

YMCA of San Diego County Camping Services

2009 Camp Assistant Application Information

15-16 years old & entering grades 10-11

We are excited about the opportunities for Teen Leadership at Camp Surf, Camp Marston, and Raintree Ranch. In response to feedback from our campers, our new program opportunities for upper teens at all 3 sites have been well received by our teen campers. These programs continue to offer opportunities to mentor and work with younger campers in a leadership role, but there is an emphasis on camp activities, opportunities for new experiences, and time spent with peers.

Marston - Leaders in Training

The best of camp experiences, mentoring opportunities, learning by doing, special service projects, and getting a glimpse of the leadership side of camp with friends are packed into this fun-filled program.

Surf - SOUL Surfers (Service, Outreach, Unity, & Leadership)

Spend valuable time with peers in the water and on the beach through surfing and camp activities, mentoring opportunities, campfire discussions, community service, out of camp trips, and time spent building team and leadership skills.

Raintree - Pegasus Program

This focus on development for potential future staff through opportunities to help with evening programs, mentor younger riders in the arena, assist in horse care and participate in select staff meetings.

To sign up for the above teen programs please register using the camp brochure or with the on line registration form at <http://camp.ymca.org>.

16-17 years old & entering grade 12 must apply and interview for placement as a Camp Assistant.

Camp Assistant (CA) - This is an opportunity for campers who have completed any of the above programs, or who have demonstrated leadership skills through school, volunteer, or work experiences, to take on the challenges of leadership in camp. CA's make a 3 week commitment to experience different areas in camp, and have the opportunity to assist in a variety of camp program areas including sports, crafts, aquatics, day camp, and being role models for younger campers. Recreation times and self-reflective opportunities are built into their experience. Teens applying to this program need to be responsible, dependable, and self-motivated. They should have either completed our leadership program or demonstrate proof of similar training and experience. Although they are supervised by camp staff, CA's must be able to work successfully as individuals and as part of a group. There is **no charge** for the CA program.

What type of people are we looking for?

The CA program is designed to build skills and provide leadership opportunities for teens. However, we are looking for participants who want to be at camp, teens who are responsible, energetic, positive, and motivated. They must be a good role model and capable of working with diverse children in a positive and supportive manner.

Applicants for the Camp Assistant Program: Do not fill out a 2009 summer camp registration form for this program. Return the completed CA application and signed Code of Conduct to the Summer Director at the camp where you would like to apply. We start interviewing in February. Please return applications in February/March to insure that your experience and references are up to date. Camp Assistant positions are limited in number.

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YMCA Camp Marston/Raintree Ranch

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If you have any questions please feel free to call the office for further information.

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2009 Camp Assistant Application (Marston, Surf, Raintree)

Camper Name (in Full) _____

Address _____ email _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ Your Birthday ____/____/____ Age in July, 2009 _____

Personal Information (attach additional sheet if needed)

What are your hobbies and interests? _____

What do you think your best quality is? _____

What area do you feel you need the most improvement? _____

Who is a role model for you and why? _____

Why do you want to apply to be a Camp Assistant? _____

References

I have discussed the CampAssistant program with the following people and they are supportive of my participation:

Name _____ Phone # _____ Relationship to you _____

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Work & Volunteer Experience

List any experience you have had working with children: _____

List any service projects you have been involved with: _____

Where did you have First aid and CPR training? _____

Have you ever participated in a resident camp before? If so, where and how? _____

List any other skills you feel would be helpful at camp: _____

***For all participants:** The facts set forth in this application are true and complete. I have read the program description and understand the goals and purpose of the program and agree to abide by camp rules and policies.*

Participant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Do Not Write in this Space (for CA application only)

Satisfactory References from: Name _____ Name _____

Accepted for (circle one): **June 21 - July 10** **July 12 - July 31** **Aug 2- 21** Surf & Raintree Ranch only

Approved By _____ Title _____ Date _____

Camp Assistant Code of Conduct

1. CAs shall be a positive role model for youth by maintaining an attitude of respect, caring, patience, courtesy, tact, and maturity.
2. CAs shall use positive techniques of guidance, including redirection, positive reinforcement and encouragement rather than competition, comparison and criticism.
3. CAs should be aware of the health of children and tell the nurse or program director if something is noticed.
4. CAs shall respond to children with respect and consideration and treat all children equally regardless of sex, race, religion or culture.
5. CAs shall appear clean, neat and appropriately attired.
6. CAs shall respect all children's right to not be touched in ways that make them feel uncomfortable and their right to say no.
7. CAs shall not abuse children including: physical injury (strike, spank, slap); verbal abuse (humiliate, degrade, threaten); sexual abuse (inappropriate touch or verbal exchange); unjustifiable punishment (shaming, cruelty); neglect (withholding food, water).
Any type of abuse will not be tolerated and may be cause for immediate dismissal from camp.
8. CAs should never put themselves in a position where they are alone with a child.
9. No child, regardless of age, should ever enter a bathroom alone in camp or on a field trip.
10. Using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is prohibited. Smoking or use of tobacco is also prohibited.
11. Profanity, inappropriate jokes, sharing of intimate details of one's personal life, and any kind of harassment is prohibited.
12. CAs shall refrain from intimate displays of affection towards others. Personal relationships beyond friendship are not appropriate at camp.
13. CAs must be supervised by a staff member at all times.
14. CAs are required to report observed violations of the Code of Conduct to the Summer Director.
15. CAs will not be able to leave camp other than with a parent or legal guardian.
16. At no time will CAs be with staff members during activities unrelated to camp or outside of camp unless it is an organized camp trip with appropriate staff supervision.
17. CAs are to remain on Camp for the duration of their 4 week stay at Camp Surf, Marston, or Raintree.
18. CAs will not be permitted to drive, or have a vehicle at Camp.
19. CAs will be required to be in their bunks no later than 10:00 pm.
20. CA's and parents must understand that CAs are considered campers and at no time are to call themselves or solely play the role of a YMCA Staff member.

I have read and understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct may result in dismissal from camp and greatly reduce my ability to return to Camp as a future Camp Assistant or Staff Member.

Print Camp Assistant Name

Camp Assistant Signature

Date

I have read and understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct may result in me picking up my son/daughter at anytime during their stay at Camp Surf, Camp Marston, or Raintree Ranch.

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date