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### PRACTICANT APPLICATION 2012

Date of Application:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Date of birth:

Female\_\_ Male\_\_

Proposed dates of stay from: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Your age\_\_\_\_\_ Marital status \_\_\_\_\_

#### EDUCATION

Name

Location

Graduated?

Date

High School \*\*

College (University)\*\*

Other\*\*

Describe any employment or volunteer experience you have had, with dates.

\*\* - In place of "references", please provide a letter of recommendation from the school or organization through which you will be participating in this practicum.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

What motivates you do an internship in our community?

What particular strengths would you bring to community life, working with people with special needs, in housework, land work or crafts?

What do you feel would be particularly challenging for you?

Do you have a special diet? If so, please describe briefly:

Please describe your current and past relationship to alcohol and illegal substances (drugs) including marijuana.

*Do you take any medication? Yes/no? If yes, what do you take, for what condition?*

*Do you have any special needs or medical issues that we should be aware of (for example: allergies, or personal needs)?*

*Please write a brief "autobiography" of yourself (just three or four paragraphs) describing a little about yourself so that we can get a better feel for "who you are".*

*Medical Insurance: Company Name:*

*ID #*

*Contact phone #*

*Person to contact in case of emergency during your stay:*

*Name*

*address*

*telephone number*

*Relationship to you*

I certify that all statements made in this application are accurate. I am in good in good physical and emotional health. I understand that I am responsible for any medical or dental expenses that may be required during my stay in Kimberton Hills. I understand that I will not be receiving payment for my services, but that I will be given free room and board while volunteering at Kimberton Hills.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

**Note:**

Camphill Village Kimberton Hills requires a \$50 administrative fee for each practicant who we accept into our program. Transportation is the responsibility of the practicant or practicant's school. Kimberton Hills can offer help in picking up and/or dropping off practicants at the airport or train station for a fee. Please let us know in advance if help with transportation will be required. Thank you!



**Parental Release Form for Interns and Practicants (age 18 and younger) to  
Camphill Village Kimberton Hills**

This release signed on \_\_\_\_\_  
Month day year

by \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
applicant's parent or legal guardian applicant

The applicant acknowledges and agrees that he or she is fully aware of the potential to suffer illness or injury while serving as an intern or practicant and is in a position to appreciate such risks and to protect him or herself from such illness or injury, including those arising from social interactions of the applicant that are not supervised by CVKH.

It is understood by the applicant that Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, Inc. cannot permit participation in the project without such applicant and applicant's parent or legal guardian signing a Release to protect Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, Inc. from claims arising from injury and/or CVKH's inability to completely supervise all of applicant's social interactions.

Therefore, intending to be legally bound, the applicant, or any person or entity on the applicant's behalf (including applicant's heirs, successors or assignees), hereby indemnify and hold CVKH, Inc. harmless, including for any expense of defense (including court costs and attorney fees) arising from any injury or damage (including death) suffered by the applicant or any other person present on the site as a result of the applicant's project on the premises of Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, Inc., while engaged in the project on the premises. The Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will apply to any dispute.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Parent's Signature



### ❖ **OUR MISSION**

The mission of Camphill Village Kimberton Hills is to create and maintain a community, based on the insights of Anthroposophy, that promotes well being and dignity, especially including individuals with developmental disabilities; and administers land and natural resources according to the principles of biodynamic agriculture, other ecologically sound practices, and conservation.

### ❖ **OUR COMMUNITY**

Camphill Village Kimberton Hills was founded in 1972 and is a land-based life-sharing community striving to restore vitality to our ecosystems and to societal structures. Adults who have developmental disabilities and volunteers form a supportive community based on shared responsibilities and caring. Located on a beautiful 430-acre farm in southeast Pennsylvania, we practice biodynamic farming, bake whole grain, organic breads and cookies, create beautiful fiber and woven products and wooden handcrafts. We enjoy a rich cultural life with musical recitals, plays, seasonal festivals and other activities. At Kimberton Hills residents can experience home, find challenging vocational tasks, and share with dignity and joy in the social, cultural and spiritual activities of community life.

