



WELCOME UCSB JUNIOR COUNSELORS!



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2024 UCSB Junior Counselor Program



Parent Information Packet

The Junior Counselor Program is a valuable, fun, and engaging way to spend the summer. Junior counselors will help assist counselors at our annual Summer Day Camp by playing games, managing children, and more!

The JC Program provides children, between the ages of 14 – 17 years old, the opportunity to learn and develop valuable communication and leadership skills. By participating in our Junior Counselor Program, your child can earn volunteer hours and further develop their interpersonal and social skills.

The Junior Counselor Program is for children that are highly motivated and who demonstrate the ability to take on the responsibilities of being a leader amongst their peers and the challenges that come with it. At the time of enrollment, your child must either be an incoming freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in high school.

What to Expect

The following information is available in this packet:

FAQs - Frequently Asked Questions

General Information - Outlines several policies you need to be aware of.

Youth Programs Facility Map - Please utilize this map to assist with locating our program and facilities use. You can find the map attached [here](#).

Fees & Applications - Breaks down different fees required as well as includes the application link.

Schedule - Briefly goes over the hours and days required within the 9 weeks of our Summer Day Camp programming.

Responsibilities - Touches on community service, job responsibilities, and required training for the position.

We hope the information contained in this packet will answer any questions you might have regarding camp. For additional questions, please contact us at camps@recreation.ucsb.edu.

Summer Day Camp Dates:

June 17 - August 16, 2024

Hours

Extended Care Hours

8:15am - 4:45pm

7:15am - 8:00am | 5:00 - 5:45pm

General Information

UCSB Junior Counselor Program Location

The UCSB Junior Counselor Program is located at the PIT adjacent to Parking Lot 30 off of Stadium Road.

For further assistance, please refer to the [Youth Programs Facility Map](#).

Summer Schedule

The UCSB Summer Day Camp is a 9-week program that will be held from June 19 – August 18, weekly from Monday - Friday. Junior Counselor Shifts will be from 8:45am – 4:45pm, in which your child has the opportunity to either work the full or half shift. If a Junior Counselor would like to work a half shift, they have the following shift options, 8:45am - 12:45pm or 12:45-4:45pm.

Fees & Applications

The fee for participation in our program must be paid before their first day at camp. This fee includes a camp t-shirt, and additional shirts may be purchased for \$10 at the Customer Service Center.

Fees for this program are as follows:

- \$80 for up to 2 sessions
- \$160 for up to 4 sessions
- \$240 for up to 6 sessions
- \$320 for up to 9 sessions

There are a limited number of spaces available, so please be sure to submit your application via our website here:

<https://recreation.ucsb.edu/youth-programs/summer-day-camp>

After your application is reviewed, you will be contacted by the Youth Programs Coordinator regarding your child's acceptance into the program.

General Information

Training & Development

Junior Counselors will be required to attend training prior to volunteering at our programs. This training will provide our Junior Counselors with the tools necessary to complete their job, and assist with establishing individual goals for them to work towards. This training is mandatory for all Junior Counselors as it is our priority to prepare all staff and volunteers for the summer ahead.

While volunteering for our program, Junior Counselors will develop skills in leadership, problem solving, communication, conflict resolution, and much more!

The training will take place on **May 19th, 2024** from **9AM to 12PM**.

Community Service Hours

If your child wishes to earn community service hours for their time at our program. Please be sure to submit Community Service Paperwork to the Youth Programs Coordinator at camps@recreation.ucsb.edu no later than Wednesday, August 14th.

Job Responsibilities

- Follow the directions of all Youth Programs Staff and abide by all program policies and procedures.
- Assist Group Counselors and Camp Specialists with the oversight of campers.
- Demonstrate initiative and leadership by actively engaging with campers.
- Display appropriate behavior around campers, parents, and staff members.
- Avoid rough-housing / over stimulation behavior with campers.
- Provide general supervision and implementation of downtime activities for all campers.
- Accompany Campers on walks in between activities or bathroom breaks to ensure their safety and wellbeing.
- Resolve disciplinary problems appropriately and request help from a Group or Head Counselor when needed.
- Demonstrate responsibility by showing up on time, making good judgements, and providing good customer service when appropriate.

General Information

Additional Responsibilities + Requirements

- Children that are selected into our program must complete the online Bullying Prevention Training provided by the Department of Recreation.
- Junior Counselors must wear proper attire and uniform and CANNOT alter uniforms in any way.

Contact Information

- **Phone:** 805-893-3913
- **Email:** camps@recreation.ucsb.edu



Thank you! We look forward to another exciting summer with your family!