a whole new world of adventure in ministry.

Everything you'll need for missions camp is enclosed in this packet.

Before getting into the details however, I strongly believe that God has been involved in bringing you to register for this camp. You are the type of person for whom mission camp was created. We believe God is developing special young people through Missions Camp training for His future plans. I'm excited as I consider what the marvelous and meaningful life ahead of you, and I hope you are also. By His grace, during our few short days together this summer, I believe that you'll gain insight into what those plans may be.

We also have a word to parents. MC is serious business, because the work of God is significant. We intend to shape your child's heart toward God's dreams and wishes. Your son or daughter is going to come home changed. They'll return to you with a new devotion, a renewed commitment and passion for God's mission. Their new dreams may make you nervous, but don't be. Instead, fan their flame. They'll need your encouragement and assistance when they return full of energy, faith and grand ideals. Be there for them. Wait with them upon the Lord and relax. You too are in for an adventure.

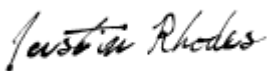
Now, as we enter into these very significant next few weeks of preparation for camp, please bow your head and join me in submitting a daily prayer to The LORD. It may be something like this:

Lord, exalted is Your Name. May Your will be done in all the earth. May Your will be done in me. I thank You for selecting me for camp. For this special assignment, I ask that You to shape me into your image. Create in me a clean heart. Fill me with Your power. Lead me into Your will. Deliver me from the evil one. Forgive me when I fail. Hear me when I pray, and when You think I'm ready, take me into the World.

Make my one passion be to live like Jesus who said, "never-the-less, not my will, but Yours be done."

For The Name's sake and for the Kingdom, let it be so.

See You at Camp!



Justin Rhodes
Missions Camp Director

Steps and Deadlines

Step #1: Get **application and deposit** in the in the mail no later than **March 15th!**
(*first come, first serve—camp spots are limited*)

- Fill out application on *pages 5-10*. Mail it to the following address:

Holler Ministries
455 Huntley Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

- Send a \$50 check made to **Holler Ministries**, along with your application, as a non-refundable deposit to reserve your spot at camp. These funds will be pooled together with other camper deposits and given away to a mission's organization of choice by your group at camp.

Step #2: Get **support letters** in the mail by **April 1st!**

- Send 30 support letters (*see pages 11 - 14 for detailed instructions*). You must mail us one of your support letters to the address above.

Step #3: Get **book report** emailed by **May 10th!**

- Read the book “Radical” by David Platt and email me a one page (or more) paper saying what you’ve learned and what you’re going to do about it. If you’ve read Radical already, just write the paper.

Step #4: Do **spiritual preparation** starting no later than **May 13th or May 20th** depending on your camp.

- Start no later than May 13th for the June 17th Camp
- Start no later than May 20th for the June 24th Camp
- *See Page 15 for details*

Step #5: Before **coming to camp!**

- Complete a real passport application and bring it to camp. You do not have to worry about fees for this exercise. In this case, bring only a copy of your important documents like birth certificate and social security card. Although you’ll be filling out a real passport application, you will not be receiving a real passport. However, you may choose to submit your real application after camp to obtain a real passport. If you have already filled out a real passport application, then bring a copy of your passport. If your parents or someone else filled out your passport application then you will still need to do this exercise. Passport applications can be found here: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/79955.pdf>

- Pack 25 personal items (*see page 16 for details*).
- Find and print out cheapest round trip ticket to Nairobi, Kenya for the dates of your camp. For example, if your camp is June 17th – June 22nd then find a ticket arriving on the 17th and departing on the 22nd.
- As a “missionary” to another culture you’ll need to dress culturally sensitive for “Kenya, Africa”:
 - Guys must wear slacks or khakis and a collared short sleeved shirt. No shorts.
 - Ladies must wear ankle length long skirts (you can wear pants underneath if you would like) and short sleeved shirts (no tank tops or sleeveless). Please no v-necks or revealing neck lines.
 - Shoes – no flip flops. Chaco or Teva like sandals are preferred, and/or tennis shoes. An extra pair of shoes may a wise choice as the weather can be unpredictable.
- Go over logistics and FAQ’s on *page 17*

Step #6: Arrive **ready** to be challenged on **June 17th or June 24th!**

Application for Admission

To apply, please supply the information requested below. Acceptance of trainees is determined based upon review of the admissions. Trainees accepted on a first come, first to qualify basis. Please include your \$50 non refundable deposit (made to Holler Ministries) to hold your spot. This money will be pooled with other campers deposit and at camp; your group will designate a mission organization to support with these funds.

(Questions? Call 828-651-9827, email info@hollerministries.com or facebook Holler Ministries.)

