

## The Role of a Counselor Aide at Camp High Rocks

The position of counselor aide has been developed for those select upper senior campers who have distinguished themselves as good leaders and role models and show promise as future counselors. Once accepted, these campers will have the opportunity to take an active role in the culture and growth of camp through additional responsibilities and privileges that they may choose. A description of this opportunity is listed below. The counselor aide position hopes to fulfill a desire of many returning campers who wish to learn the leadership skills needed to become future counselors and instructors.

- Requirements:** Rising junior (finished 10th grade, 16 years of age) in high school with an invitation & acceptance from High Rocks. These boys are also required to send a letter to camp expressing their interests and reasons for returning.
- Duration:** Three-week or Four-week session
- Cost:** Normal tuition as indicated on application form
- Rules:** All rules and regulations pertaining to campers are in effect for counselor aides. These rules are outlined on the application for registration. Counselor aides will have a designated counselor who will review the rules with them and be available for questions throughout the sessions.
- Activity Options:** Full day of regular activities with a number of option to choose from:
- Choice of five activities
  - Apprentice one hour in a chosen activity and four additional activities
  - Apprentice for two hours in chosen activities and three other activities
  - Evening Activities would be spent with the upper senior age group or the choice of assisting in the facilitating of younger age group activities.
- Work Details:** Each aide will have the opportunity to choose additional duties and projects that they would like to incorporate into their weekly schedule. Each duty is by choice and an hourly stipend will be applied for the total hours worked at the end of each week. Possibilities include but are not limited to:
- Mopping the dining hall and lodge
  - Cleaning and preparation before square dances
  - Working in the camp store
  - Meal Duties-serving, washing dishes, clean-ups, etc.
- Privileges:**
- Mentor:** Aides have the opportunity to “adopt” a cabin from the youngest age group. He will typically help out the counselor with cabin time, meetings, and other events that add to the cabin experience while overseen by an existing counselor.
- Staff Lounge:** Designated nights to watch movies and hang out at camp house living room.
- Evenings Out:** Two predetermined nights in town (1:00p.m.-9:00p.m.) with counselor or designated staff, usually for dinner and a movie. Aides would have access to their phones at that time.
- What's Next?** After 11th grade you may apply for a paid CT position on staff. You do not have to have been an aide to apply for a CT position, and acceptance is not guaranteed in either case.