

His Hill Ranch Camp

2016 Summer Volunteer Information



We are excited that you are interested in joining us in serving the Lord through His camp ministry here at His Hill. It is an incredible opportunity to share the good news of Jesus as Savior to literally hundreds of young people over the course of the summer. The Lord makes it clear in His Word the importance of reaching out and showing love to children, and each year He faithfully provides a summer staff from all over the world that share Christ's love for young people.

The reason for this packet is to give you a better idea of what to expect in joining us as a volunteer for summer camp. While praying with you and for you about this decision, the information below might help you discern if this is where the Lord would have you for the summer. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We would be happy to talk with you.

I. The Purpose of Camp

Our purpose at His Hill Ranch Camp is to provide a Christ-centered camping program, which integrates spiritual and personal development by emphasizing evangelism, discipleship, skill development, and a deep appreciation for Jesus Christ and a close relationship with Him.

II. General Information

1. Our summer begins with a two-week staff training. Staff training is May 23-June 3, 2016.
2. We have ten, one-week camp sessions. Camp dates are June 5-August 12, 2016. The first two sessions are scholarship camps, for children who wouldn't normally be able to afford to come to camp. The next seven weeks are overnight camps for campers ranging in age from 8-18. Weekly sessions are divided by age group. The last week of camp is our day camp, for children ages 6-10.
3. His Hill Summer Volunteers generally receive a gift of \$30 each week.
4. We have two chapel times and two cabin devotional times each day. Support Staff are required to attend three chapel sessions per week.
5. Our focus at His Hill is Christ Jesus. He will use you to minister to the campers, but you will find that He will also be ministering to you. The schedule is demanding for each position, but the Lord can and will provide the strength you need for whatever position He has you in.
6. Although you may apply for the position of your preference, understand that we reserve the right to place you wherever needs arise. We ask our summer staff volunteers to have a willing attitude for whatever the Lord has in store for them.
7. Our camp program is an extension of our Bible School. If you've attended Bible School, camp is a unique experience in which the lessons and principles learned during Bible School can be applied. It is an opportunity to "finish" what you have started. (Note: Bible School is not a requirement to be on summer staff.)
8. Summer volunteer applicants are required to provide a background check from their country of origin before acceptance. International staff will need to contact their local police department for information on obtaining this document.

III. Volunteer Positions

The positions we have available are: counselor, maintenance assistant, kitchen assistant, office assistant, wrangler, nurse, media director, snack bar manager, and housekeeping assistant.

Counselor: Functions as the primary caregiver for campers during their stay at His Hill. His/her responsibilities include, but are not limited to 24 hour camper supervision, activity teaching, game and skit preparation, devotional teaching, memory verse teaching, camper interaction, camper discipline, camper supervision, and organizing special activities.

Maintenance: Functions as the primary staff for maintenance of the His Hill facilities. His responsibilities include, but are not limited to, mowing, remodeling, pest control, landscaping, dish washing, camper interaction and camper supervision.

Kitchen: Functions as the primary staff for feeding staff, campers and guests of His Hill. His/her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, food preparation, cooking, serving at meals, dish washing, camper interaction and camper supervision.

Office Assistant: Functions as the primary assistant to the camp secretary. His/her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, clerical work, administration, parent interaction, dish washing, camper interaction and camper supervision.

Wrangler: Functions as the primary staff for the operation of the horse program. His/her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, care of horses, care of barn facilities, care of grounds, camper interaction and camper supervision.

Nurse: Must be a physician, RN, LVN, or a person with an American Red Cross EMR certificate or its equivalent. His/her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, being on call 24 hours a day for all medical needs: first aid or medicinal. He/she is not permitted to be involved in the running of the daily program (i.e. dish washing, cooking, camper supervision, etc.).

Media: Functions as the primary staff for the filming and production of the media program. His/her responsibilities include, but are not limited to: taking photographs, posting pictures on our website, chapel audio recording, dish washing, camper interaction and camper supervision.

Snack Bar Manager: Functions as the primary staff responsible for the running of the snack bar. His/her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, camper and staff accounts management, inventory buying and control, sales, dish washing, camper interaction and camper supervision.

Housekeeping: Functions as the primary staff for maintaining the cleanliness of the His Hill facilities. Her responsibilities include, but are not limited to, general cleaning, laundry, dish washing, serving at meals, camper interaction and camper supervision.

