

Remember, your support letter should be in your words. Below are some example letters that can be used to give you some ideas. Please use them to get ideas not as your final letter.

We are changing how we ask. Be sure to focus on the mission of Lakeside and put donations in terms of supporting a camper to come to camp not as supporting you to work at camp.

Letters should include at least the following things:

- Your Name and maybe an short update about yourself and the positive things you have been up to lately.
- The Date
- Where you will be working. (Lakeside)
- The Mission of Lakeside (Teaching children about Christ, discipleship, etc...)
- What you will be doing this summer at Lakeside to further this mission.
- You will need to ask for donations. You might want to mention how many campers you are trying to support. (The subsidized rate is roughly \$350 a camper. If your goal were to raise \$600 you could say that you are trying to raise support for two campers to come to camp.
- Give instructions on how to donate. Example: "Please make checks payable to Lakeside Christian Camp with my name in the memo line." or
- Provide a link to the Lakeside 2013 staff page which will have a bio of you and a link to donate. <http://www.lakesideonline.org/2013-summer-staff/>
- You can even include a QR code (email me for this.)
- Be sure to provide the physical address of the camp.
- Do not forget to thank them and ask for their prayers!

Below are some samples. Please let me know if you have any questions.

- James

Sample #1

Hello!

This summer I will be returning to work at Lakeside Christian Camp, a non-profit camp in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The aim of Lakeside Christian Camp is to reach children for Christ. My goal this summer is to raise support for three children in need to come to camp. For each \$350 donated a child will be able to attend camp and have the opportunity to hear the life-changing message of the Gospel! Your donation will make a world of difference in these children's lives. Every little bit counts! If you would like to donate, you can send your check or cash to:

Lakeside Christian Camp
195 Cloverdale St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Support Letter Details

Please make checks payable to Lakeside Christian Camp and write "Jane Doe—Fundraising" in the memo line. You can also donate through the Lakeside website. Just go to the following link, find my bio and click on the donate button. **<http://www.lakesideonline.org/2013-summer-staff/>**. If at all possible, it would be fantastic to have all donations in by June 22nd because that is the day camp starts!

Thank you so much for your donation! Also, please be in prayer for me as I am ministering to these children this summer! Pray that I will be a shining example of God's love in everything that I do, think and say! Also, please pray that God will be working on the hearts of all the children that will be attending camp this summer!

Thank you again and God Bless!

Jane Doe

Sample #2

Hello Friends,

I hope you are having a fantastic year. This has been an exciting year for me. I am a senior at Saint Joseph Central High School and will be attending Saint Michael's College in the fall. God is so amazing! He has been teaching me how to seek his will in my life and look for opportunities to further his kingdom. God has been working in my heart and preparing me for a chance to serve him over the summer.

This summer I will be serving as a counselor and lifeguard at Lakeside Christian Camp in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Lakeside has been a part of my life for eight years. I came to know Christ personally at Lakeside while I was a camper. What is most exciting about my job at Lakeside this summer is that I will be able to help campers come to know Christ in the same way that I did.

Please pray that I will have wisdom as I counsel campers that may not know Christ personally. Also, pray for the camp as a whole, the physical needs of filling the camp with staff members who have been called to serve and campers who wish to attend. The difficult financial needs of a Christian camp like Lakeside are many, but most important are the spiritual needs of spreading the gospel to people of all ages and backgrounds.

I am asking you to participate by supporting campers who are in need. I have a minimum goal of supporting 2 campers by June 22nd. By supporting me with whatever you can give, you will be helping me do what I believe God has called me to do at this point in my life.

Checks should be made payable to Lakeside Christian Camp with my name in the memo line. Lakeside's address is:

Lakeside Christian Camp
195 Cloverdale Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201.

I appreciate anything you are able to give, but most important are your prayers.

Sincerely,
John Doe