

KRUZ KIDZ

Junior Counselor in Training Application 2017

Thank you for your interest in our Junior Counselor in Training Program at Kruz Kidz! Our vision for this program is to create an environment in which we are able to empower adolescents to become strong leaders with exemplary character, all while providing a fun and encouraging summer experience. The goal of this exciting program is to develop leadership skills that you will be able to use in all areas of your life. In signing up for this program, you will have opportunities to play with kids and build into their lives, serve alongside the full time staff, as well as participate in your own activities with fellow junior counselors. You will be able to participate in many of the activities with the kids including field trips for adventure camps, and your own off campus excursions. Because of the volume of activities you will be able to participate in, this program will cost \$75-\$125 per week. We will have high expectations for our Junior Counselors and would really like you to look inside yourself and make sure this program is a good fit for you. While it is designed to be fun, there will also be many responsibilities. We want to make sure we have individuals who are committed to the vision of Kruz Kidz. For this reason, our junior counselors will go through a modified interview process so we can get to know our candidates a little better. Thank you again for your interest in our program and we look forward to meeting you!

ABOUT KRUZ KIDZ

CAMP DESCRIPTION

Kruz Kidz is a summer day camp held at Twin Lakes Church serving campers entering 1st through 7th grade. Kruz Kidz offers a camp experience unlike any other, with activities varying from week to week, including adventure camps, sports camps, art, cooking, nature, and more!

CAMP VISION

The goal of Kruz Kidz is to create a loving and encouraging environment for children by sharing Christ through daily interactions. Kruz Kidz aims to touch our community through a fun filled program that allows children to experience God's love through positive interactions with our staff.

JUNIOR STAFF VISION

Keeping in line with the overall vision of Kruz Kidz, the goal of our junior staff program is to provide a fun summer experience for adolescents while training and raising them up to be leaders. We strive to challenge our junior counselors to rise above expectations and learn how to serve in a very fun and positive ministry environment. Our hope is that each junior counselor will walk away having learned something about work, service, and ministry as well as increased love for children and the Lord.

GOALS

- Teaching Christian character and spiritual growth
- Serving children and families in our community for Christ
- Nurturing team spirit, sportsmanship, and togetherness
- Developing strong leaders to affect the kingdom for Christ
- Celebrating God through dynamic and relevant activities

JCiT OBJECTIVES

As we put together a staff (full-time and JCiT's included) we strive to achieve the following:

- Invite qualified individuals who can function well in a ministry environment
- Employ a staff that will commit to a team
- Emphasize responsibility and Christ-like representation
- Cultivate fun and humor into our daily activities
- Exemplify Biblical character and positive examples at all times
- Find applicants who are willing to be silly and wacky all to make a child laugh

YOUR ROLE AS A JUNIOR COUNSELOR Camper

The role of each junior counselor camper is first and foremost to represent Christ and to support the mission and goals of Kruz Kidz. We expect ALL our camp leaders to be positive role models for campers in all matters of attitude and behavior. This means our junior counselors are expected to uphold the rules expected of campers and full time staff members. We do not tolerate matters such as profanity, smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, and the using of illegal drugs or any other abusive substances by minors. We also do not permit the use of cell phones or other electronic devices in the presence of campers. A junior counselor complements the program in that they assist the staff in daily activities throughout the day. If you are selected for this program, you must act as a responsible role model for campers at all times as well as demonstrate respect for our full time staff members and parents of our campers.

JUNIOR STAFF JOB DESCRIPTION

Minimum Qualifications

- Minimum age of 12 years old and entering 6th grade in the fall
- Desire and ability to work with children of varying ages and skill levels.
- Ability to work alongside adults in a camp setting
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control
- Good character, integrity, and adaptability

Responsible To

- Junior Counselor Director
- Kruz Kidz Directors and Counselors

General Responsibilities

- Set a good example to the campers in all areas including rules, clean-up, sportsmanship, character, etc.
- Participate in any and all camp activities along with the kids.
- Follow instruction and carry out responsibilities that are asked of you.
- Assist the full time staff in various activities such as arts and crafts, Bible time, snack, games set-up, cleanup, and more.

- Participate in skits or backstage help
- Be involved with the kids during free time activities
- Look out for the needs of campers and inform counselors of behavior or injury.
- Encourage participation in activities and help all campers to have FUN!

