

# SUMMER STAFF 2010

Every summer the SC FFA Center hires approximately 6 post high school students to serve as Summer Staff.

## Who can become a Summer Staff member?

Individuals who:

- 🕒 Graduated High School
- 🕒 Enjoy working with youth in a recreation, leadership and educational environment
- 🕒 Posses the drive to grow individually while investing in tomorrow's future
- 🕒 Posses high morals
- 🕒 Posses outstanding work ethic
- 🕒 Posses teamwork abilities
- 🕒 Posses a positive attitude

## What do Summer Staff members do?

The summer staff team is responsible for:

- 🕒 Overseeing recreational areas and activities
- 🕒 Conducting Programs
- 🕒 Preparing the facility for campers

## **When does the Summer Staff start?**

Dates for 2010: (Subject to change)

**May 23: All Counselors Must Be Checked In By 1:30pm**

**May 24 - June 4: C.O.A.S.T. (MANDATORY)**

(Counselor Orientation and Skills Training)

June 7 - 11: SC FFA State Convention Week

June 14 - 18: Week 1 FFA Camp

June 21 - 25: Week 2 FFA Camp

June 28 - July 2: Week 3 FFA Camp

August 3 - 6: FFA Leadership Week

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## **Salary and Experience:**

The salary for Staff is \$230 per week. A typical week is from Sunday afternoon through Friday afternoon. Occasionally, we may have to work on Saturdays. Lodging is provided the entire duration of employment. Separate Lodging is provided for staff. Summer Staff do not bunk with campers. Meals are provided also during camp sessions. Staff is allowed to stay at the center or return home during the weekends. Some weekends, staff may be asked to stay, depending if there is a program going on. Staff shirts are provided free of charge.

No experience is required to be a Summer Staff Team member, although experience working with youth is a plus. Each area of the camping program has a training program, which will be conducted for the ones operating those areas. We

do require our staff to have graduated from High School prior to employment. Staff members do not have to possess knowledge of the FFA organization, but it does come in handy being able to relate to our FFA members attending camp.

All staff is required to work through July 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is opportunity for the best staff members to stay on after FFA camp to help with other rental camps. This year FFA Leadership will be in August, therefore there will be more staff asked to stay on. Throughout the year summer staff may also be called upon to assist with workshops, retreats, challenge course activities, etc. If this interests you, please advise us on the comments section of the Summer Staff Application.

### **Facility Information:**

The SC FFA Center operates year-round depending on FFA activities and rental groups. We strive to offer the best services and programs at an affordable price. We are located in Cherry Grove overlooking the marshes of Little River Neck. We welcome any groups that have educational or agricultural backgrounds. We have meeting space, lodging, food service and recreation.

### **Staff Training:**

We conduct C.O.A.S.T. (Counselor Orientation and Skills Training) during the week of June 1 - 6. This is a mandatory training for all staff. This will cover all aspects of becoming a counselor; from each recreation area to first responder courses. Upon completion of C.O.A.S.T., each member will be well qualified to serve in his/her position and be able to assist in many other areas.

### **Staff Week:**

This week is the staff is brought in to help get to know one another and get settled in for the summer. We also make assignments for the area of operations for each individual at this time. Returning staff will review and edit changes to the proposed programs and activities. Some time will be spent finalizing the facilities for the upcoming weeks of camp.

## **Areas of Operation & Assignments:**

High Element Challenge Course

Low Element Challenge Course

Archery / Rifle Range

Kayaking

Pool / Water sports

Outdoor Expedition

Camp Store

Assembly Participation

Nightlife Participation

Camper Responsibility Scheduling

## **What you can get from working at the SC FFA Center:**

Imagine getting paid to work at the beach all summer and having your lodging and meals provided! Staff members are allowed to attend our nightlife also free of charge. While all the fun is being had, individuals are also building their own character. You learn how to interact with all types of people from different backgrounds, races, religions, and personality types. You will get the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our future agriculture leaders. You will make many lasting friendships and learn many life lessons. You will realize how many obstacles can be overcome when working as a team. You will learn that although we work hard at the SC FFA Center, the end result will give you the biggest feeling of accomplishment. Your hands may get dirty and you may pour a little sweat, but on Fridays when the members board their bus to go back home, they are hanging out the windows waving and shouting good-byes to you.....you know exactly the feeling we are talking about.....the feeling of JOB