



Kingdom Ranch

2011 Counselor Application

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About Kingdom Ranch!

Kingdom Ranch is a Christian summer camp for children with special medical, physical, and developmental disabilities. The organization seeks to minister to the entire family; therefore we invite siblings to attend as well. The camp is like any other summer camp with the usual fun filled activities all day long. Each evening we celebrate with a theme party and close the night with praise and worship. All activities are based on a Christian lifestyle and the foundation of our program is to teach the love of Christ to ALL. For more information log onto: www.kingdomranch.org

Christians In Action – CIA's

A special part of our program is the participation of our Christians In Action Team. Our CIA team members are missionaries serving God in a very special way. These very special people hear the call of God to provide assistance to see that **all** children hear the message of Jesus Christ. Each CIA participant serves on site for one week. During that week they put aside their own needs to focus on our campers 100%! Our missionaries feel they grow and are stretched by God in many ways they never expected.

You must be at least 14 years of age to be considered for a position on our CIA team.

The Cost?

The opportunity to participate on the CIA team is one of the most life changing endeavors you will ever experience. All the participants pay \$150 for their food and lodging while serving in the program. \$40 is due at the time of application and the remaining \$110 is due a week before you are scheduled to arrive at Kingdom Ranch.

The Experience!

One way that our CIA team members make the most of the experience is to raise funds to provide a camper scholarship for a camper. If you choose to raise the \$410 to pay for a camper to attend, we will absorb your room and board into the fees that you raise.

While fundraising may be an uncomfortable area for many, you will find the experience of being a missionary on our CIA team will be greatly enhanced by your involvement financially. Your experience begins when you start praying for the campers and the work you will do while at camp. As you raise funds, you get to share the story of Kingdom Ranch and you realize that this mission opportunity is much more than a one-week experience. You actually give others the opportunity to be involved in the ministry by giving to the program. Call us at (979) 272-3052 to get a fundraising packet sent to you.

This is a great opportunity to participate in a mission trip that will change your life, enhance your walk with Christ, and help you grow as a Christian. You'll realize how to put your own needs aside and minister to another person. **Please contact us for further information or questions.**

You can e-mail us at information@kingdomranch.org.

2011 TERMS

(Siblings are invited to all terms except Adult week)

Campers' ages are 7-17 / Adult Week is for 18 & Over

TERM 1: PHYSICALLY DISABLED & CHRONIC ILLNESS

June 6 (Tuesday) – June 11 (Saturday)

TERM 2: DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

June 13 (Tuesday) – June 18 (Saturday)

TERM 3: AUTISM

June 20 (Tuesday) – June 25 (Saturday)

TERM 4: ADULT WEEK (18+)

June 27 (Tuesday) – July 2 (Saturday)

***The first date listed for each term is the date that you will need to ARRIVE BETWEEN 2pm-3pm.
Campers will not arrive until the following day. Counselor's will be released Friday at Noon.***

The Christians In Action Team

******* You must be at least 14 YEARS OF AGE to qualify to be a CIA camper. If you do not meet this requirement, your application will be denied. *******

The Christians In Action Team is comprised of many people who are all called by God to be a part of the program at Kingdom Ranch. Below you will find information about the different positions where you may be used to bring the message of Jesus Christ to our campers. The positions for participants are:

COUNSELORS (AGES 18 – 30): The primary duty of a camp counselor is to love and accept their camper unconditionally. To be an effective counselor, you must be willing to put aside your own personal desires and needs for the whole week. You must be willing to share God's word in any circumstance. A counselor lives in a cabin with their camper(s) and is assigned the duty of overseeing and teaching one or two campers. Some counselor's work with special needs children while others work in a cabin of siblings. The camper and counselor experience all of the activities at camp together. **This means counselors must be willing and able to participate fully in all activities.** This is a huge responsibility- 23 hour commitment daily with every effort given to allow for one hour of personal time for each counselor.

JUNIOR COUNSELORS (AGES 16 & 17): These are very special teenagers that desire to serve in a counselor role. This means putting aside your own personal needs and maturely being a Servant for God. The jr. counselor follows the same guidelines as a counselor. You must be physically, mentally, and emotionally able to give 100% to the campers 23 hours a day.

**** THE COUNSELOR & JR. COUNSELOR MUST BE VERY MATURE AND WILLING TO WORK WITH SIBLINGS OR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN. You will not know your assignment until you arrive so must have a willing heart to minister wherever God needs you! ****

WRANGLERS (AGES 14 & 15): The Wranglers are true servants of God. These positions are not for the faint hearted! The duties of a Wrangler include cleaning toilets and bathrooms, filling water coolers, assisting with cleaning the dining hall, conference rooms, and any other area of camp that is needed. The Wranglers also assist with setting up and tearing down the party decorations, serving tables at mealtime, and kitchen or dish cleaning duties. They are assigned a cabin to work with when their chores are completed. **The best Wranglers are MATURE, 14-15 year olds with a very strong work ethic. You must be willing to work in any position.**

Positions for Adults 30 & Over Christians In Action (CIA) Team Members

**DUE TO THE LIMITED HOUSING ONLY ONE ADULT THIRTY & OVER
FOR EVERY FIFTEEN STUDENTS ON YOUR TEAM.**

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS: Registered Nurses or Licensed Physicians are used for each term for camp. Please contact us prior to completion of your application if you are interested in a position on the medical team.