— GENERAL INFORMATION —

Name: First..... Middle..... Last.....

Name you prefer we use.....

Date of Birth: / / **Current Age:** **Gender:** F M

Mailing Address:

City: **State:** **Zip:**

Home phone # () **E-mail:**

Church Home: Name.....

Address.....

If you have a Youth Pastor, His name.....

His phone.....

— **EMERGENCY INFORMATION** —

In case of an emergency notify:

Name:

Relationship:

Physical Address:

Street.....

City..... **State**..... **Zip**.....

Home Phone# () **e-mail (home)**

Work Phone # () **e-mail (work)**

Cell Phone # ().....

Your Name

— **MEDICAL INFORMATION** —

- Do you currently take any medications? If ‘yes’, please list them:

- Do you have any physical conditions for which you are currently being treated? If ‘yes’, please explain:

- Are you presently under a doctor’s care? Yes / No
- Do you have any physical limitations? Yes / No If ‘yes’, please explain:

- Are you being treated or have you been treated for psychological or emotional disorders? If ‘yes’, please explain:

- If “yes” to any of the questions above, may we discuss this with you if we have further questions? Yes / No

— SPIRITUAL INFORMATION —

Please answer the following questions on a separate paper:

1. Are you a Christian? Yes / No/ Unsure/ Other. If ‘yes’, then write out your conversion story.
2. How did you become interested in Missions?
3. Describe any mission’s experiences or training you have had. Include any teaching/leadership experiences you’ve had.
4. How did you find out about camp?
5. Why do you want to come to camp?
6. What do you want to do with your life?
7. Who’s your biggest supporter in your life?
8. What is the Gospel?
9. What must one do to inherit eternal life?

Please answer these short answer questions below:

1. Guess what percentage of the world has access to the Gospel?
2. Are you materially rich?
3. Guess what percentage of the world has running water, a fridge and a bed.
4. Who are your 3 favorite music artists?.....
5. What are your 3 favorite books?
6. What are your 3 favorite movies?
7. How much time each week do you spend doing the following:
 - Studying for school
 - Playing video games
 - Internet
 - TV
 - Reading/Studying the Bible
 - Praying
 - Doing service/volunteer work
 - Playing Sports
 - Entertainment
 - Going to Church
 - Shopping
 - Eating
 - Reading for pleasure
 - Dressing/Getting ready
 - Working
 - Sleeping
 - In School.....
 - Other
 - Other

8. How much money do you spend each year on the following?

- School.....
- Video games.....
- Internet.....
- TV.....
- Spiritual Materials.....
- Charity
- Sports.....
- Entertainment.....
- Shopping.....
- Eating.....
- Books/Magazines.....
- Clothes.....
- Make up.....
- Fuel for car.....
- Car insurance.....
- Other.....
- Other.....
- Other.....

Holler Ministries, Inc.
Permission and Release Form

For Trainees Attending Mission Camp

A copy of this form must be signed and returned to: Holler Ministries, Inc. 455 Huntley Rd. Fletcher, NC 28732

**It is essential that Holler Ministries, Inc. have the following document completed.
The form covers legalities that are not anticipated, but must be considered.**

“I, _____, do hereby certify that I am willing, physically fit, and sufficiently prepared to engage in Holler Ministries Missions Camp.

“I, for myself, and on behalf of my estate, heirs, executors, and administrators do hereby fully release and discharge Holler Ministries, Inc. and/or its Director, staff, volunteers and/or board members, officers, affiliates, and successors from any liabilities, claims, obligations, damages, and causes of action whatsoever arising or growing out of my participation in the programs of Holler Ministries, Inc. I understand that campers attend and participate at their own risk and Holler Ministries, Inc. is not liable in the event of sickness, accident, death, or acts of terrorism.

“Furthermore, any of the above-mentioned has my permission to take me to a doctor for medical treatment, hospitalization or emergency surgery if the need should arise. I assume the responsibility for all medical bills for myself. Should it be necessary for me to return home due to medical reasons or disciplinary action, I will assume total transportation costs incurred.

“I have read the above portions of the document. I understand all discipline rules apply throughout the camp; and that campers are subject to dismissal, for non-compliance, without refund.”

Signature of Trainee

_____/_____/_____
Date

Parent / Guardian if Trainee is under 18

City, State

_____/_____/_____
Date

Witness, other than parent

City, State

_____/_____/_____
Date

Medical Facts Sheet

Please supply all pertinent information requested below and any other information that you believe we should know regarding your health or care while you are with us at Missions Camp.

Your Name _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

ALLERGIES: (List medicines, foods, insects, and all other allergies and their effect on you)

MEDICATIONS: (List all the medications you now take, what times you take them, and the dosage.)

