Counselor in Training (CIT)

Seasonal | Hempstead, TX

BLACKWOOD
EDUCATIONAL LAND INSTITUTE

Blackwood Nature Camp is a week-long overnight camp for 8-14 year olds. Our goal is simple: get kids outside and active for the summer! We have multiple openings for seasonal CITs. Camp sessions are 5 days and 4 nights, beginning Sunday evening and concluding Friday afternoon.

TRAINING
June 2 – 5, 2018 WAFA Training (if 16+)
June 6 – 10, 2018 Counselor and CIT Training Week (June 6 – WAFA Refresh for Staff)

CAMP SESSIONS
Summer Session 1: June 17 – 22, 2018
Summer Session 2: June 24 –29, 2018
Summer Session 3: July 1 – 6, 2018
Summer Session 4: July 15 - 20, 2018
Summer Session 5: July 22 – 27, 2018
Summer Session 6: July 29 – August 3, 2018

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

- Assist counselors and Camp Directors with tasks as needed
- Engage with campers in games and activities, help keep things fun
- Your goal is to learn and foster the skills necessary to become a counselor. Observe what counselors do and what they say – ask questions!
- Serve as a role model for campers and other counselors in training
- Share supervision of mealtime and recreation time
- Assist with morning/afternoon/evening clean-up of camp areas
- Participate enthusiastically in all activities (e.g., games, guest presentations, field trips)

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Previous experience working with children
- Ability to work both as a member of a team and independently, and accept direction
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to adapt to a changing situation, solve problems, and think creatively
- Demonstrated interest in the environment, sustainable farming and education

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Must have previously attended BNC as a camper
- Must be able to work at 2pm on Sunday until we finish closing down camp usually about 7:00pm on Friday.
- Applicants must be between the ages of 14 -16.
- Must be able to work a minimum of 2 camp sessions.
- Required to attend orientation/training.
- Smoking, alcohol use, drug use, non-compliance with BNC protocols and philosophy, etc., are grounds for immediate dismissal.

In order to provide the best experiences for the campers, some of the goals of BNC staff are:

- ensure kids are having fun
- help campers be safe
- help prepare kids for making choices, becoming self-directed, and responsible for their own learning
- to assure kids of their inestimable worth
- to create an atmosphere of caring and respect

To Apply

Send **session preferences**, **letter of reference,** & **application** to: gabi@blackwoodland.org

Camp Fees

$650/week. Training Week is no cost.

Scholarships available. Email gabi@blackwoodland.org for more information.

Counselor-In-Training Application

First Name | Last Name

DOB | Age at Camp

T-Shirt Size | Gender

Address | City | State | Zip

Cell Phone | Email

Education

School Name | Location

Work/Volunteer Experience (please list most recent first)

Position | Company | Dates Employed

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References (no relatives, please)

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Questions

1. What interests you most about a CIT position at Blackwood Nature Camp?

2. Describe any experience you have working in the outdoors, agriculture, or the culinary arts. Please note all training will be provided.

3. Describe any experience you have working with children. Please list specific ages. Campers range in age from 8-14.