CABIN MOM/DAD: These special adults work with a cabin group, providing relief to Counselors / Jr. Counselors. The position requires you to be dedicated 100% to serving in whatever capacity may be needed. Laundry for soiled bed linens, assisting with bathing, diapering, and dressing are all part of the job description for the cabin mom/dad.

COOK & COOK'S HELPERS: The Kingdom Ranch Cook will be in charge of the kitchen. You will follow a set menu and organize the cook's helpers. The cook's helper job usually consists of chopping, stirring, and cleaning in the kitchen. Real gourmet skills are not necessary, just a great work ethic and desire to serve others.

MAINTENANCE/ LANDSCAPING: For the adult who wants to get their hands dirty and help keep things running at camp, this is the job. You may be asked to mow, weed-eat, pull weeds, plant bushes, clean the grounds. Other jobs such as changing light bulbs, air-conditioning filters, etc. are required. Bring your work gloves and a willingness to work hard.

Kingdom Ranch - 2011 Policies

Statement of Faith: We believe God Almighty to be our creator and heavenly Father and His son Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Savior. We also believe the Holy Bible to be His inspired word and as such is our final authority for faith and life. We do not condone the abuse of drugs, profanity, alcohol, and tobacco, as we believe that it is not in accordance with God's word. It is our purpose to teach His word and to glorify Him in all we do.

Kingdom Ranch is excited to invite new people in to the family of committed Christians who want to further the message of Jesus Christ. We want you to feel a part of our camp family and to realize that we strive to glorify Jesus Christ in everything we do. We especially want the campers to see our staff and CIA's as living examples of Christ's life. In keeping with that, we have specific policies that we have stated below to allow you to understand what we believe is right and true in the eyes of our Lord.

If you do not agree with the policies, it is important that you let us know that. The decisions you make personally about such issues are between you and God. However, as a representative of Kingdom Ranch we ask that you uphold and stand firm on these issues. If any are not abided, the liable party must have a meeting with the Kingdom Ranch directors with the possibility of being sent home. We take them very seriously and ask you do the same. Please read these policy statements carefully and sign your applications only if you agree to uphold them:

Policy:

1. **Alcohol, Illegal Drugs and Tobacco**: Our staff does not condone or personally use illegal drugs or tobacco. We do not condone the abuse of alcohol or allow for public drunkenness.
2. **Sexual Behavior**: We believe that premarital sex and homosexual relationships are in violation of God's word.
3. **Appearance & Dress Code**: While we know that God does not judge man by appearances, He looks at the heart, we still feel convicted to present a clean cut appearance on the outside, as well as the inside. **Men MUST groom daily.** You may keep your facial hair if you come to camp with a beard or mustache that is well groomed. However, **you may not grow a new beard or mustache while at camp.** Hair length is optional however males with long hair must keep it in a ponytail. All hair must be well groomed at all times. T-shirts should reflect a Christian image and not have inscriptions or advertising for questionable products (i.e. beer products, slanderous sayings). No spaghetti strap or tight fitting shirts. Shirts must cover abdomen even when hands are lifted in the air. **Shorts must be loose fitting and have at least a 5in. inseam. No "Daisy Duke" style shorts.** No shorts or pants with words across the seat. Shoes must be worn at all times unless at water activities. Close-toed shoes are required during all daytime activities with the exception of to and from the water activities. Sandals and flip-flops may be worn to the nightly parties. **SWIMSUITS**: Males must wear swim trunks (NO SPEEDOS). Females must wear modest one piece swimsuits, two-piece swimsuits will be permitted provided they **completely** cover the abdomen area even with hands in the air.
4. **Tattoos & Body Piercing**: While at camp all body piercing jewelry is to be removed. ONLY small studs on pierced ears may be worn by either sex. Our CIA's or staff will wear NO naval jewelry, eyebrow or tongue jewelry at camp (this is a safety issue). At the discretion of the camp directors any tattoo that may be viewed as inappropriate will need to be covered at all times. You are an example of a Christian lifestyle to your campers. Parents count on you to represent a clean-cut example. If discussions occur about tattoos or body piercing with campers or other participants, PLEASE try to steer the conversation in another direction and do not encourage campers or other participants to get tattoos or a body piercing.
5. **Cell Phones & Laptop Computers**: In the world of high technology we have to make policy for electronic use. **During camp terms, the use of cell phones or PC's are NOT permitted!** Lap top computers are not to be brought to camp for use. **No e-mails, text messages, etc. are to be sent or received on any device while you are on duty.**
6. **Participation in Activities**: It is highly important that all of the staff is willing and able to participate in all activities. You will be exposed to the sun and heat. It is a vigorous schedule but very rewarding. Activities include ropes course, climbing wall, paddleboats, water games, field games, horseback riding, fishing, rifle / archery range, and exposure to various farm animals.
7. **Profanity & Gossip**: Profanity and gossip are unacceptable at camp. The Bible speaks strongly against both of these issues. By participating in or allowing gossip and profanity to spread, we hurt each other and take away from the purpose we are serving at camp. We will not tolerate any gossip or profanity. If you have something to say about a person at camp, you need to go directly to that person or to one of the directors.

