

Job Posting: Crew Leader
El Ranchito Summer Camp, Austin, Texas
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El Ranchito
a natural place for kids

Title: Crew Leader

Employment Dates: May 31-June 29, 2008, overnight full time.

Camp Sessions: June 8-13, June 15-20, and June 22-27, 2008

Supervisor: Camp Director

Salary: \$1,500; plus tent lodging and all meals

Classification: Seasonal Contractual, health benefits not provided.

Closing Date: Until filled

To Apply: Please submit cover letter and resume to employment@elranchito.org or to Shield Ranch, 707 W. 10th Street, Austin, TX 78701

Camp Description

El Ranchito summer camp nurtures an ecologically sound "sense of place" where the campers intimately experience the land, its plants and animals, its creeks, the starry night sky and the culture of a working ranch. A primitive tent camp, where staff and campers sleep, makes experiencing the natural world fun and safe for the campers. Shield Ranch (site of the camp), Westcave Preserve, and El Buen Samaritano have teamed up to provide this nature immersion experience that nurtures the mind, body, and spirit of underserved children from the Austin area.

Position Description

Crew Leaders lead a crew of 6-7 campers in morning and afternoon nature and recreation activities. Primary hours are from 6:30 am to 3:00 pm and on call at other times. Other duties include, yet may not be limited to:

- Work with the staff to prepare campsite and take part in the staff training: May 31-June 7
- Facilitate nature immersion activities with campers
- Model 100% involvement with the program and commitment to the campers having fun in nature
- Promote conservation values with children and staff
- Participate in camp duty rotation with assigned crew
- Serve as a healthy role model and guide providing insight, direction and support for the children
- Cultivate effective working relationships with staff, volunteers, and camp participants
- Live in a tent for camp duration – sharing quarters with one or more staff members
- Support other staff as needed
- Contribute to the weekly camp evaluation and final evaluation after camp sessions

Qualification Requirements

- One or more years of college required
- Experience working with children ages 9-13
- Experience tent camping, hiking and exploring in natural areas
- Spanish fluency preferred
- Willing to accept supervision, work independently and as part of a team
- Willing to live in a tent camp setting without running water, air conditioning and use of electronics
- Current Texas Driver's License; pass a CPR and First Aid Certification (as part of training)
- Complete a sexual misconduct prevention course (as part of training)
- Lifeguard certification preferred
- Background check required for applicants; any candidate with a felony conviction will be disqualified
- This is a non-smoking and drug-free camp