

Department of Recreation Junior Counselor Program

General Information

The Junior Counselor 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 Highschool.

For more information, contact the Youth Programs Management Team at camps@recreation.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-3913.

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:

- \$90 for up to 2 sessions
- \$180 for up to 4 sessions
- \$270 for up to 6 sessions
- \$360 for up to 9 sessions

There are a limited number of spaces available, so please be sure to submit your application via our website at: <https://recreation.ucsb.edu/youth-programs/summer-day-camp>

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

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!

Summer Schedule

The UCSB Summer Day Camp is a 9-week program that will be held from June 16 – August 15, 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.

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 Management Team at camps@recreation.ucsb.edu no later than Wednesday, August 13.

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.

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.