

Thunderhead Episcopal Center Camp Counselor



Thunderhead Episcopal Center (TEC) is located in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. As the primary camping ministry in the Diocese of South Dakota - since its founding in 1965 - TEC's principle focus is that "in camping we come closer to nature, and thereby discover the mighty works of God." TEC provides everyone the opportunity to "live in Christian Community, and helps them discover for themselves who they are - in relationship to God and each other." Built on the foundation of daily prayer, community, inclusion, and enjoying the natural beauty of Creation, TEC strives to work toward loving one another while engaging hearts and minds to see God at work in our everyday world.

Position Summary: Camp counselors live in community for the majority of the summer and facilitate all camp activities and some of the programming. The role of a counselor is to build authentic relationships with campers by living as an example of Christ's love for them and providing spiritual leadership to those in their cabin. If you are ready for an unforgettable summer spent serving, mentoring, and having fun with youth all while praising the Lord, this is the place for you!

Counselors Report To: Program Director and Canon for Formation
Counselors Receive Reports From: Camp staff (including Program Director, chaplains, camp nurse) and parents

Specific Responsibilities:

- be present during program periods (and other periods as required) to provide direct support
- implements summer program together with other camp staff
- creates and implements new program activities (as needed)
- ensures activity set-up/break-down is done in a timely fashion
- assists with weekly camp check-ins and check-outs
- participates in daily camp worship
 - officiating, preaching, providing music, and other assistance according to the order of ministry (lay, deacon, priest)

General Duties:

- Leads camp activities as needed, including sports, arts/crafts, games, devotions, etc
- Helps set up meals (as needed) and monitors campers during mealtimes in collaboration with the counselor team
- Supports and contributes to a safe, clean environment for all campers
- Exhibits behaviors of a positive role model to campers in attitude, behavior, and exercise of leadership
- Maintains clear and positive verbal and written communication with others
- Participates enthusiastically and is supportive member of the community

Job Qualifications/Requirements:

- Holds a high school diploma or equivalent
- At least 18 years old when or before the camp season begins
- Willing to take 5 hours of free Safe Church training mandated by The Episcopal Church
- Willing to obtain First Aid/CPR/AED certification (at no cost to you!)
- Willing to take 2 hours of free LGBTQIA+ Allyship training mandated by The Episcopal Church
- Successful completion of all necessary background checks required by The Episcopal Church
- Willing to be present at TEC for the entire camp season except during designated days off and vacation periods. **On-site at TEC from June 1st - August 5th, 2024.**
- Be a team player
- Seeks resolution in conflict
- Passionate about camp and retreat ministry and sees this position as a vital part of ministry
- Have a love for children and youth
- Experience as Camp Counselor or similar role working with children is preferred
- Familiarity with camping and various outdoor activities is preferred
- Be patient and reliable
- Have solid organizational and communication skills
- Be energetic and positive personality
- Ability to meet the physical demands of the job (strength and stamina to follow strenuous activities like hiking, running, crouching or lifting 15 lbs.)
- Adjusts quickly to changes with an open mind and flexibility
- Recognizes and responds to emergencies in a safe manner
- Willingness to obtain other training/certifications as needed

Compensation and Time Off:

Camp Counselors who stay the entire camp season (**on-site at TEC from June 1st - August 5th, 2024**) will receive a stipend of \$3000 and free room and board. Additionally, camp counselors will receive one hour of paid time off a day and one 24-hour period of paid time off a week. Each camp counselor will receive the week of July 4th off (June 30th - July 5th).

Arrival and Departure:

Camp Counselors are expected to arrive at camp on Sat., June 1st - in advance of the TEC counselor training week. Counselors are also expected to arrive ready to work weekly camp sessions by 2 pm on Sundays. Counselors are welcome to leave TEC anytime after August 5th.

2024 Summer Camp Season:

2024 TEC SEASON

JUNE 9-14	ENVIRONMENTAL CAMP (RISING 7TH GRADE & UP)
JUNE 16-21	UPPER MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP (RISING 7TH & 8TH GRADE)
JUNE 23-27	ELEMENTARY CAMP (RISING 3RD & 4TH GRADE)
JUNE 27-29	TEC FRIENDS & FAMILY CAMP (ALL AGES WELCOME!)
JULY 7-12	HIGH SCHOOL CAMP (RISING 9TH THRU C/O 2024)
JULY 14-19	ART/MUSIC CAMP (RISING 5TH GRADE AND UP)
JULY 21-26	CONFIRMATION/ACOLYTE CAMP (BAPTIZED 6TH GRADE & UP/10 YRS OLD & UP)
JULY 28- AUG 1	LOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP (RISING 5TH & 6TH GRADE)

All camps begin at 4pm and end at 11am. Please do not arrive before 3pm.

20% Early Bird Discount Rate - Jan. to March 2024



Register by scanning the QR Code or using
<https://forms.gle/LbwkRNyC7mWUDX8h8>



TO APPLY:

Send a cover letter, references (3), and resume to thunderhead@epsicoaplchurchsd.org or

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Scan the QR Code:



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