

We are excited to have you at camp this summer as an SMT! We understand that you may have some questions regarding your upcoming experience at camp, and we would like to provide you some of the frequently asked questions and answers to help you out! If you still have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to give us a call (231-829-3441) or send us an email ([clbc@centerlake.org](mailto:clbc@centerlake.org)).

#### 1) What is Summer Missions Team (SMT)?

- The SMT program is a volunteer program for High School students who love camp and are looking for an opportunity to serve. It is also designed to help prepare students to be Counselors and Leadership Staff in the future, if they decide to pursue that.
- There are 3 main areas where SMT's can serve: Support Staff, Counselor in Training, and Junior Wrangler.
- *Support Staff*: This role is typically for 9th-10th grade students, or for those that enjoy the behind-the-scenes roles. SMT's assigned to the Support Staff area can serve either in the kitchen or in housekeeping. SMT's are trained and supervised by the according department head. As Support Staff, you serve approximately 8 hours a day in the assigned work area.
- *Counselor in Training (CIT)*: This role is typically for 11th-12th grade students, and/or for those that have a maturity and care for kids that shows they can serve well alongside a Lead Counselor and the kids in their cabin. CIT's are assigned to a Lead Counselor for the week. They help assist the counselor with various activities, do their best to ensure the kids are having fun and are well cared for, and are excited about sharing the Gospel!
- *Junior Wrangler*: This role is for anyone in 9th-12th grade and who has a love for Center Lake Ranch. Jr. Wranglers spend most of their day at the barn assisting the Head Wrangler with various chores and activities at the Ranch. Previous knowledge or experience with horses is not necessary, but a willingness and ability to work with animals is important! Jr. Wranglers also spend much of their day helping and getting to know the ranch campers.
- While SMT's help tremendously in the running of summer camp, we also strive to make sure SMT's are cared for. We want this to be an experience where they can grow in skills and in who they are as a person. We want to help them move another step closer to God and learn more about what it means to be a child of God and what that can look like when they leave camp.
- Monday-Thursday, every week, we have an hour-long bible study time for the SMT's, led by the SMT Coordinator. This is a time set aside to dig deeper into God's Word and to have Christ-centered discussion surrounding the questions students may have or the things they are facing in daily life.

2) When do I need to show up, and when do I leave?

- Sunday's are our first day of camp each week. We have a staff meeting at 2pm on Sunday, so in order to be ready to go for the meeting, it is ideal if you arrive between 1:30 to 2pm.
- Friday's are our last day of camp each week. Once camp is done for the week, we prepare camp for the following week and have a staff meeting following that. Typically, we are all done for the week by 4pm. If you are able to stay through 4pm on Friday's, that is ideal.

3) Do SMT's stay at camp during the weekends?

- If you are working consecutive weeks of camp, then SMT's are welcome to stay at camp over the weekend! We have a staff member on call each weekend, they oversee the SMT's and often plan and provide fun activities for them. We suggest that SMT's have approximately \$10 for a meal or two during the weekend.
- SMT's who stay during the weekend go to church on Sunday with the staff on call.
- Likewise, you do not have to stay on camp during weekends. However, if you are not leaving with a parent or guardian, then we need consent from your parent or guardian for you to leave.

4) Is food provided during the weekends?

- Food is available at camp during the weekends for SMT's to eat.

5) What weeks am I able to volunteer at camp?

- June 12-14      - August 11-16
- June 16-21      - August 18-23
- June 23-28
- July 7-12
- July 14-19

6) What weekends am I able to stay at camp?

- June 14-16      - July 5-7
- June 21-23      - July 12-14
- June 28-30      - August 16-18

\*\*If you are working consecutive weeks, you may stay at camp during weekends. If you are not, we ask that you make arrangements to go home once camp is finished for the week.

7) Where will I be staying/sleeping?

- There are cabins in the lower level of our lodge where SMT's and Leadership Staff are housed. It is bunk bed style housing, with bathrooms/showers down the hallway. All female SMT's stay together in one cabin, and all of the male SMT's stay in another cabin. CLBC staff members will oversee SMT's in their cabins.

8) Do I still get to be a camper for Exodus (Sr. High Week)?

- Yes! In fact, no SMT's are volunteers for that week. Either you are a camper, or you go home. We offer an incentive for SMT's to be campers - if you volunteer 1-2 weeks as an SMT, camp is ½ price. If you volunteer 3 or more weeks, camp is FREE!

9) Are SMT's trained to be a volunteer staff member at camp?

- Yes. We do a weekend of training before summer camp begins. If you are unable to make it to the weekend training, then when you arrive we take some time to go through all of the things you need to know to work at camp.
- Some things covered in training include: safety (for you, for campers, in your work areas, etc.), how camp works/runs (scheduling, tour of camp, roles of different staff members and chain of command, etc.), and more.
- **Training Day for 2019 - Saturday, June 8, 12pm-4pm**

10) Can I have my phone?

- Phones are allowed as long as they are used responsibly and are not disruptive and distracting from your work and ministry at camp and the campers - Camp is for the campers! There are guidelines for phone use that will also be covered during training. CLBC does reserve the right to take away phones as needed.

11) I have food allergies - does Camp accommodate this?

- Yes. For more information about how we can accommodate your dietary needs, please contact the camp office (231-829-3441) and ask to speak with Kevin.

12) What should I pack?

- 5-7 complete outfits of clothing - bring some clothing that is able to get dirty!
- Rain Gear
- Warm Coat or Sweatshirt
- Long Pants
- Two pair of shoes- one pair of sandals and one pair of closed-toe shoes
- Swim Suit -no midriff showing
- Toothpaste & Toothbrush
- Soap & Deodorant
- Shampoo
- 1 beach towel + 1 bath towel
- Bible
- Bedding - sheets/blankets or sleeping bag
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray

\*What not to bring: Fireworks, lighters, valuables, knives, etc.

\*There is laundry available on weekends for all staff\*