Hours/Schedule

We will ask our junior counselors to arrive at camp at 8:30, where they will meet with the Junior Counselor Director to find out their schedule for the day and any other necessary information. JC's will have a structured day with various activities and responsibilities laid out for them as well as a lunchtime, and devotion time with the JC Director. Any special JC activities will be announced at the beginning of each week.

Selection Process

Those interested in the junior counselor in training program will fill out an application and be contacted by the Kruz Kidz directors to come in for an interview. The purpose of the interview is to ensure that our junior counselors are going to be committed to the responsibilities that will be laid out before them.

Personal Benefits

- Gain valuable experience working with children
- Obtain strong recommendations and references for future jobs
- Develop strong leadership skills under strong mentorship
- Spend time with positive leaders and role models in the full time staff
- Grow in your relationship with the Lord
- Participate in camp activities and...Have a blast!

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First M.I.

Gender _____ Birthdate ____/____/_____

Age as of June 1st, 2017 _____

Grade in Sept., 2017 _____

T-shirt size _____

School Currently Attending _____

Present Address _____

Street City State/Zip

Phone - home () _____ - _____ Cell () _____ - _____

Permanent Address (if different from above) _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Phone #:Cell (____) _____ - _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Please list any academic awards, honors, and volunteer activities.

Please list any previous camp experience and/or experience working with children.

What are your hobbies and interests? Do you have any specific skills?

Briefly describe when and how you became a Christian.

Why do you want to participate in this program at Kruz Kidz?

To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing statements are correct and complete and may be used to whatever extent necessary in connection with my application.

I understand that I must uphold the expectations as a Kruz Kidz Junior Counselor camper or I might be dismissed from the program.

Applicant Signature

Date

For Which Weeks are you Interested in Participating? (Note: Spaces for Junior Staff are limited, you may not get selected for EVERY week you are interested in). Because of limited space, indicate the top two weeks you are available for the program (choose ONE Discovery and ONE Adventure week). Please only select weeks which you are available for the entire week.**

June 12-16 _____ (Summer Kickoff)

June 19-23 _____ (Discovery 1)

June 26-30 _____ (Adventure 1)

July 5-7 _____ (Discovery 2)

July 10 – 14 _____ (Adventure 2)

July 17-21 _____ (Discovery 3)

July 24 – July 28 _____ (Adventure 3)

July 31 – August 4 _____ (Discovery 4)

August 7-11 _____ (Adventure 4)

Our Discovery Camps offer several different activities for campers to participate in. Please check off specific activities you would be interested in assisting.

Baseball____ Basketball____ Cheer____ Cooking____ Art____ Dance____
Drama____ Football____ Gardening____ Gymnastics____ Hockey____
Lacrosse____ Science____ Soccer____ Surf____ Computer____
Tennis____ Volleyball____ Lego _____

REFERENCES

Please list three personal references in the following categories, who are able to attest to your responsibility, maturity, experience and./or capability of working with children. (These may not be family members.)

Please provide us with reference letters from the following persons as well. (Provide your references with a stamped, addressed envelope to the address below).

1. A Christian Worker (Pastor, Youth Leader, etc.)

Name

Job Title

Phone

Relationship to Applicant

2. A Christian Adult you have known for at least two years:

Name

Job Title

Phone

Relationship to Applicant

3. A School Teacher or Recent Employer:

Name

Job Title

Phone

Relationship to Applicant

Letters can be sent to:Kruz Kidz, Twin Lakes Church 2701 Cabrillo College Drive
Aptos, CA 95003

PARENT RELEASE FORM

Applicant Name:

Last

First

M.I.

All minors applying for a Junior Counselor position **MUST** have the following release form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Health History

1. List any activities or conditions the applicant has been advised to avoid.

2. List any of the applicant's personal medical conditions we should be aware of.

3. List any other health or physical factors (allergies included) that might affect applicant's performance at camp. (Please include if the applicant is a strong swimmer.)

In case of Emergency Notify:

_____ () - _____ () - _____
Name Home Phone Cell Phone

Relationship to Applicant _____

_____ () - _____ () - _____ Name
Home Phone Cell Phone

Relationship to Applicant _____

In case of emergency, I hereby give permission to the licensed physician and hospital selected by the camp administrators to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child. I understand that I will be billed for any professional services rendered. This permission will only be used after reasonable attempts to reach the parents or legal guardians have been made. In the event of a claim, my family insurance will be liable.

Name of Applicant _____ Date _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____

Name of Physician _____ Phone _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____