

WHAT IS A MERRICK WOODS “COUNSELOR?”

At Merrick Woods, we have several different designations of staff members. All staff members should possess a sincere desire to work with children. That is what you will be doing, no matter what your actual assignment is. We also require two written letters of recommendation for all new counselors, and do criminal background checks on any staff member over the age of 18. Although the process to become a member of the Merrick Woods family of counselors may seem rigorous at times, the rewards are numerous. Merrick Woods counselors can look forward to a summer of fun in the sun. They will play, run, jump, swim, sing, paint, laugh, and just have a great time with the campers. Hopefully, these can become some of the best times of your lives!

CIT's:

Counselors in Training, or CITs, must be entering the 10th grade in September. They will be assigned on a weekly rotating schedule to work in either a specialty area or in a group. Their work will generally encompass assisting the counselors in the daily activities surrounding their individual assignment. They will have a chance to play and participate with the campers in a full range of activities. CITs work hard, have fun, and can truly help make a difference in the summer for our camper.

Tuition - \$2,200 (discount will be given for those CITs who do not need bus transportation)

Salary - approximately \$300 (\$7/day)

Lunch is included in cost of tuition

**CITs are eligible to participate in the \$1500 perfect attendance lottery **

JUNIOR COUNSELORS:

Junior Counselors, or JCs must be entering 11th grade in September. They will work in either a group or specialty assignment. Their duties will include assisting the counselor or group leader in daily activities, and participating in the program with the campers. They should come to camp expecting to play and participate in all aspects of camp life.

Tuition - none

Salary - approximately \$600

***JCs are eligible to participate in the \$1500 perfect attendance lottery ***

COUNSELORS:

Counselors at Merrick Woods must be entering 12th grade or higher. They can work in any of the camp areas, including groups and specialties, as well as other more select assignments. The counselors are the front line employees, directly responsible to the campers, as well as to the supervisors and directors. A good counselor will help make the summer an exceptional experience for our campers. In the process, their summer will also become, truly exceptional! They will work hard, play hard, laugh, sweat, and sing right along side of the children, and will have an experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Salary - determined by the level of education

All counselors are eligible to participate in the \$1500 perfect attendance lottery