



2017 Summer Critter Camp Junior Counselor Application ***Application Deadline is April 30, 2017***

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 2017 and between 13-17 years old.**

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

Important Information

Junior Counselor Responsibilities:

- Junior Counselors act as teacher assistants during our Critter Camp.
- They perform a variety of duties including set-up and clean-up and participation during crafts and games, helping with animal presentations, assisting with managing children's behavior, and supervising snack and lunch breaks.
- **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.
- The preschool camp Junior Counselor shift is Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 12:30pm. The elementary and middle school camp Junior Counselor shifts are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 3:30pm. **We cannot allow late arrivals or leaving early.**

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.



Application Process

- 1) Complete and return the 2017 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 30, 2017.
- 2) **Scheduling:** Please give us **at least three** options of Junior Counselor work week 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. Preschool Camp Junior Counselors will work from 8:30-12:30. Elementary and Middle School Camp Junior Counselors will work from 8:30-3:30.
- 3) **Essay:** 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 a non-related adult. This could be a teacher, coach, etc.
- 5) 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 Stacey@rescueranch.com to inquire. Please be sure to add rescueranch.com to your allowed email lists so it doesn't end up in your SPAM folder.
- 6) **New Applicant Interviews:** You will be emailed your group interview date and time.
- 7) **Training Sessions:** Training is required for all Junior Counselors. If you are selected to be a Junior Counselor for summer 2017 Critter Camps, you will receive an email with your training session time by **May 6**. If you are not selected, you will receive an email and will not need to attend training. If you do not receive an email please contact Stacey at stacey@rescueranch.com to inquire.
- 8) **Week Assignments:** Work week assignments will be emailed by **May 16**. If you do not receive an email please contact Stacey at stacey@rescueranch.com to inquire. Your Junior Counselor assignment will be cancelled if you do not attend a training session.

Check List for All Applicants: All items on checklist must be completed in order to process your application.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application (2 pages) | <input type="checkbox"/> Email to: Stacey@rescueranch.com |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Counselor Essay | <input type="checkbox"/> Mail to: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Recommendation | Stacey Foreman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicants must be entering at least 7 th grade by fall 2017 and be between 13-17 years old. | Humane Education Manager |
| | 1424 Turnersburg Hwy |
| | Statesville, NC 2862 |



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Application

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Junior Counselor's Age: _____ DOB: _____

Junior Counselor's email: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Parent or 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.

____ Mon. May 8 - 3:30p - 4:00p	____ Mon. May 8 - 4:00p - 4:30p
____ Tues. May 9 - 3:30p - 4:00p	____ Tues. May 9 - 4:00p - 4:30p
____ Wed. May 10 - 3:30p - 4:00p	____ Wed. May 10 - 4:00p - 4:30p
____ Thur. May 11 - 3:30p - 4:00p	____ Thur. May 11 - 4:00p - 4:30p

Summer Session Junior Counselor Workweeks 2017- All Applicants

Please select multiple available weeks in order of preference (1, 2, 3, 4)

You must be available the entire week.

Elementary Camp (8:30-3:30)

____	Week 1	June 12-16
____	Week 2	June 19-23
____	Week 3	June 26-30
____	Week 4	July 31-Aug 4
____	Week 5	Aug 7-11
____	Week 6	Aug 14-18

Preschool Camp (8:30-12:30)

____	Week 1	June 12-16
____	Week 2	June 19-23
____	Week 3	July 31-Aug 4
____	Week 4	Aug 7-11

Middle School Camp (8:30-3:30)

**Junior Counselor must be entering 9th grade in order to work these weeks*

____	Week 1	July 10-14*
____	Week 2	July 24-28*

Mandatory Training Sessions (Please mark 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice)

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by email on **May 16th**. This will include training date and assigned workweek. **For safety reasons, this training is mandatory.** Your assignment will be cancelled if you do not attend.

____	May 21 (Sun)	1:00 - 2:30p
____	May 22 (Mon)	4:00 - 5:30p



Wavers 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 to 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: Stacey@rescueranch.com

Mail to: Stacey Foreman, Humane Education Manager. 1424 Turnersburg Hwy. Statesville, NC 28625.

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