

Vista Camps Counselor Application

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Please attach a recent photo

Two camps with one purpose:

A safe, wholesome, fun-filled, learning experience for boys and girls

If you will meet the standards, If you will lose yourself in service to others, If you have skill, ability, and dedication, If you will share it with enthusiasm, If you are wholesome and, by your example, encourage others to be, If you enjoy working with young people, If you will meet the challenge

If you will – then you are invited to apply for a fun-filled, rewarding, challenging experience as a Summer Camp Counselor at Vista Camps.

Date of Application:

Name:

Name you prefer to go by:

Birthdate:

Current Age:

Social Security Number:

Height:

Weight:

Home Address:

Phone Number:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

School Address:

Phone Number:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Emergency Contact:

Phone Number:

Father's Name:

Mother's Name:

Who do you live with? (circle): Father Mother Both On your own Spouse Roommate

What is your marital status (circle): Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Names and ages of your children (if any)?

Names and ages of your brothers and sisters (if any):

Vista Camps Counselor Requirements

Vista Camps counselors are chosen for their sincere dedication, wholesomeness, mature judgment, and highly motivated leadership. Once we are satisfied that a person meets those high standards, we look for individual skills and abilities that will enhance our camp program. We are primarily concerned, however, with your being an outstanding role model for the many children who will look to you for daily guidance. We expect all counselors to be team players who exert a constant, positive, wholesome influence on their peers and campers. We hire a select few Junior Counselors at age 17 by invitation only. All other counselors and staff must be at least 18 years of age. All those hired understand we will do a thorough background check, and that we have zero tolerance for drug use, intoxication, underage drinking, tobacco use or possession (in any form) on camp facilities, property damage and violence. If you meet the above requirements, and have the dedication and motivation to exceed our expectations, then we invite you to fill out this application and return it to us for consideration for the greatest "job" you'll ever have.

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU COMPLETE ALL PORTIONS OF THIS APPLICATION
(USE ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY)**

Education (Include all schools attended from high school on, and any military service)

School/Military Service	Course of Study	Years	Diploma or Degree
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Have you decided on a career? If so, what?

Honors (academic, scouts, social, athletic, military, church, etc.):

Leadership Roles:

Work Experience (most recent first, include all previous camp and child-related work):

Position	Company	Supervisor	Address	Phone	Dates
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Volunteer work you have done (church, agency, school, DARE, PAL's, Key Club, etc.):

At Vista Camps we are dedicated to creating a clean, wholesome environment for both campers and staff; one that provides a respite from the problems, worries, and ugliness of the "real world". It is our hope that we can show our campers that doing right, living clean, and being good have far greater internal rewards than what the alternative offers. In order to fulfill this goal, it only makes sense that our counselors meet these goals themselves; are clean and wholesome in thoughts, words and actions; not only want to be, but are, good role models, and desire to instill these qualities in the youth they will be working with. We ask that you answers these questions honestly and fully so that we may understand who you are in regards to meeting our expectations and requirements. Use additional paper as necessary.

Do you drink alcohol?

Tell us about the role of drinking alcohol in your life and your feelings about underage drinking:

Do you use tobacco in any form?

Tell us about the role of tobacco in your life and your feelings about underage use of tobacco products:

Tell us about your feelings about the use/abuse of illegal drugs:

Tell us your feelings about homosexuality:

What attributes do you have that you think would make you a good role model?

Why do you want to work with children, and what will you accomplish in doing so?

Why should Vista Camps hire YOU?

Because we work with children, the state, and common sense, dictate that we do a background check prior to hiring anyone to work for us. This form must be signed and returned, and the check completed, before we can consider hiring your for employment at Vista Camps.

I understand that the background check will include an investigative consumer report that may include, but is not limited to, the following areas:

Verification of social security number/ current and previous residences; employment history including all personnel files; education including transcripts; character references; credit history and reports; criminal history records from any criminal justice agency in any or all federal, state, county jurisdictions; birth record; motor vehicle records, including traffic citations and registration; any other public records; and to conduct interviews with third parties relative to my character, general reputation, personal characteristics or mode of living.

