

## **Camp Veritas Update-Preliminary Info for Ireland Staff**

### **May 23, 2025**

Hello Saints!

Thank you for submitting a registration to volunteer for our Ireland week of Camp Veritas at Clongowes Wood College, located at Castlebrown, Clane, Co. Kildare, W91 DN40, Ireland.

Here is some important information. **Note that there are action items that require your attention, please read CAREFULLY:**

**ARRIVAL:** We are planning an in-depth orientation, training and community-building for all volunteers starting Monday afternoon. Please plan on arriving on **Monday, June 23rd, at 4pm.** **This is required for ALL new volunteers. You need to RSVP for this as we need an accurate count for dinner.**

Ideally, we want all volunteers to arrive at this time to allow the Spirit to strengthen all you fantastic disciples and bring you closer together before Camp begins.

However, if you are a veteran who cannot come earlier please arrive by 9:30am on Tuesday, June 24th. It is important we arrive on time as there is a lot to do prior to the campers' arrival at 3:30pm. **If for some reason you cannot arrive on time, please let us know as soon as possible.** If you are a veteran coming Tuesday, please note that there will not be official supervision for kids (if you are bringing campers with you) until after 3:30pm.

Camp ends on Saturday, June 28th, after the 10:00am Mass, closing remarks, and bunk checks. For staff, that might be 12:30PM or so.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** For those of you joining us for the first time, we made a website tab just for you! Check out the volunteer tab of the website [www.campveritas.ie](http://www.campveritas.ie) and it will give insight into what you are getting yourself into! If you still have questions or concerns, you can contact our Ireland Director, Nathan Mannion at [mannionn6@gmail.com](mailto:mannionn6@gmail.com) or via WhatsApp +353 87 721 0057. Please read the [Volunteer Survival Guide](#) ahead of time to be prepared for what lies ahead. If you are new, please bring a signed copy of the last page, if returning, please read it for some schedule and policy updates.

**DETAILS:** Please refer to the packing list and the camper rules below. The facility address and directions can also be found on the Facilities page or the Registration tab. Please bring your cell phone and if you have a counselor shirt from prior years, bring that as well.. If you are new, we hope to have enough counsellor shirts for all, but bring a

couple of navy-blue shirts just in case, especially for registration day. **There will also be jumpers available for purchase!** We will accept cash or cheque.

#### **GARDA VETTING AND TUSLA TRAINING:**

If you are a new volunteer or haven't been vetted in 3 years, you should already have been in contact with Philomena to get vetted with the GARDA. Please see this [link of FAQ](#) from the GARDA for details. If not, please reach out to her ASAP for instructions, [philodprender@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:philodprender@yahoo.co.uk). Please be aware that we cannot guarantee at this point that your process will complete in time, and **you cannot volunteer if you are not fully vetted.**

#### **Everyone new (not US citizens), will also have to complete TUSLA training.**

This supplements the Safer Spaces training that we require in the States. You will submit your certificate in place of Safer Spaces in your Camp in Touch Account. Please also email a copy to [philodprender@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:philodprender@yahoo.co.uk) and [veritasvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:veritasvolunteer@gmail.com). The training can be found here:

<https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>

#### **REMINDERS AND LINKS:**

- **Submit your Background Check (US Citizens ONLY)**
- **Submit your Safe Environment Certificate (US Citizens instructions to complete the online course [here.](#))**
- **[Camp-In-Touch Account Login](#)** (in case you haven't completed your application yet)
- **[Camper Packing List-All Camps](#)**
- **[Camp Rules](#)** Please note our dress code noted on the camp rules!
- **[Camp Policies](#)**
- **[Volunteer Survival Guide](#)**
- **[Ireland Camp Parent and Camper Arrival Information Letter](#)**

Please reply to this email if you need to cancel for any reason, having accurate numbers is essential for our preparations.

Please let me know if you have any further questions!

God Bless,

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