	<u>Medication Name</u>	<u>Dosage</u>	<u>Time(s)</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____

(List additional medications on reverse)

OTHER MEDICAL INFORMATION WE SHOULD KNOW?

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Contact 1: Name: _____ Home Ph # () -
Work Ph # () - Cell Ph # () -

Contact 2: Name: _____ Home Ph # () -
Work Ph # () - Cell Ph # () -

Writing Support Letters

The purpose of this exercise is to 1) get you the prayer support of friends and family, and 2) give you some practice writing support letters, and 3) give your friends and family a chance to financially support Holler Ministries. More often than not, missionaries will raise support to fund their operation. Don't be afraid to make your letter interesting, honest and/or funny.

Step 1

Get a piece of paper and a pen. Pray to God for a list of friends and family who would be potential supporters. Now, write out your list of names until you've reached 30. If you can't think of 30, keep thinking. If you go over 30, that's fine. I do suggest capping it at 75.

Step 2

Collect and write down all of your potential supporters addresses. See *the next page* for a template.

Step 3

Type your support letter. See *page 13* for an outline.

Step 4

Send your letters:

- Address the envelopes neatly, by hand. Be sure to include your from address on the envelope.
- Be sure to put a 1st class stamp on your envelope
- Stuff your envelop with the following:
 - Your support letter. Write a short, hand written note to each individual to personalize your letter.
 - Include the Holler letter found on *page 14*. Remember when you reproduce this letter that you take the page number off.

Step 5

Join us as we pray to the Lord to burden others to support the work of Holler Ministries.

Potential Supporters List

COPY THIS FORM: Make a list of a **MINIMUM of 30 potential supporters.**
(You may also use the back of this page)

Be sure to include friends, relatives, Churches, small groups, mission committees, teachers, Christian-owned businesses, etc.

Name	Address	City	ST	Zip
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1. _____
2. _____
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27. _____
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29. _____
30. _____
31. Holler Ministries, 455 Huntley Rd., Fletcher, NC 28732

How to Write a Fund Raising Letter

(A step by step guide)

Your Name
Your Mailing Address
Your Phone Number

Dear (name of person you're writing),

Date

Tip #1: Be yourself. Let your true heart show.

Paragraph One:

- Express your gratitude for this person taking time to read and consider your letter.
- Express your excitement about the Mission Camp opportunity, and why you want to attend. Think through this before you answer. It is very important for those to whom you'll write as well as for your own evaluation of your motives, hopes and goals.

Paragraph Two:

- Briefly, tell them about Mission Camp. You might just write, "Mission camp is a special training experience in missions. I will learn many of the basic tools of good missions like how to learn a language, how to understand culture, how to develop a church planting strategy for a lost people group or community. I will also be taught how to look into God's word to find the answers to new or difficult questions that I would face when evangelizing. The staff will also introduce me to the many opportunities and needs in the world for missionary service. Mission Camp is a way for me to move my enthusiasm for missions forward by gaining the tools necessary to become a good missionary."

Paragraph Three:

- Explain that there is no charge for camp, but you have various other requirements that include this prayer support letter. Tell them that Holler Ministries is a nonprofit organization and any financial donations would be tax deductible should they feel led to give. Since relying on God to supply funding for mission work is a part of the missionary life, the leaders want you to experience God's hand in this special way.
- Include a request for their prayers. Ask if they might be willing to pray for you in a special way during one of those days you are at camp. You'll need a prayer team to be praying for you during camp and this is a good place to start.

Paragraph Four:

- Advise them where donations may be sent **Mail checks to: Holler Ministries, 455 Huntley Rd. Fletcher, NC 28732 or Donate online at www.hollerministries.com**

Lastly:

- Include a short hand written note to each recipient to make the letter personal
- Sign your name.

A Note from Holler Ministries

Holler Ministries is a 501 c3 nonprofit organization founded by Justin Rhodes as a passion to love God and people while teaching others to do the same. The focus of this camp is to inspire and train young people for world missions. To find out more about our work please visit www.hollerministries.com

We do not charge the campers financially, but depend on the Lord for provision through donations. If you would like to be a part of our team by contributing to our work financially we'd love to have you! Your tax deductible donation can be made online at www.hollerministries.com or mailed to:

Holler Ministries
455 Huntley Road
Fletcher NC 28732

Name

Address

City State Zip

Phone ().....

Email

Support Amount

In honor of



Developing Spiritual Habits

— A 30 Day Plan For Building Spiritual Muscles —

Athletes practice to grow stronger and faster. Spiritual muscles need building and training also. The following habits should be well developed by each trainee before reaching camp. You'll practice two items each morning: Prayer and Bible reading.

