

OUR STAFF:

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Is crazy!

Cares a lot!

Dances!

Enjoys much!

Dresses weird!

Laughs, cries,
and sings!

Gets messy!

Loves Jesus!

Is this the summer job for you?

Camp Barnabas

Camp Barnabas, founded in 1994, is a non-denominational Christian summer camp where people with special needs, along with their siblings, come and experience a life-changing week of camp. We are located in the southwest corner of Missouri on 123 rolling acres. Every summer we hold 9 weeks of camp, each one geared toward a different group of people with various disabilities such as Down syndrome, autism, visual impairments, deaf or hard of hearing, physical disabilities, developmental disabilities and chronic illnesses.

Summer Staff

As a Camp Barnabas summer staffer, you will either be considered a part of our cabin staff, living and working with our campers or siblings, or part of our support staff, working in many different areas around camp. With either position you hold, you will have an amazing opportunity to be an encouragement to the 200+ CIA (Christian In Action) Volunteers who serve at Camp Barnabas weekly. These CIAs are at least 14 years old and come from all across the United States to work in various roles including being cabin counselors, kitchen help, medical team members and maintenance/grounds assistants. Camp Barnabas can not run without the service and dedication of the CIAs and your encouragement to them while they serve.

Requirements

We do require that our summer staff are at least 18 years old and have graduated from high school by the time the summer begins. And just so you know, working at Camp Barnabas is tough! Most of our staff would agree that it is one of the most challenging things (spiritually, physically, and emotionally) they have ever done. We get up early, we go to bed late, we probably walk a couple of miles daily, and we are on the job for 23 hours out of every 24. We are looking for staff who are spiritually prepared, completely dependent on the Lord to be their strength, and physically able to handle the intense structure of our program.

The Process

1. Complete an application and mail it in to us along with reference forms by *January 1st*.

2. You will be contacted by email verifying that we received your application. If your application passes initial review, you will be contacted for a first phone interview and possibly a second interview.

3. Staffing decisions will be made after the 1st of the year and you will be notified of your status by *March 15th*.

4. If you are selected to be a part of our summer staff you will receive a contract stating the position and session(s) you have been hired for, your scheduled arrival date and your rate of pay. To accept your position, return your signed contract by *April 7th*.

5. Throughout the Spring you will receive lots of information including helpful hints for the summer. We are counting on you to prepare yourself both spiritually and physically. Your dependence on the Lord is vital to your service at Camp Barnabas. Your preparation must start early!!!

**6.
Come
to
camp!**

Positions

This summer we have approximately 100 positions to fill, and we are expecting to receive a minimum of 200 applications. It is important for you to know that working at Camp Barnabas is a privilege. Because we know our campers deserve the best, we are looking for the most awesome, most mature, most dedicated college students. If you are 18 years old or are between your last year of high school and first year of college, you will be part of our leadership training (LT) program. As an LT, you will receive specialized leadership training that will help you be better equipped as a Barnabas staffer.

Here are 2 tips that may help your chances of being chosen as a member of our summer staff. 1.) Be flexible! The more flexible you can be with the positions you are willing to work, as well as the session you are applying for, the easier it will be for us to work with you. On your application you will be asked to rank the position(s) you are applying for in order of your preference. 2.) Get lifeguard certified. Even if you are applying for a position other than a lifeguard, we are always in need of more guards. Being lifeguard certified may help your chances of being hired.

Cabin Staff

Cabin Counselor—In every cabin there are approximately 8 campers and 8 CIAs, who work one-on-one with the campers. It is your job to oversee the cabin: maintaining an organized, safe, and encouraging atmosphere for everyone. To be on cabin staff, you must have leadership and mentoring skills. You must be able to teach and encourage every CIA to make sure they are properly equipped to assist their camper in having the best week of summer camp possible. And you must be able to lift at least half your body weight. To be effective, you must be willing to set aside all of your personal needs to focus on the needs of the others in your cabin. As a spiritual leader, you must be ready and willing to share the love of Jesus Christ at all times.

Sibling Counselor—This program exists to minister to the siblings of campers with disabilities who often have a challenging time finding their own significance and value. As a sibling counselor you must be energetic, enthusiastic and creative, ready and willing to share the love of Jesus Christ with all siblings in our program.

Support Staff

Extreme Team—The Extreme Team is made up of 3 groups of people: lifeguards, those that run the high ropes course, and those responsible for running our over-night excursion program. To be a part of this team, you must be willing to work in 2 of these 3 areas. Do you love the outdoors? Do you enjoy facilitating people in team building opportunities? Are you a leader? Do you have lifeguarding experience or are you willing to become a lifeguard? We are looking for 10 exceptional people who desire to be a part of this team.

Barnstorm Leader—Each week there are approximately 55 Barnstormers (14 and 15 year olds who come spend a week at camp to serve by washing dishes, cleaning bathrooms, and serving food at meals). We are looking for leaders to teach, mentor, and guide this amazing group of young CIAs.

Siblings Coordinator—We are looking for a responsible person to be the leader of our siblings program. As the leader you will train and encourage the sibling counselors as well as schedule and create extra activities for the sibling campers. We desire for this position to be filled by someone who has a sibling with special needs and, therefore, has a heart to minister and serve these campers.

Office Assistant—Do you have an administrative gift? We are looking for someone who is organized, able to multi-task, friendly, patient, hard-working, and willing to take initiative. As an office assistant, you will spend a lot of time answering phones, printing emails, sorting and delivering mail, as well as assisting the Residential staffers with anything they may need.

Video/Technical Director (better known as the Techie) - The main responsibility of the Techie is to capture the essence of Camp Barnabas on video and then process the video to be able to share it with everyone. You will be responsible for making a weekly video that will be available for purchase at the end of each term. The Techie is also in charge of all video and audio equipment that will be used for worship activities and parties.

Photographer—The job of the photographer is to capture the meaning and heart of Camp Barnabas through pictures. It is their responsibility to take pictures of all camp activities, parties and of each cabin. The Photographer must have photography experience as well as very good organizational skills. In addition to photography responsibilities, you will assist the Techie in shooting and making the camp video weekly.

Wrangler—The wrangler position requires a patient person with much love for our campers as well as animals. A working knowledge and experience with horses is not required, but preferred. As a wrangler, you will help to run our equestrian program as well as assist with feeding, grooming, saddling, and leading the horses during riding activities. Please know this position requires the ability to consistently lift individuals as well as other items around the barn. In addition, the wrangler team is responsible for the care and upkeep of our petting zoo.

Pool Director—This job requires tremendous responsibility and a Red Cross or equivalent certification as a lifeguard. As the Pool Director you will be responsible for the supervision and scheduling of the other lifeguards as well as maintaining the daily upkeep of our large pool.

Cook—This position is lots of hard work but a ton of fun! On an average day, you will assist in making meals for approximately 450 people as well as assisting with kitchen cleanup and food storage. You must be in good health, willing to work early in the morning and have the ability to lift heavy pans.

Maintenance—We are looking for a team of people who are willing to work hard to help maintain the grounds and buildings of our facility. As a member of the maintenance team we ask that you are energetic, willing to take initiative and self-motivated. Experience with small engines and handy-man-work is a plus.

Runner—The runner is responsible for running daily camp errands as well as transporting people to and from local airports. As the runner you must be at least 21 years old, organized, responsible, and able to drive different vehicles. You will learn the true meaning of flexibility as you are on-call all day, every day.

Residential Assistant—We are looking for someone who is mature, responsible, hard-working and has a love for children. As the Domestic Assistant, you will assist with child-care, house cleaning, and errand running for Residential staffers.