

On December 31, 2014, a new child protection law went into effect in Pennsylvania. There are new requirements for clearances needed for those who are working with children. **All Camp Christian volunteers who are present when minors are present are required to have these clearances.**

If you are a resident of the Commonwealth of PA you are required to have:

- Report of Criminal History from the Pennsylvania State Police
- Child Abuse History Clearance from the Department of Human Services

Additionally, a fingerprint based federal criminal history (FBI) is required if the volunteer has lived outside the Commonwealth of PA in the last 10 years.

Volunteers who are residents of other states must provide clearances from their state.

For more information – you may visit <http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/resources/clearances/index.htm>

All prospective volunteers must provide required clearances no later than 2 weeks prior to service. The camp office is required to maintain copies of the required information. This information is confidential and will not be released to other individuals.

If you have these clearances from other employment or volunteering, they will transfer. Camp is still required to keep copies of your clearances.

INFORMATION ON OBTAINING CLEARANCES

CHILD ABUSE HISTORY CLEARANCE – Cost FREE every 57 months for volunteers

Online: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

You may also receive a PA Child Abuse History Clearance by mailing a paper application.

Download the form: http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s_001762.pdf

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK - Cost FREE for volunteers

Online: <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

You may also submit a request for a PA State Police Criminal Check by mailing a paper application. **Please note: The processing of paper applications could take up to 4 weeks or longer.**

Download the form: http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s_001769.pdf

FBI CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK INSTRUCTIONS – Cost \$27.50

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services is utilizing IDEMIA (also referred to as Identigo) to process fingerprint-based FBI criminal background checks. The fingerprint based background checks. Please allow plenty of time to complete this multistep process. For more information and to begin the process, go to www.identigo.com