



## **Summer Critter Camp Junior Counselor Application**

### ***Application Deadline is April 21st, 2023***

Having helpful Junior Counselors makes Rescue Ranch Critter Camp possible. Without the support of these dedicated individuals our program could not exist. We depend on a close ratio of campers to teachers and Junior Counselors in order to ensure a safe and fun environment for everyone. Many campers and Junior Counselors return year after year to reconnect with old friends and form new and lasting bonds.

The Junior Counselor program is both fun and hard work. Junior Counselors should enjoy working with children, be able to demonstrate a respect for animals, serve as a positive role model for campers, and provide dependable, responsible support for staff and campers. Space in the program is limited, unfortunately, and we regret that we are unable to accept every applicant. Please note that camp Junior Counselors must be entering at least 7th grade in the fall of 2023 and between 12-17 years old.

Returning Junior Counselors only need to fill out the application, submit the application fee, and attend one of the training dates. The interview, essay, and letter of recommendation are not required for those returning for their second year or more as a junior Counselor.

#### **Junior Counselor Responsibilities:**

- Junior Counselors act as teacher assistants during our Critter Camp.
- They perform a variety of duties including set-up and cleanup, participation during crafts and games, helping with animal presentations, assisting with managing children's behavior, and supervising snack and lunch times.
- ***It is important to understand that the Junior Counselor's main responsibility is working with children and not the animals.***

#### **Time Requirements:**

**Junior Counselors are required to work for an entire week. No partial weeks accepted.**

**Junior Counselors can work for more than one week if desired, provided there is room.**

- 1.) The Exceptional Children's camp Junior Counselor shift is Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 12:30pm OR 12:30pm to 4:30pm.
- 2.) Preschool camp is Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 12:30pm OR 12:30pm to 4:30pm.
- 3.) The elementary and middle school camp Junior Counselor shifts are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

#### **Interview and Training Sessions:**

- Junior Counselors will be contacted to participate in a group interview.
- Successful applicants will then be required to attend a training session.
- To be consistent in providing a safe and quality camp experience and to be fair to all Junior Counselors, we will not make exceptions



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- 1) Complete and return the 2023 Critter Camp Junior Counselor Application. We can only accommodate a limited number of Junior Counselors each week. **Week preferences are granted on a first come, first served basis.** The application deadline is April 21st, 2023.
- 2) **Scheduling:** Please give us **at least three** options of Junior Counselor workweek choices. Due to the challenges of scheduling so many Junior Counselors if you have only one week available your chance of getting a spot is significantly diminished. Transportation is your responsibility. We consider schedule requests for carpool reasons, but there are no guarantees. Friends are not placed in the same class. EC Camp assignments are limited to return counselors only; spots are limited so make sure to make multiple selections of camp preferences.
- 3) **Essay:** Applicants must complete these questions on a separate sheet of paper (One paragraph each):  
**Question 1.** What do you hope to get out of this experience?  
**Question 2.** Why should we select you?
- 4) **Letter of Recommendation:** Applicants must have one letter of recommendation from an unrelated adult. This could be a teacher, coach, scout leader, etc.
- 5) **Application Fee:** The application fee is **\$25**. This fee covers your t-shirt and training. This fee can be mailed in with your application or turned in on your interview day. We can accept cash or check only.
- 6) We will email you to verify that we have received your application. If you do not receive a confirmation within one week of sending your application, please email [education@rescueranch.com](mailto:education@rescueranch.com) to inquire. Please be sure to add [rescueranch.com](mailto:education@rescueranch.com) to your allowed email lists so it doesn't end up in your SPAM folder.
- 7) **New Applicant Interviews:** You will be emailed your group interview date and time. It is your responsibility to contact the Humane Education Manager if you have not received your interview time by **May 1st**. All new applicants must attend an interview.
- 8) **Training Sessions:** Training is required for all Junior Counselors. If you are selected to be a Junior Counselor for summer 2023 Critter Camps, you will receive an email with your training session time by **May 10th**. If you are not selected, you will receive an email and will not need to attend training. If you don't receive an email please contact Jennifer at [education@rescueranch.com](mailto:education@rescueranch.com) to inquire.
- 9) **Week Assignments:** Workweek assignments will be emailed by **May 24th**. If you do not receive an email please contact Jennifer at [education@rescueranch.com](mailto:education@rescueranch.com) to inquire. Your Junior Counselor assignment will be canceled if you do not attend a training session.

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## Checklist for All Applicants: All items on the checklist must be completed in order to process your application.