I further authorize any individual, company, firm, corporation or public agency (including the Social Security Administration and law enforcement agencies) to divulge any and all information, verbal or written, pertaining to me, to Vista Camps or its agents. I further authorize the complete release of any records or data pertaining to me which the individual, company, firm, corporation, or public agency may have, to include information or data received from other sources.

I hereby release Vista Camps, the Social Security Administration, and its agents, officials, representatives, or assigned agencies, including officers, employees, or related personnel both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may, at any time, result to me, my heirs, family, or associates because of compliance with this authorizations and request to release. You may contact me as indicated below.

I understand this authorization automatically expires 90 days from the date executed below and that I have the right to revoke the authorization at any time, provided I do so in writing.

Name:

Maiden name (if applicable):

Any other names formerly used, dates of use:

Current Address:

At this address since:

Camp Experience as a Camper:

Camp	Director	Honors	Dates
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This section is designed to help us determine where you might best help our camp program. Hint: this is not a place to brag about all the things you can do -- it is a place to indicate the things in which you have the expertise and motivation to share with children. Please take this section seriously as it will largely determine your schedule for the summer. Please check the appropriate spaces. Under Certified please list the certifications and licenses (i.e., Red Cross, NRA, ACA, Scouts, CAA, etc.).

Note for the activities you're interested in: Certified; Qualified; Want to Teach; Want to Assist; and/or Want to Learn

Aerobics	Photography
Animal Care	Rappelling
Archery	Riflery
Arts & Crafts	Ropes Course
Campcraft	Sailing
Canoeing	Scrapbooking
Cheerleading	Soccer
Conditioning	Softball
Dance	Swimming
Digital Video	Synchro. Swim
Drama	Tennis
Fencing	Trap
Fishing	Tumbling
Football	Twirling
Golf	Volleyball
Horseback Riding	Waterskiing
Kayaking	Wrestling
Lacrosse	
Martial Arts	

Additional work qualifications:

Lifeguard or WSI Certification:	Agency:	Level:	Exp. Date:
Boat Care and Driving: Can you drive a boat?		Are you TPWD certified:	
Are you First Aid Certified?	Level:	Agency:	
Are you CPR certified:	Agency:		
Are you licensed to drive?	State:	License type Number:	
Do you have any other certifications or licenses that may assist you in your camp duties?			

Can you do any of the following: Use a computer Work e-mail Manage a website
Sing Play music Lead songs Use digital camera Digital video Edit written copy
Conduct chapel or Jewish service Lead campfire programs

If a counselor position is not available, would you consider taking one of these other staff positions:

Secretary Maintenance Wrangler Camp Store Babysitter Health Care

What qualifications/certifications do you have?

References: List at least three people (non-relatives) who know you and your abilities. At least one should be someone you have worked for. Other appropriate references would be teachers, school administrators, coaches, clergy, volunteer supervisors, and club sponsors. Give each a copy of the enclosed reference form and have them complete it and mail it to Vista Camps, 175 Rio Vista Road S, Ingram, Texas, 78025.

Name	Years Known	Your Association with them	Their Phone Number
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How did you hear about Vista Camps (please be specific: names, publications, ads, websites, etc.):

Assuming mutual satisfaction, would you be available for several summers? If so, how many?

What age group do you prefer? **6 – 9** **10 – 12** **13 – 16** **No Preference**

Do you have any physical handicaps, health conditions, or personal limitations that will affect your ability to perform as a counselor (which requires long hours, a significant amount of walking and physical exertion, heat, dealing with children for extended hours, and during times of potential illness or emotional upset.)?

I understand that being a counselor requires hard work for long hours, but is the most rewarding experience I will ever have. If contracted to work for Vista Camps, I agree to work my very hardest and direct all of my efforts toward seeing that each and every camper has a safe, wholesome, fun-filled, learning experience.

I certify by my signature that all the facts I have provided are true, and that all the statements of belief represent my true opinions and feelings. I understand that falsifying or masking any information on this application is grounds for non-consideration for employment, or immediate dismissal if already hired. Such dismissal will result in forfeiture of the completion of contract portion of my salary.

Signature:

Date:

Every counselor who works at camp will receive one staff shirt to be worn on special days.

What is your shirt size?

Return this application as soon as you are comfortable with your replies. Early applications result in better consideration for available positions. Please get three letters of reference and have them mailed to us promptly.