

Delaware State Police Camp Barnes Applications Available



Delaware– Applications for Camp Barnes will be available online or at any Delaware State Police Troop on March 1st 2018. Applications can be downloaded at the camp's website. www.campbarnes.net . Dates for the camp and camp orientation will be listed on the website.

Camp Barnes is a recreational overnight summer camp run by the Delaware State Police and there is no fee to attend. All Children that are residents of the State of Delaware and are between the ages of 10-13 are eligible. Below are some of the many activities campers participate in throughout the week:

- Swimming in an Olympic size pool
- Kayaking in Millers Creek
- Archery
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Lacrosse

- Arts and Crafts
- Nature Walk
- Fishing/Crabbing
- Talent Show

Camp Barnes has a staff of 14 counselors (7 male and 7 female). All Counselors are required to submit to a criminal background and are interviewed prior to being hired. The staff also includes 1 on site nurse, 1 head cook, and 1 assistant cook. A State Trooper will be on duty at all times when the camp is in session. Camp Barnes is **NOT** a boot camp or intended for youth with behavior or disciplinary problems.

Campers are required to get a physical exam or an updated physical exam prior to being accepted to Camp Barnes. It is encouraged that all parents get an updated physical for their children as soon as possible in preparation for the camping season. The camp will fill up very fast, and Campers will not be assigned a week until an up to date physical is submitted.

The Delaware State Police is also seeking individuals to fill the position of camp counselor:

- Starting salary is \$300.00 per week
- Camp Weeks: June 25th – August 3rd
- Food and lodging provided
- Weekends off
- Must be a graduating senior in high school or college student

Applications may also be found on the camp's website at www.campbarnes.net

History-In 1947, the Delaware Association of Chiefs' of Police, an organization which was composed of active law enforcement and correctional officers, accepted the challenge to undertake a project to combat juvenile delinquency in the First State. A committee was appointed to investigate the

problems confronting youth. The committee's resulting recommendations led to the establishment of Camp Barnes for the recreation of deserving youth from throughout the state.

Camp Barnes, located on Miller's Creek, a tributary of Little Assawoman Bay, has since served the needs of thousands of children from throughout Delaware. Camp Barnes was originally designed to provide the children who were unable to attend summer camp an opportunity to experience life at a summer youth camp. Camp Barnes has remained basically unchanged, providing Delaware children with these outdoor experiences for over 60 years.

Any questions, please contact **Master Corporal Shawn Hatfield** at **302-752-3834** or **james.hatfield@delaware.gov**.

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