



CIRCLE V RANCH CAMP

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Dear C.I.T Applicant,

We appreciate your interest in our new C.I.T volunteering position at Circle V Ranch Camp this summer. We are looking for positive, energetic, and dedicated volunteers who want to impact the lives of children. Although extremely rewarding, it is a job that requires hard work and can be very challenging and difficult at times. It is also a great opportunity to gain valuable experience, make lifelong friends, learn about yourself, and further appreciate *God*, others, and the great outdoors.

The Job

A job as a Circle V Ranch Camp staff member is extraordinarily demanding and you should only consider applying for a position if you love working with children. Life at camp requires staff members to sacrifice their normal living habits and serve as role models to our campers. This job is not for everyone! Successful counselors are dynamic, energetic and patient people who thrive on being outdoors and recognize that children need support and encouragement to be responsible adults

Impact the Lives of Children

A job at Circle V Ranch Camp is an opportunity to have a lasting positive impact on the lives of children. Circle V Ranch serves children from Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, of which 98% attend camp on a campership. We work with foster care agencies, Catholic Charities and many other social service agencies. Our goal is to give kids a chance to get out of the city, and for some, a break from their difficult situations at home to have a week of fun. You will be asked to be a leader and role model for a group of young people twenty-four hours a day.

Application Process

Please complete and submit the following:

- CIT Volunteer Application
- Write an essay titled “Why I Want to Volunteer at Camp” – Essay must be at least 500 words.
- Summer Staff Reference Form – Must have 1 completed by a non-family member over 18 years old who knows you well. References could be a past employer, educator, or someone who knows you at church.
- Voluntary Disclosure Statement
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We request that you submit all forms as soon as possible. Your reference letter may come in at a later date since those will be sent to our office by your references. Don’t wait in sending your paperwork! The sooner you turn it in, the sooner we can schedule your interview.

Please submit all forms to the following address: Email: rlopez@svdpla.org

Thank you again for your interest in serving on our staff at Circle V Ranch Camp. I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me at my office at (805)686-2696 or via email

In the Spirit of St. Vincent de Paul,

Ray Lopez,
Camp Director



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"Love God, Love Others."

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Santa Barbara, CA 93105

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Volunteer Application

Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____ Phone: () _____ Email _____

As of July 6, 2024, will you be at least 16 years old? _____

What Sessions are you available:

How did you hear about Circle V Ranch Camp? _____

Can you perform the essential functions of the job for which you have applied,
with or without reasonable accommodation?

Yes No

Position Desired

___ CIT (1 week volunteer program)

Experience circle areas in which you have: 1. Minimal Experience 2. Moderate Experience 3. Extensive Experience

Leading Prayer	1 2 3	Maintenance	1 2 3	Low Ropes Course	1 2 3
Leading Peers	1 2 3	Music Leading	1 2 3	Climbing Tower	1 2 3
Group Games	1 2 3	Camping/Outdoors	1 2 3	Arts and Crafts	1 2 3
Team Building	1 2 3	Ministry Experience	1 2 3	Wilderness 1 st Aid	1 2 3
Food Service	1 2 3	Lifeguarding/Aquatics	1 2 3	_____	1 2 3

Education

	Name/Location	Grade Level	G.P.A
High School			

Certifications

Are you a lifeguard? _____

Are you willing to be trained as one? _____

Please list any other courses, special training, or current certifications (including expiration dates) related desired:

Camp Program Skills In the following list put a “T” before those activities you can organize and teach as an expert, and an “A” for those activities in which you can assist. Put a “C” after those in which you have *current* certification and attach a copy of your certification.

Adventure/Challenge

___ Challenge/ ropes course

Arts/Crafts

___ drawing/painting
 ___ photography

Campcraft/Pioneering

___ hiking

 ___ orienteering

 ___ outdoor cooking
 ___ outdoor living skills
 ___ overnights

Dance (list)

Drama

___ theatre
 ___ poetry (Language Arts)

Music

___ singing
 ___ instrument

Nature/ Hiking

___ animals/animal care
 ___ astronomy
 ___ birds
 ___ environmental studies

Sports/Fitness

___ archery

 ___ aerobics/exercise
 ___ archery

 ___ baseball/softball
 ___ basketball
 ___ bicycling /biking
 ___ fishing
 ___ football
 ___ golf
 ___ gymnastics

___ informal games

 ___ martial arts
 ___ soccer
 ___ track/field

Water Activities

___ Kayaking
 ___ swimming

 ___ synchronized swim

Miscellaneous

___ academics
 ___ community service
 ___ farming/ranching/garden
 ___ foreign language
 ___ leadership development

 ___ radio/TV/video
 ___ storytelling
 ___ team buildin

What contributions do you think you can make at camp? _____

What contributions do you think a well-run camp can make to children? _____

I authorize investigation of all statements herein, including any checks of criminal records, and release the camp and all others from liability in connection with same. I understand that, if employed, I will be on at-will employee unless there is an agreement or law which alters that status. Furthermore, I understand that any agreement must be in writing and signed by the designated camp official. I also understand that misrepresentations or falsifications herein or in other documents completed or submitted by the applicant will result in dismissal, regardless of the date of discovery by the camp.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Summer Staff Reference Form

_____ has applied for a position with Circle V Ranch Camp.

(Name of Applicant)

He/she is applying to serve with us as _____ and has given your name as a reference.

