

Counselor in Training (CIT)

Seasonal | Hempstead, TX



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 6 days and 5 nights, beginning Sunday evening and concluding Friday afternoon.

TRAINING

June 4 - 9, 2020 Counselor and CIT Training Week

CAMP SESSIONS

Summer Session 1: June 14 – 19, 2020

Summer Session 2: June 21 – 26, 2020

Summer Session 3: June 28 – July 3, 2020 (Middle School – no CITs)

Summer Session 4: July 12 - 17, 2020

Summer Session 5: July 19 – August 24, 2020

Summer Session 6: July 26 - 31, 2020

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, self-start!
- Serve as a role model for campers and other counselors in training
- Share supervision of mealtime and recreation time
- Fill and maintain coolers with water & gatorade
- 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 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 strictly **prohibited** and are grounds for immediate dismissal.

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

- - To ensure campers' safety and enjoyment
- - To prepare campers become independent, critical thinking individuals
- - To assure kids of their inestimable worth
- - To create an atmosphere of caring and respect

To APPLY:

Send **ALL session availability, letter of reference (if first time applying), & application** to: campdirector@blackwoodland.org. If you are not chosen as a CIT this summer, but would still like to attend camp as a camper, please hold off on your registration until you have been notified of Blackwood's hiring decision. If you would like to attend session 3 (Middle School Camp), feel free to register at any time.

Applications will be accepted from January 15th to March 1st and interviews will be held on a rolling basis starting March 1st. Position offers and summer schedule will be sent by the week of April 1st. Session preferences are not guaranteed so please include all weeks you are available to work.

Camp Fees

\$650/week. Training Week is no cost.

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

Counselor-in-Training Application

First Name	Last Name
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DOB	Age at Camp
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T-Shirt Size	Gender
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Cell Phone	Email
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Education

School Name	Highest Level Achieved (High School, BA, etc.)
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Work/Volunteer Experience

Please list most recent first.

Position	Company	Dates Employed
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References (no relatives)

Name	Relationship	Phone #
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Questions *(Complete sentences, please.)*

1. Why are you interested in training to become a Nature Camp Counselor?
2. If you have attended a summer camp, what is your fondest memory from camp? If you have not attended a summer camp, please describe your fondest memory in nature or outdoors.
3. CITs and Counselors are expected to be role models for campers at Nature Camp. How do you plan to be a role model to younger campers as well as your peers?
4. What sessions are you interested in?