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Camp Illahee

Excellence in Camping for Girls Since 1921

BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA





"I JUST WANTED TO SAY *thank you.*

All I do is talk about camp.

I tell camp stories, talk to my friends from camp, and tell everyone *how great Illahee is.*

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT LIFE WOULD BE LIKE WITHOUT ILLAHEE.

THANK YOU."

- MARY LAKE NEWTON, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT SUMMER JOB? *Think outside the office, and see how fun a summer job can be!*

At *Illahee*, your summer office can be a 110 acre camp with two beautiful spring-fed lakes.

The mountains
of western North Carolina
form the backdrop
of a well-maintained facility.

Instead of a cubicle,
you'll work in the great outdoors.

Instead of a department, you are assigned an activity area with terrific facilities: stables, an indoor riding arena, 5 tennis courts, a climbing tower and high ropes course, a gymnasium with stage and indoor climbing wall, a well-stocked arts and crafts lodge, archery and riflery ranges, a nature center, soccer field, a dance and aerobics studio, ceramics studio, and weaving room — plus all the supplies and equipment you need for an awesome summer!



Will “camp counselor” look good on my resume?

Yes! Don't be surprised if in future job interviews you talk more about your camp job than any other job on your resume. Most business leaders understand and appreciate the challenge and value gained from being a camp counselor. They know that camp work teaches you to make good decisions, to think on your feet and to work with others. These skills aren't easy to develop in a typical office setting.



Experience gained

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MOM
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CONSULTANT
MINISTER
SINGER
BEAUTICIAN
NATURALIST
ACTRESS
EVENT PLANNER
SUPER HERO
FRIEND...

WEARING DIFFERENT HATS AND HAVING A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES IS THE HALLMARK OF A SUMMER AS AN ILLAHEE COUNSELOR. As a cabin counselor you are a mom, older sister, friend and teacher – all in one. You will live in a cabin with six or seven campers and a co-counselor. Being responsible for campers 24/7 can be demanding but is also extremely rewarding. During the day, you teach activities, usually in at least two different activity areas. You can make a positive difference by sharing new ideas, teaching with creativity and enthusiasm, and building relationships with the campers and staff around you!



Skills gained

COMMUNICATION
PROBLEM SOLVING
CRITICAL THINKING
TEAMWORK
PUBLIC SPEAKING
LEADERSHIP
DECISION MAKING
CREATIVITY
FLEXIBILITY
TIME MANAGEMENT
STRATEGIC PLANNING...

EACH DAY IS A BLAST AT ILLAHEE BECAUSE YOU ARE PART OF A TEAM OF CARING INDIVIDUALS — EACH CONTRIBUTING TALENTS TO MAKE CAMP RUN SMOOTHLY. Getting to know campers of all ages is fun. Participating in evening programs is also a daily highlight. From a high energy camp-wide version of Capture the Flag, to becoming a game show celebrity or a Miss Universe contestant, to being entertained by the campers as they lip-sync to their favorite pop or oldies band, the variety is endless. Traditional favorites as well as new programs will keep you entertained right up until Taps, with occasional opportunities for milk and cookies to close out a busy and successful day!



“Every employer I have ever had has asked me about *my camp experience*.

THEY ARE ALWAYS EXTREMELY IMPRESSED WITH THE SKILLS I AM ABLE TO LIST ON MY RESUME.

Each time I have been in an interview, this is the one job about which they inquire the most.”

- CAROLINE FARMER, HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

actress

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Illahee Profile

Illahee (Ill-ah-hee) means *Heavenly World* in the Cherokee language. Illahee is not a just a place, and not just a camp, but a family. The Illahee world is a Christian community where love, friendship and individual care are valued. An Illahee counselor quickly becomes part of a family led by a dedicated and supportive leadership team.

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“I TRULY FEEL THAT CAMP BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN ME.
I love every experience that I have there.”

IT INSPIRES ME TO **grow**, BUILDS MY **self-confidence**,
AND TEACHES ME ALWAYS TO TRUST &
believe in myself.

MY HOPE IS THAT I INFLUENCE MY CAMPERS IN THE SAME WAY.”
- TARA CHEEK, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

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Illahee Mission

Illahee’s success is based on campers who return home telling fun tales and singing camp songs. Success is measured by skills gained, increased independence and the growing self-confidence of each camper. This happens summer after summer because staff members are committed to excellence and enjoy being with children, having fun, acting silly, creating and listening... all with patience, energy and a genuine love for working with children.

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COSTUME DESIGNER



SUPER HERO



ENTERTAINER



RISK MANAGER



ARTIST

Location

Rather than the noisy hustle and bustle of city life, our camp has a daily hustle and bustle all its own! Illahee is situated in Brevard, North Carolina, a small mountain town surrounded by 1000's of acres of national forest. It is a great area for hiking, exploring waterfalls, rafting rivers and is also host to coffee shops and a cute downtown area. Asheville, NC is 30 minutes away and provides the opportunity to visit a city with many restaurants and a chance to stop by a shopping mall.

General Overview

Illahee offers four camp sessions varying from one to four weeks in length. Each session is unique with 240 campers ranging in age from 7-16. Cabin counselors live in comfortable cabins with six to eight campers of the same grade level. The younger campers have bathrooms in the cabins and a separate shower house nearby. The older girls share a centrally located shower and bath house. Separate staff housing is available for some of our riding, rock climbing, kayaking, arts and other support staff.



