

Bunkhouse Parent Overview

Overview

The Adventure Unlimited Ranch program began more than fifty years ago on a rock-solid foundation. We work hard to preserve and protect our purpose - *to provide inspiring...activities for Christian Scientists and their friends in an atmosphere conducive to the practical reliance on Christian Science.* As bunkhouse parents, you too will have the opportunity to be a part of our mission.

Our summer staff is a group of hard-working young people who daily are learning what it means to be responsible, thoughtful, practical Christian Scientists. The spirit of the Bunkhouse Parent program requires flexibility, quiet support, respect, tenderness, and alertness. If you're looking for a two-week "vacation," this program is not a good fit for you. If you are looking for an opportunity to live with young people in an atmosphere supportive of spiritual and personal growth, with lots of hard work and adventure thrown in, then, we'd love to have you.

When you arrive at camp there will be a Bunkhouse Parent orientation meeting the morning of your first full day. We'll go through schedules and offer support, guidance, and information so your duties will be clear to you.

Bunkhouse parents receive compensation in the form of camp credits, which may be applied to camper tuition. Room and board will be included.

Your Role: Bunkhouse Moms & Dads

Sky Valley, for 2nd-8th graders, has many campers who may be away from home for the first time. You'll add an extra touch of care to our younger campers. A strong sense of home is an important part of AU and your nurturing supports that idea.

Spiritual Support

The Adventure Unlimited Ranch program works to support the spiritual growth of its campers and staff. As a bunkhouse parent you have the daily opportunity and responsibility to support the camp metaphysically as you would your own family. Each day is filled with ways to share inspiration by idea and example - whether it's during daily Bible Lesson study, inspirational sharing before each activity, testimony meetings, Sunday School classes, on a horse, on the trail, or on the ropes course, the practical use of Christian Science is being lived and encouraged.

Bunkhouse Team

Our campers live in bunkhouses with as many as three counselors. The Bunkhouse Head Counselor is responsible for overall cabin management, the bunkhouse staff, and the care of the campers. Bunkhouse counselors support their bunkhouse head in those duties. Counselors-in-Training (CIT) are there to learn and to support the day-to-day life in the bunkhouse. All bunkhouse heads and counselors are part of the program staff and have other responsibilities beyond the bunkhouse. CITs have responsibilities in the lodge as well as their cabin. You will be a great support to this cabin team.

Your Day

The day starts early at camp! Campers get up, clean their cabin, study their daily Bible Lesson and attend flag raising - all before breakfast! (You can see where having bunkhouse parents can come in handy) Rest hour occurs on some days after lunch. Counselors and bunkhouse parents are there to be sure campers get the quiet time they need in the cabin. After their afternoon activity there is free time before dinner. This time is perfect for campers to shower, have a game of horseshoes, run up to Chuck Wagon to check their mail or purchase items from the store or just have a chat on the porch. Evening programs round out the day with an all camp game, campfires, testimony meetings, or maybe even a dance. Then it's off to bed after a day full of challenge, adventure, friendship and spiritual growth.