



The Camp Roger Apprenticeship

Purpose: Camp Roger is offering the opportunity to be involved in a healthy, growing, and exciting year round program to three apprentices. Apprentices will receive a wide variety of training and experience in almost all areas of a Christian camp ministry as well as have the opportunity to take on projects within their own interest for the benefit of camp. Apprentices will be directly involved in leading and planning for Outdoor Education groups, special events, administrative work, facility care, and summer camp. Camp Roger staff would work closely with apprentices to help prepare and equip them for a full time career in a camp related field.

Prerequisites for the Apprenticeship – “The applicant must...”

- Be a mature college student, preferably with a bachelor’s degree in recreation or education.
- Be interested and eager to join in the day-to-day work of a growing and vibrant Christian camp.
- Be willing to be involved in a wide variety of camp activities some of which are glamorous and fun and others of which are not. The balance of time in these activities will be proportionate to that of other camp staff.
- Be a believer in Jesus Christ and willing to grow deeper in a relationship with him.
- Be willing to commit a full year (12-13 months) to this endeavor.
- Be committed to learning, growing, improving, and preparing yourself for full-time ministry while being committed to helping Camp Roger serve to the best of its ability.

Program begin/end dates (two options)

Option A (*summer camp at the end of the apprenticeship*)

- Applicants will enter the program in early August (exact start date is yet to be determined). Apprentices will be involved in the program through the school year and then take on a summer staff role for the following summer. The apprenticeship program would be completed at the end of the following summer (13 months).
- Applications for the apprenticeship program will be due on April 1, 2011
- Interviews and placement in the program will be completed by April 30, 2011 (interviews may be completed earlier – call if you have timing questions.)

Option B (*summer camp at the beginning of the apprenticeship*)

- Apprentices may start at the end of May instead of August by applying for a summer staff position. The 13 months would end the following May instead of August.
- Applications for the apprenticeship program would be due on February 15th, 2011. Interviews and placement would be completed by mid March. 2011 applications and reference forms are available on our website, www.camproger.org. Write Camp Roger Apprentice as the position being applied for.

Responsibilities of the Apprenticeship – “The applicant will...”

- Be involved in working with school groups who visit Camp Roger’s outdoor education program during the fall/winter/spring seasons. This will include weekday and weekend responsibilities.
- Be expected to assist in housekeeping and maintenance at camp
- Live on-site and be a friendly helpful face to user groups.
- Be involved in all staff meetings, devotional times, and other staff responsibilities during the year
- Represent Camp Roger at job fairs, trade shows, and other marketing functions
- Spearhead a special project or program in which the apprentice is responsible for planning and leading
- Work approximately 35 hours per week at camp and will also be expected to spend an additional 5 hours per week in reading, studying, and worship
- In addition to the work hours, the apprentice will spend a approximately 100 hours in a volunteer role at some other Christian non-profit organization or church during the year with the goal of developing both professionally and spiritually
- Join forces with the summer camp program beginning on approximately June 1
- Be a part of the planning committee for our annual spring fund-raising event, “Joe’s Big Race.”
- Meet once per week with a staff advisor
- Apprentices are expected to have their own laptop computer for use.

Benefits of the Apprenticeship – “The apprentice will receive...”

- Rent-free housing at Camp Roger
- A \$125-per-week stipend for each week of the apprenticeship. This stipend would be received consistently throughout the year and would apply to outdoor education, summer camp, and time off.
- Time off for the holidays and spring break will be provided. Time off will be arranged with camp staff and will be scheduled at a time that is beneficial to the apprentice and Camp Roger. Five days around Christmas, spring break, and five additional days will be provided.
- Skills and confidence in hosting a wide variety of outdoor education groups, exposure to a full time camp career, and experience with a variety of non-profits through volunteering.

Other things:

- Additional information about Camp Roger and its programs are available on our website.
- Major medical insurance is available for \$50 per month. Call if you would like details.

Questions:

Please contact one of the staff at Camp Roger at 616-874-7286(o) or 616-460-6584(c) if you have questions or inquiries.