Training and Support

Staff training (orientation) is the time to work and play together and to become a team. Counselors learn new skills and more about their jobs at camp. By the end of orientation, counselors are ready for the campers' arrival. In addition, there are workshops and certification courses for riding, lifeguarding, climbing and kayaking and bonuses offered for current certification earned outside of camp. Throughout the summer, activity heads, advisors and directors are committed to supporting each counselor so that she can do her job well.

Qualifications

Counselors must have had a year of college or the equivalent. A genuine love and interest in working with children is the most important counselor quality. Some activity areas require skills and expertise in order to teach; with others, skills can be learned and training can take place during the summer. In order to offer the best possible experience for our campers, counselors must be wholesome role models and supportive of Illahee's guidelines and policies.



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Daily Schedule

MONDAY – SATURDAY

- 7:45 Wake up, cabin clean-up
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:15 Rise and Shine
(morning devotion, announcements and singing)
- 9:45 First Activity Period
- 10:45 Second Activity Period
- 11:45 Third Activity Period
- 1:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Rest Hour
- 3:15 Choice Period *(camper free choice)*
- 4:10 Fourth Activity Period
- 5:05 Fifth Activity Period
- 6:15 Dinner
- 7:30 Evening Program
- 9:30 Taps
- 10:00 Taps for oldest campers

Sundays at Illahee

Sundays at Illahee are a great change in the weekly routine. The morning begins with a pajama breakfast and Krispy Kreme donuts followed by cabin time and a Christian worship service in the Woodland Chapel. The afternoon focus is an all-camp event such as the Illahee Olympics or Swim Show, and the evenings are fun-filled with a delicious outdoor cookout followed by songs and skits around the campfire.

musician



"THE COUNSELORS AND DIRECTORS OF CAMP ILLAHEE HAVE A SPECIAL GIFT.

Inclusion, friendliness, leadership AND fellowship are all a part of this gift.

Thank you for allowing my daughter to experience
all that CAMP ILLAHEE has to offer!"

- EMILY GROCE, PARENT. CAROLINE, AGE 9



R & R

A free period is built into each counselor's daily schedule. This time provides a terrific opportunity to run an errand, go to the nearby fitness club, have some quiet cabin time or join fellow staff members in the office where computers with high speed internet as well as cell phones can be used.

Cabin counselors enjoy an evening and a day off each week. Our curfew is 12:00 midnight; this means counselors should be back in the cabin and settled down for a great night's sleep. Most non-cabin staff members enjoy their day off on Sunday.



Community

The Illahee community provides a full social life! Meals are prepared by a talented kitchen staff and include a delicious variety of foods that are sure to please campers and counselors alike. Family-style dining with the opportunity to sit with different campers each week contributes to the overall sense of community. Many counselors enjoy fellowship and community by participating in some of the optional, informal Bible studies offered at camp. This is a time to relax with both staff members and directors.





role model



teacher



friend



mentor

YOU – at Illahee !

Illahee is a place where you can grow personally and spiritually. Through your service to campers and your friendships with other staff members, you will have purpose and direction during the summer. You also will learn skills and develop new areas of interest - you may try kayaking or canoeing for the first time or enjoy opportunities to learn a new craft project. An Illahee summer is a season for broadening your horizons. You will discover that it is a small world as you build lasting friendships with campers and counselors from all over the country, and even across the world. The Illahee family helps you to be connected and to network outside of the camp summer.



“These aren’t just casual friends,
but *life-long friends*
WHO YOU CAN’T IMAGINE YOUR LIFE WITHOUT.

You become closer
TO THE WOMEN WITH WHOM YOU WORK
THAN YOU WOULD THINK POSSIBLE
in just a few months.

I still keep in touch with my friends from camp,
even **traveling as far as Australia**
to visit them.”

- CAROLINE FARMER, ILLAHEE STAFF ALUMNA





*“My daughter comes home
so confident in herself and her abilities
to handle life’s trials.*

*We couldn’t even begin to explain the social confidence
she gained after her first year at Illahee.*

IT IS PRICELESS.

*Thank you for this opportunity for our daughter to
discover herself in this safe, fun and magical place.”*

- RENEE MASACHI, PARENT, ANABEL, AGE 9

Internship Opportunities

There are many aspects of a counselor’s job that can provide the experience for an official internship, complete with college credits. We are happy to explore the possibility with you and to help you tailor ideas that you can present to your college advisor. Illahee is committed to providing the observations, evaluations and paperwork that may be required.

Compensation and Benefits

You can make great money being a camp counselor! Our goal is to attract the best staff to Illahee so we have positioned our salary scale among the highest. Salary is based on age, education, responsibilities, skills and experiences. And remember, your housing, three great meals per day, and laundry are provided. It’s much easier to save your salary at camp than it is working at home or in your college town.

Application Procedure

Fill out the staff application completely. Illahee receives a large number of staff applications each year and gives priority to applicants who can be interviewed in person and who are available for the entire summer season. Complete addresses and phone numbers of former employers and references and a background check release are important. You will be notified when your application arrives at camp. Your references will be contacted, and an interview will be scheduled. Please refer to the staff application for specific guidelines and policies. Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco have NO place at camp.

*Join the Illahee staff and benefit personally and professionally...
not for a session, not for a summer, but for a lifetime!*







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