___ Completed Application (2 pages)	___ Must be at least a rising 7th grader and be 12 - 17 years old.
___ Junior Counselor Essay	___ Mail to:
___ Letter of Recommendation	Humane Education Manager
___ Application Fee (\$25)	1424 Turnersburg Hwy
___ <b>Email to: <a href="mailto:education@rescueranch.com">education@rescueranch.com</a></b>	Statesville, NC 28625



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**Please print clearly:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Counselor's DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Counselor's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Counselor's Grade level and School for 2022-2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt (adult sizing): S M L XL

### Interview Sessions (Please mark 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice)

These are the only available interview times. Interviews are not required for returning Junior Counselors.

_____	Tue. May 2nd - 3:30 - 4:00pm	_____	Fri. May 5th - 4:00 - 4:30pm
_____	Tue. May 2nd - 4:00 - 4:30pm	_____	Fri. May 5th - 4:30 - 5:00pm
_____	Wed. May 3rd - 4:30 - 5:00pm	_____	Sat. May 6th - 9:00 - 9:30am
_____	Thur. May 4th - 4:00 - 4:30pm	_____	Sat. May 6th 9:30 - 10:00am

### Mandatory Training Sessions (Please mark the sessions you're available for)

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by email on May 8th. **For safety reasons, this training is mandatory.** Your assignment will be canceled if you do not attend.

_____	May 18th (Thu)	4:00 - 5:00p
_____	May 19th (Fri)	4:00 - 5:00p



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## Summer Session Junior Counselor Workweeks 2023

All Applicants Please select your available weeks in order of preference (1, 2, 3, 4, etc) You must be available the entire week.

Camp Dates (PreK Camp)	Time	Preference
June 5th - 8th	8:30a - 12:30p	
June 5th - 8th	12:30p - 4:30p	

Camp Dates (PreK Camp)	Time	Preference
August 14th - 17th	8:30a - 12:30p	
August 14th - 17th	12:30p - 4:30p	

Camp Dates (Elementary Camp)	Time	Preference
June 12th - 16th	8:30a - 4:30p	
June 19th - 23rd	8:30a - 4:30p	
June 26th - 30th	8:30a - 4:30p	
July 5th - 7th	8:30a - 4:30p	

Camp Dates (Middle School Camp)	Time	Preference
July 10th - 14th	8:30a - 4:30p	

Camp Dates (Exceptional Children's Camp)	Time	Preference (Returning counselors preferred but not limited to)
July 17th - 21st	8:30a - 12:30p	
July 17th - 21st	12:30p - 4:30p	

Camp Dates (Elementary Camp)	Time	Preference
July 24th - 28th		
July 31st - Aug 4th		
Aug 7th - 11th		



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## Waivers and Liability

- I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee my child placement in the Rescue Ranch Junior Counselor Program
- Tetanus Information: I understand that because my child may handle animals, it is important to discuss the tetanus vaccine with my physician. I release Rescue Ranch from all responsibility that may occur because of my not pursuing this matter further and I understand whatever decision I make is at my own risk. I have read, understand and agree with the above tetanus information.
- In the event of an emergency, I hereby give the Rescue Ranch permission to seek medical attention for my child.
- I give permission for Rescue Ranch to photograph my child for use in any Center publication, educational, or advertising purposes the Ranch may designate.
- I acknowledge and understand that as a Junior Counselor of Rescue Ranch, my child is not covered by the Rescue Ranch's workers compensation or any other insurance policy for any damages or injuries my child may sustain during Junior Counselor activities.
- **On behalf of myself, my children, my heirs, assignees, guardians, personal and legal representatives and executors, I hereby release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Rescue Ranch, its officers, directors, and employees for any and all claims, demands, losses, costs, liabilities, damages, personal injuries and property damage, connected with my or my child's Junior Counselor services to Rescue Ranch whether caused directly or indirectly by any negligence (active or passive) attributable to Rescue Ranch, its officers, directors or employees.**

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical considerations (allergies, medical conditions, physical limitations, medications, etc.) or any special accommodations we can make to insure a safe and enjoyable Junior Counselor experience.

**I have read, understand, and agree to the above information. I certify that the information provided here is accurate and complete. In the event of my selection, I will comply with all rules and regulations as set forth by Rescue Ranch.**

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Email to:** education@rescueranch.com

**Mail to:** Jennifer Bhagirat, Humane Education Staff.

### For Internal Use Only

Rec'd:		Interview:		Training/Assignment:		Confirmation:	
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