IV. Personal Conduct

1. For Summer Staff under 21 years of age, curfew is 10:30pm Sunday-Thursday and 12:00am Friday and Saturday. Staff 21 and older, curfew is 11:00pm Sunday-Thursday and 1:00am Friday and Saturday.
2. No alcoholic beverage is allowed during the entire time of service at His Hill, on or off the premises.
3. No tobacco or drugs of any form are permitted on or off the premises.
4. All Summer Staff shall present an appropriately neat, modest and clean appearance at all times.
5. No Summer Staff member may leave camp premises while on duty unless specifically given permission by the Camp Director. Staff under 18, must get the approval of the Camp Director or supervisor to leave camp premises at any time.
6. There is a no tolerance policy in place regarding dating or romantic relationships with campers. Anyone under the age of 18 will not be allowed to begin a relationship while a volunteer at His Hill.

V. Sample Camp Schedule

SUNDAY	6:00 pm	REGISTRATION
	7:15-8:15 pm	Welcome / Bible Study
	8:30-9:15 pm	Snack Bar / Week Theme
	9:30 pm	Camp / Showers / Devotions
	10:15 pm	Lights Out
MON - THURS	7:30 am	Rise and Shine
	8:00am	Breakfast
	8:30 am	Morning Devotions
	9:05-9:55 am	Morning Chapel
	10:00-11:05 am	ACTIVITY 1
	11:15-12:20 am	ACTIVITY 2
	12:30 pm	Lunch
	1:15 pm	Peace & Quiet / Counselor Meeting
	2:45-3:50 pm	Snack & Swim
	4:00-5:05 pm	ACTIVITY 3
	5:15 pm	Supper
	6:00-6:55 pm	Evening Chapel
	7:00 pm	SPECIAL ACTIVITY (Mon & Thurs)
	8:15 pm	Snack Bar (7:00 on Tues & Wed)
9:00 pm	Evening Devotions / Showers	
10:15 pm	Lights Out	
FRIDAY	7:30 am	Rise and Shine
	8:00 am	Breakfast
	8:30 am	Morning Devotions
	9:05-9:55 am	Morning Chapel
	10:00-11:50 am	SPECIAL ACTIVITY #1
	12:00 pm	Lunch
	1:15 pm	Peace & Quiet / Counselor Meeting
	2:45-4:50 pm	SPECIAL ACTIVITY #2
	5:00 pm	Dinner
	5:45-6:30 pm	Evening Chapel
	6:45-6:55 pm	Cabin Clean Up
	7:00 pm	CLOSING PROGRAM

VI. Dress Code

Staff members are asked to show moderation and modesty at all times no matter what the prevailing fashions may be. Immodest clothing can harm our brothers and sisters in Christ and can damage the ministry. The overall principle to observe is *modesty!*

Girls:

- One-piece bathing suits only.
- No low cut tops or low cut armholes.
- No spaghetti strap tanks.
- Shirts must cover your abdomen
- No short shorts
- Undergarments should be modest and appropriate for a ministry to children.

Guys:

- Shirts are required at all times except at the pool or sports
- Guys may not wear earrings.
- Men should wear swim trunks.

Shirts and shoes are required in the Dining Room. No holes in jeans.

VII. What to Bring

Clothes:

- Everyday “camp” clothes (things that can get dirty/wet/stained)
- T-shirts
- Tank tops (no spaghetti straps)
- Shorts
- Long sleeve shirt for early morning/evening
- Sweatshirt for odd cooler day
- Rain Jacket
- One-piece swimsuit
- A nice pair of khaki or jean shorts for opening/closing ceremonies
- Nicer clothes for church/weekends.
- Sneakers, flip flops, water shoes (optional)

Other stuff:

- Alarm clock
- Watch
- Sunscreen
- Bible/notebook
- Towels
- Bedding
- Flashlight
- Water bottle
- Backpack (counselors)
- Small fan for the cabins (counselors)
- Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.

Theme of the Week

Every week there is a theme set by the special activity directors and it's always fun to have a costume to go along with the theme. You can pick up things at Wal-Mart when you find out the theme of the week...we always keep it simple and cheap and use our imaginations! Possible themes are:

- Cowboy/western
- Superhero
- Pirates
- Secret agent
- Hillbillies

*Please contact us if you have any questions. We are praying for you as you make this important decision.