

Jr Counselor Program

- Fee for participation is \$50
- Ages 15–18
Must be an incoming high school Frosh., Soph., Jr. or Sr. as of Fall 2017.
- Weekly Sessions run Monday-Friday June 19-August 18.
- Jr. Counselor Shifts are 8:30am–5:45pm
May attend full days, or half days (4 hour minimum)
- May ONLY attend 1-2 weeks.

Campers will learn valuable communication and leadership skills during this 1-2 week program. The goal of the program is to further develop leadership skills that participants can use throughout life to identify and achieve goals.

We also develop participants' skills in leading and teaching children.

This program is for young people who are highly motivated and ready to work and play hard, and who demonstrate additional responsibility in accepting the challenges of leadership. While not required, it is recommended that applicants have leadership experience or experience working with children.

Junior Counselors (JCs) gain valuable training and experience by providing support to instructors and group leaders at camp. Jr. Counselors are supervised by instructors, group leaders, Camp Coordinators, and the Camp Director.

There are a limited number of spaces and an application is required. If interested in applying, please submit a Jr. Counselor application.

For more information email the UCSB Summer Camps Office at camps@recreation.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-3913.

After application is received, it will be reviewed and applicant will be contacted regarding acceptance into the program. Space is limited to 10 Jr. Counselors per session. Qualified applicants will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

This is a training position. Jr. Counselors are not paid.

Fee includes 1 camp T-shirt. Additional shirt may be purchased for \$10 each.

Service may count towards community service/volunteer requirements. Community service paperwork must be submitted to the camp director no later than August 15, 2017.

Job Duties Include:

- Assist instructors and group leaders with their campers
- Take initiative, find ways to be helpful to instructors and group leaders
- Help incorporate diverse activities into lessons
- Develop relationships with all campers and avoid playing favorites
- Actively involved with all campers, not sitting or disengaged
- Help connect camp values to activities in a developmentally appropriate manner
- Help campers feel united as a group by promoting theme days and camp traditions
- Help all campers make friends and enjoy the camp experience
- Display appropriate behavior (action and language) around campers, parents, and staff
- Avoid rough-housing/over-stimulation behavior with campers
- Provide general supervision and downtime activities for all campers in his/her care
- Help keep track of all campers, follow check-in/out procedures
- Walk children safely between locations and on water/bathroom breaks
- Assist campers with belongings, lost and found, sunscreen/water, trash pick-up, etc.
- Resolve disciplinary problems appropriately, request help when needed
- Demonstrate good judgement
- Demonstrate responsibility in regard to schedule, meetings & trainings
- Help keep equipment and supplies in order, well maintained, and in the proper location
- Dress in appropriate attire/uniform
- Maintain a positive attitude while working, help wherever needed, work well with others
- Display good customer service skills
- Accept feedback and makes necessary corrections
- Follow all camp policies and procedures
- Perform miscellaneous tasks as requested by supervisor
- Ability to relate well to children

Counselor-In-Training Program

Age Requirement: 13-14. Must be a fully enrolled/paid camper in the Summer Day Camp. This is an informal training opportunity for campers desiring to supplement camp activities with basic leadership/job training.

Counselors-In-Training (CITs) gain valuable training and experience by providing support to instructors and group leaders at camp. CITs are supervised by instructors, group leaders, individual Camp Coordinators, and the Summer Day Camp Director.

CITs are volunteers and are not paid.

This is an informal program. Interested candidates must self-initiate interest in participating by speaking with head counselors and camp director while at camp.