(position applying for)

To help us evaluate his/her potential for service on our staff, would you please complete this form and return it to the above address listed. This information will be treated confidentially, so we would appreciate your honest opinion. If you do not feel that you know the applicant well enough, or his/her ability in a particular area, please circle the "?" for any of the responses you are not knowledgeable about. Circle the appropriate numbers that reflect your honest opinion. Please add any comments in the space provided below each question if you wish to clarify or expand on your answer.

How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity? _____
_____ Do

you know the applicant on a one-on-one basis or in a group context? _____

If in a group, what size and type? _____

JOB PERFORMANCE	Superior	Good	Average	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
1. Quality of work performance	5	4	3	2	1	?
2. Imagination, resourcefulness, & initiative	5	4	3	2	1	?
3. Ability to work well with others	5	4	3	2	1	?
4. Ability to relate well with children	5	4	3	2	1	?
5. Cooperation with supervisors	5	4	3	2	1	?
6. Responsible & dependable	5	4	3	2	1	?
7. Leadership	5	4	3	2	1	?
8. Uses good judgment	5	4	3	2	1	?

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS & QUALITIES

1. General appearance & neatness	5	4	3	2	1	?
2. Health, energy, & endurance	5	4	3	2	1	?
3. Emotional maturity & stability	5	4	3	2	1	?
4. Willingness to learn	5	4	3	2	1	?
5. Social ability & friendliness	5	4	3	2	1	?
6. Spiritual maturity & stability	5	4	3	2	1	?
7. Honesty & integrity	5	4	3	2	1	?

Please place an "X" along the line to indicate where you feel the applicant's personality best fits between the two extremes.

Extrovert _____ Introvert

Detailed _____ General

Rigid _____ Flexible

Loud _____ Quiet

High Energy _____ Low Energy

Talker _____ Listener

Please list areas of strength that you feel the applicant has: _____

Please list areas that you feel are in need of improvement: _____

If you have any other comments you would like to add to help us evaluate this applicant, please use the space provided below: _____

Please indicate your recommendation for the applicant:

Highly recommend Recommend Recommend with reservation Do not recommend.

What reason would you give for hiring or not hiring this applicant? _____

Please provide the following information, Are you 18 years or older? Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to:

Circle V Ranch Camp

Attn: Ray Lopez
2550 Highway 154
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

OR

Fax: (805) 693-8452
Email: rlopez@svdpla.org

Voluntary Disclosure Statement
All Camp Staff **FM 16**

Developed and approved by the
american **CAMP** association®

Mail this form to the address below by _____ (date)

Name _____ Birth date _____
Last First Middle

Home address _____
Street Address City State Zip

Social Security # **NOT REQUIRED** Other names by which known (e.g., maiden name) _____

Home phone _____ Business phone (if applicable) _____

Cell phone (optional) _____ E-mail address (optional) _____

School or College _____

Address _____

_____ Street Address
_____ City State Zip Driver's License # _____

_____ State _____ Expiration Date _____ 1. Previous

residence(s) for last five years (include college and home residences): _____ State _____ Years _____

City _____ State _____ Years _____

City _____ State _____ Years _____

City _____ State _____ Years _____

(Continue on separate sheet, if necessary.)

2. Have you ever been arrested and/or charged with a crime? (This includes all arrest and charges whether or not they were dismissed, deemed nolle prosequi, deferred adjudication, or found not guilty.) Yes No

3. Have you ever been convicted of any crime relating in any manner to children and/or your conduct with them? Yes No

If yes, please explain: (Use a separate sheet, if necessary.)

4. Have you ever been convicted of any crime including, but not limited to, those listed below and/or any crime similar in any manner to those listed below? Yes No

- Indecent assault and battery on a child under fourteen
- Indecent assault and battery on a mentally retarded person
- Indecent assault and battery on a person who has obtained the age of fourteen
- Rape
- Rape of a child under sixteen with force
- Assault with intent to commit rape
- Kidnapping of a child under sixteen with intent to commit rape
- Distribution and trafficking of narcotics or other controlled substances
- Intent to commit any of the above crimes.

If yes, please explain: (Use a separate sheet, if necessary.)

5. Have you ever been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damages involving sexual or physical abuse of children? Yes No

If yes, please explain: (Use a separate sheet, if necessary.)

6. Are you now or have you ever been subject to any court order involving sexual or physical abuse of a minor, including, but not limited to a domestic order or protection? Yes No

If yes, please explain: (Use a separate sheet, if necessary.)

7. Have your parental rights ever been terminated for reasons involving sexual or physical abuse of children? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

I understand that:

- a) The camp may deny employment to any person who answers "yes" to any one of questions 2-7. If hired and the employer later discovers circumstances that would indicate a "yes" answer to any of the above questions, employment may be terminated immediately.
- b) The information provided on this form is subject to verification, which may include a criminal history check and request from any Central Registry of child abusers. (A separate release form may be required)
- c) The camp may terminate employment or volunteer service of any person if that person is found, regardless of when discovered, to:
 - 1) have a history of complaints of abuse of a minor;
 - 2) have resigned, been terminated, or been asked to resign from a position whether paid or unpaid, due to complaint(s) of sexual abuse of a minor; and/or
 - 3) have falsified or omitted information in this disclosure statement.
- d) This disclosure statement must be updated yearly and immediate notification provided to the camp if any information provided changes.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Minor's Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____