

2023 Range & Natural Resources Camp Counselor Application

Elkus Youth Ranch, Half Moon Bay, California

June 18-23, 2023

Range Camp is a week-long camp experience designed to introduce high school students to topics in environmental science, natural resource management, and agriculture (ranching). Students participate in classroom presentations and field activities from 8am-5pm each day. The capacity of the camp is limited to about 25 students (usually >60% girls).

Camp counselors are responsible for leading team-building, social, and recreational activities from 5pm to 9:30pm, providing overnight supervision, and getting campers through morning KP and breakfast. Counselors are expected to assist with camp activities during the day, as needed and/or directed including joining talks and field trips.

Events and activities organized by the counselors include evening bonfires, team sports (e.g. volleyball), kitchen and clean-up schedules, general recreation, 'team building' activities, introductory mixers, etc. Counselors are quartered with the campers. Sleeping quarters vary between outrigger tents and yurts. One male and one female counselor are hired each year.

Experience

Candidates should have experience in leading group activities, particularly junior high and high school-aged students. Candidates who are making progress towards a college degree are preferred, but this is not required. Preference will be given to individuals who have had relevant experiences and can demonstrate a high level of personal responsibility. Please provide two references.

Knowledge & Skills

Ability to relate well to high school students, while being able to assert authority/leadership when required. Capable of organizing work and activity groups and scheduling tasks. Possess familiarity with icebreakers and team-oriented games and activities. Good interpersonal communication and group management skills are necessary for this position.

Salary

Counselors will be provided lodging (with students) and all meals. Salary is \$550-600, plus meals and basic travel expenses for the week.

Background Check

Because this is a youth event, all camp staff must complete a fingerprint scan and background check. Camp administration will provide information about how to do this, and will reimburse staff for the cost of the process (\$15-\$25).

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you have a valid California Driver's License? Y / N

Please list pertinent work or volunteer experience (anything where you had a position of responsibility or leadership with youth programs), including duration of position(s):

What student activities (including learning experiences, games, icebreakers, etc.) have you participated in leading, planning or organizing that might be used at camp:

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Are you working on, or already have a college degree? If yes, in what field(s)? If not, what kinds of related work or professional experience do you have?

What education, training, or other experiences have you had that you think have given you preparation to be a camp counselor for high school-age students?

Please attach a current copy of your resume with this application.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date: _____

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