Kimberton Hills is part of the international Camphill movement that addresses the needs of children, youth and adults with developmental disabilities. Karl König, M.D., started the first Camphill center in 1940 in Scotland; 85 independent communities now exist in 16 countries worldwide. Dr. König and the Camphill movement were inspired by Anthroposophy, the work of Rudolf Steiner, Ph.D. (1861-1925), an Austrian philosopher and educator. This philosophy embraces a spiritual view of the human being and the cosmos and recognizes the spiritual nature and wholeness of individuals regardless of ability.

At Kimberton Hills handicapped and non-handicapped community members live together as extended families, forming a supportive community based on shared responsibility and caring.

This lifestyle helps to foster mutual help and understanding, as people live and work side by side, all learning from each other.



## **YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW...**

### ❖ **Living Arrangements**

You will have your own room in a household that includes other co-workers (probably a family) and people with disabilities. You will be able to share work and play with many people, both young and old. You may find yourself cleaning house, digging in the garden, kneading bread in the bakery, sharing meals, going out to choir or folk dancing, or just visiting friends in other village houses or in the surrounding community. Despite a full work life, you will have ample opportunity to create a fulfilling social life for yourself (and others!).

### ❖ **Work and Compensation**

Your work schedule will be arranged according to the needs of the village, with your skills and preferences in mind. Our work places include housework (cooking, cleaning and supervising work crews) land work (in the dairy, gardens, orchard or estate) and craft work (wood workshop, bakery, weavery, or fiber arts). Generally, everyone works ten half-days per week (with one half day off), Monday through Friday plus Saturday mornings, and contributes to household needs on evenings and weekends as arranged in the house. It is important to realize that you are joining a community with responsibility for people with special needs, and that those needs are just as present on weekends and holidays as at other times. You will have one free weekend per month.

As all residents are volunteers, we do not provide salaries in the usual sense. We do provide room and board. Towels and bedding are provided.

### ❖ **Clothing**

Because the Village is not in a financial position to provide clothing and because much of our work is outside you should bring a full complement of clothing for the entirety of your stay. We experience seasonal weather changes. Bring cold weather clothes, including mittens and boots, rain gear, work boots, and clothing for hot summers including a bathing suit.

### ❖ **Recorded Music and Media**

In general, we prefer to keep our use of electronic media in our community to a minimum. We recognize that for some of the villagers, the media can have a strong negative effect, for example, lead to aggression, aggravate speech problems or autistic behavior, or sometimes cause excessive nervousness. Because our actions are geared towards being awake to the present moment, we prefer not to listen to recorded music or watch television to a great extent. We try to cultivate self awareness and awareness of our interdependence with other people and our environment by striving to bring ourselves into greater harmony with the earth and its beings. To be awake to the present moment also means to do one thing only at a time. Therefore, background music in a workshop or during a meal or social time may be considered inappropriate.

**❖ *Pets***

We strongly discourage the bringing of pets. In extraordinary circumstances this may be negotiated, but a clear agreement must be reached in advance of your acceptance of a position.

**❖ *Driving***

Volunteers are asked not to bring their own car.

**❖ *The Religious Life of the Community***

One of our ideals is to make all aspects of our life—work, social and cultural—wholesome and holy. On Saturday evenings, “Bible Evening” is celebrated in most houses. It is a time when we try to deepen our understanding of life and the world, using a passage from the New Testament as a focus for conversation. On Sundays, those who wish may participate in the nondenominational Christian service at our community center, Rose Hall. Participation is voluntary, but we ask that you be open to sharing in this aspect of village life. The way spirituality in the village is practiced is as varied as the people who live here. We ask that you be open and respectful to spiritual practice in your house community.

**❖ *Your Commitment***

We think Camphill Village Kimberton Hills is a wonderful place in which to discover interesting work and ideas, other people and most likely something new about yourself. It is a place that has as its purpose to work as a community to serve the dignity of the human being, using the insights of Anthroposophy. It is a diverse place where meaningful service takes place. It needs the wholehearted participation of all who live here. We hope that you will find joy and challenge in its tasks, and be prepared to offer your best.