



2024 Candlelight Ranch Summer Camp Staff

Summer Camp Staff will assist with, lead and learn about Candlelight Ranch's educational and therapeutic nature-based programming. Staff will have the opportunity to learn and interact with a wide range of at-risk youth and children with special needs. In collaboration with the Program Director, Program Coordinator and Program Specialist, interns will learn how to facilitate educational, recreational and therapeutic group programs. Staff will have the opportunity to learn about program development, implementation and evaluation methods and will receive a 2-day zipline training, program training for 4-days before the start of summer, and ongoing training as needed.

Staff will learn, participate and facilitate the following programs and activities with appropriate training and supervision:

- **Challenge Course** (Low & High Ropes)– Candlelight Ranch has 3 zip lines, high ropes course and a canyon traverse. Our interns will assist with & lead group facilitation, including processing the Challenge Course experience.
- **Equine Program** – Candlelight Ranch provides hands-on learning opportunities to our clients utilizing Equine Assisted Learning and team building through EAGALA.
- **Archery**- CLR provides the opportunity for campers to learn a new skillset during our entry level archery program, interested interns may receive additional training in order to teach/ assist with the program.
- **Nature Hikes** – Utilizing our hiking trails, campers are able to explore the natural wonders of our property and learn about edible and medicinal plants of Central Texas.
- **Nature Art**– Candlelight Ranch customizes art projects that incorporate the natural environment.
- **Nature Therapy and Education** – Candlelight Ranch provides opportunities for groups to explore nature and learn about the positive effects that a natural environment can have on mental and physical health.

Who We Serve

Candlelight Ranch provides camp opportunities to our local community, Independent School Districts, team building retreats and nonprofit groups that fall within our mission of serving Special Needs and At-Risk Youth. CLR as well hosts its own special events serving Special Needs / At-Risk youth and their families and Military Personnel and their families.

Working Hours & Requirements

Staff will need to be available for a minimum of 5 days a week from 8:30am -4:30pm and will be required to attend 4-day training from May 28- May 31. Summer camps run from June 6- Aug 2. There is a week break from camp during the 4th of July. This internship may require some weekends, evenings and overnights. Staff will need to have their own transportation to and from Candlelight Ranch. There is a cabin for Summer Camp Staff to share with beds, full bath, full kitchen, and a laundry room. **Staff will spend most of their time outdoors and will be engaging in physically demanding activities. Staff needs to be willing to work outdoors in the heat, have a positive and flexible attitude, and desire to work with children and at-risk youth.**

Candlelight Ranch will provide onsite training for our ziplines and ropes course before the summer starts. It is strongly recommended that interns get their belay certification prior to the start of the internship.

This position is paid \$15 per hour with a biweekly pay period.

Training will take place May 28- May 31.

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