General Guidelines: Practice each habit during the first hour of your day. Do ONLY as much as is prescribed for each day. Strive for a perfect 'attendance' at each morning meeting with God.

Prayer

- Week 1** Schedule 5 minutes every morning for prayer. Place a watch or timer near you when you begin and ONLY pray 5 minutes BUT pray DAILY for the first week. Talk to Him. Content is not as important at this point as commitment.
- Week 2** Schedule 10 minutes every morning for prayer. Place a watch or timer near you when you begin and ONLY pray 10 minutes BUT pray DAILY. If you daydream or fall asleep, don't worry. Just keep TRYING to meet Him DAILY. Marathon runners aren't able to do their best after only a few training sessions.
- Week 3** Schedule 15 minutes every morning for prayer. Place a watch or timer near you when you begin and ONLY pray 15 minutes. Have you noticed that five minutes is easier and more productive than during your first week?
- Week 4** Schedule 20 minutes every morning for prayer. Again, time yourself. The time before God is important in and of itself. Stretching yourself in an effort to be with Him more and more is meaningful and God is noticing.
- Week 5 and beyond:** Schedule 15 minutes every morning for prayer until Camp starts. We'll push hard again during that week. Good work!!

Bible Reading

- Week 1** Read 1 Psalm and 1 Chapter of Proverbs each morning after prayer.
- Week 2** Read 1 Chapter in the Gospel of John each morning and 1 Chapter of Proverbs each morning after prayer.
- Week 3** Read 1 Chapter in the Gospel of John each morning and 1 Chapter of Proverbs each morning after prayer
- Week 4** Read 1 Chapter in the Gospel of John each morning and 1 Chapter of Proverbs each morning after prayer. You should complete the book of Proverbs and The Gospel of John by the end of week 4.
- Week 5 and beyond:** Read 3 Psalms a day until camp.

25 Personal Items

This exercise is designed to *simulate* a “selling of possessions” in order to go on the mission field. Most of the time missionaries will have to narrow down their personal possessions before entering the field. For camp, you’ll need to narrow down your personal possessions to 20 items. Here are some questions and answers to help you through the decision process.

What is a personal item? Almost everything is a personal item. Some examples include:

- A shirt
- A pair of pants or skirt
- A pair of socks (counts as one item even though there are 2 socks)
- A hair tie, bow, clip etc...
- A watch
- Bible
- A pair of shoes
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Bag
- Camera
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Bug spray
- Etc...

Please DO NOT bring:

- Cell phones
- Tank Tops
- iPod / mp3 players
- Jewelry
- Tent

What’s not counted as a personal item?

- Undergarments
- Prescribed/required medicine
- Feminine hygiene products
- Journal/Pen
- Camera (no cell phones)

What I am bringing in my personal items:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Bible | • 1 pairs of socks | • Pillow |
| • Water Bottle | • Tooth brush | • Bag carrying my belongings. |
| • Sleeping Bag | • Toothpaste | |
| • Sleeping Mat | • Deodorant | |
| • Sweat shirt or light coat | • A change of shirt | |
| • Flashlight | • A change of pants/skirt | |
| • Shirt | • Extra pair of shoes | |
| • Pants/skirt | • Bug Spray | |
| • Hair tie | • Hair Brush | |

May I share my personal items with another participant and vice versa?

Yes. Example of good sharing items: toothpaste or hairbrush

Logistics and FAQ's

Where is Camp?

Fletcher, NC. Participants will start out camp in Hendersonville, NC for an airport simulation, will spend most of their time on the Holler farm and will likely go on a real mission outing to the surrounding areas. You'll be emailed detailed time and location information as your camp date approaches.

Can I take a shower?

You may take a Kenyan style cup bath. We'll teach you how.

Will I be sleeping in the huts on the ground?

Yes, you'll be sleeping on the ground in either the huts or the Kenyan shacks.

Will the boys be separated from the girls and will there be chaperones?

Yes, and we expect a 1:1 volunteer to camper ratio. Our volunteers will be sleeping in the huts.

How do I to contact the Holler?

Phone: 828-651-9827
Website: www.hollerministries.com
Email: info@hollerministries.com
Facebook: Holler Ministries
Mail: 455 Huntley Rd, Fletcher NC 28732

How do I get to camp?

Look for an email as camp gets closer for arrival/departure times and directions to camp.

What if I don't complete my homework or complete it on time?

You'll be "penalized" w/ additional homework for not meeting each deadline. Look for an email if you don't finish on time. There are 2 aspects of this camp that must be complete in order to attend camp: We must have your application, and you must send out support letters.