



We are proud to say that most of our counselors are our own Summerkids... all grown up, of course. We complement our own group by hiring a few counselors, new to Summerkids, who come highly recommended and who have certain skills we are looking for.

The majority of our counselors are college students who hope to work with children full-time. The rest are college grads or teachers on summer break, who love spending their off time with us! All of them love working with children and can be both mature and zany. Many of them take on camp nicknames--Apollo, Rex, Tatonka, to name a few recent ones. Each is uniquely suited to work with the age group to which he or she is assigned.

In addition, we also have a few openings each year in our "junior counselor in training" program--for former campers who are entering 10th, 11th and 12th grades and have a particular interest in working with children. See [here](#) for more information on that program.

Each year, we conduct rigorous training sessions--both before camp starts and continuing throughout the summer--for all of our staff. All of our counselors have received basic first aid and CPR training, and more than half are certified lifeguards.



COUNSELOR TRAINING DAY (SATURDAY, JUNE 8) This is a big day for us! It's a chance for all of us to come together, to see old friends and meet new ones, and for you to get all of the basics that you need to be a fabulous counselor.

If you are a new counselor (or a veteran counselor I've "tapped" to help with training), plan on being at the training from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are a returning counselor, please join us for lunch at noon; we'll start soon after that with the rest of the training.

I realize that there are a few of you who are still in school, etc. for this day; if that is the case, I will be in touch with you after the training to arrange an alternate date.

SK-PREK PARENT ORIENTATION (SATURDAY, JUNE 8) Right after the Counselor Training, we do an orientation for SK-PreK parents, so they get their questions answered and their campers have a chance to "explore" camp in a meaningful way. If you are an SK-PreK

Counselor, please plan on staying after the training for this special orientation. I'll also ask a couple of you veteran counselors to stay and help with siblings. We've told parents that the orientation program runs from 3-4, and we will do our best to honor that, but you may end up being at camp until 4:30.

CAMP OPEN HOUSE (SUNDAY, JUNE 9) This day is always a great one. You'll be helping with tours of camp or greeting campers at various points along the way, but either way, you will meet many of our new campers, see some familiar faces and feel totally in the camp mode by the time you are done. The Open House goes from 11 to 2, but we would like counselors to be there at 10 to help with setup, get your "official" camp portrait taken and do some other things before the masses descend. The day will end pretty promptly at 2 p.m.

COUNSELOR HIKE & BBQ (FRIDAY, JUNE 14, time TBD but probably late afternoon/early evening) I'm still working on this, but please save the date for now!

Counselors who want to will have the chance to do some camper-free hiking on our trails, and then we'll have a casual dinner at camp to watch the sunset over the hills once the campers have departed....

Phew! That's it for now. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Looking forward to getting started!