PLEASE REVIEW ALL OF THESE POLICIES CAREFULLY

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**You MUST
attach a
recent photo
here!!!**

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ALL APPLICANTS MUST FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY. RETURN THE FORM, PICTURE, AND A CHECK FOR \$40 FOR CONSIDERATION AS A CIA TO KINGDOM RANCH (IF YOU ARE WITH A MISSION TRIP PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR GROUP LEADER). IF YOU ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS A CIA, THE CHECK WILL BE RETURNED. **APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED WITHOUT PICTURES AND THE \$40 FEE.** ALSO, APPLICANTS 18 AND OLDER **MUST** FILL OUT A FORM FOR A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK. APPLICANTS UNDER 18 **MUST** HAVE A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FILL OUT THE CONSENT FORM.

NAME: _____ M/F: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: () _____ - _____

Church Name: _____ Church Website: _____

Place of employment: _____ Work Phone: () _____ - _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / _____ Age: _____ Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____

University / High School: _____ Year / Grade: _____

Major: _____ Degree: _____

How did you hear about Camp? _____ T-Shirt size: _____

Have you attended KR before? Y N If yes, what year? _____ What term? _____

**Please check the position you are applying for:
(refer to the info sheet for description of job)**

____ Counselor (ages 18 – 30) ____ Jr. Counselor (ages 16 & 17)

____ Wrangler (ages 14 & 15)

Positions below are for ages 30 & Over

____ Cook ____ Cook's Helper ____ Maintenance

____ Cabin Mom / Dad ____ Medical *(please see below)

*If you are interested on being on the **medical team**, please contact Jason Hamilton – jason@kingdomranch.org or (979) 272-3052 prior to completion of this application.

Check the Term(s) you are applying for:

TERM 1: PHYSICALLY DISABLED & CHRONIC ILLNESS

TERM 2: DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

TERM 3: AUTISM

TERM 4: ADULT WEEK

***DATES ARE ON THE COVER**

This is the MOST IMPORTANT part of the application. You should consider this your interview on paper. Please give us enough information to get to know you. Allow your answers to be complete, honest, and thought out.

Choose TWO words to best describe you: _____

Choose One word that best describes your view on these issues:

Drinking Alcohol: _____ Smoking: _____

Illegal Drugs: _____ Extramarital / Premarital Sex: _____

Profanity: _____ Gossip: _____

Do you prefer working with special needs children or siblings? _____

(Females Only) Would you be willing to work with a boy if necessary? _____

- Why do you want to work with children who have disabilities?
- What do you hope to gain from an experience at Kingdom Ranch?
- What experiences have you had that have prepared you for the position which you are applying?
- Do you have any psychological, mental, or physical health issues that you have received therapy, treatment, or medication for over the last 12 months? If YES, please explain.
- If you answered yes to the previous question, do you feel that you are able to serve twenty-four seven while at Kingdom Ranch without your health concerns getting in the way?
- Do you have any special food requirements i.e. allergies, vegetarian, etc.? If YES, please explain.

If you have a special medical or health issue that would require assistance, or extra time, please note the condition and details. We will try our best to consider your personal needs and the needs of our campers in finding a place for you at camp.

On the following page, tell us a little bit about yourself!

ALL APPLICANTS SIGN BELOW AND RETURN WITH A \$40 APPLICATION FEE. FEE IS ONLY REFUNDABLE IN THE EVENT YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT ACCEPTED. THE REMAINING \$110 IS DUE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED ARRIVAL.

I understand that if I am accepted as a CIA at Kingdom Ranch that campers and staff are counting on me to keep my commitment. I understand that if this application is not complete it **will not** be accepted. I have read and agree to follow **All** Kingdom Ranch policies. Filling out this application **does not** guarantee a space for me at Kingdom Ranch.

Please Print Name

Date

Signature

Signature of parent/guardian if under age 18

NAME: _____

Tell us about you on paper below! Include information about your family, how many siblings you have, what you like to do, what gives you joy, what upsets you, etc.. Describe your personality.

Remember, this is your interview on paper!

CONSENT FORM

This consent form MUST be filled out and signed by ALL persons serving at Kingdom Ranch

Print Full Name: _____

Please initial each statement and sign at the bottom:

___ I realize the campers will be counting on me to be at Kingdom Ranch. **My signature below is my binding word.** I would only break my commitment for a serious health reason or for a family emergency.

___ I have been advised of the nature and extent of the activities (including horseback riding) that may take place as stated in written materials. I understand I will keep a vigorous schedule. **Knowing all of this information, I acknowledge I am physically and mentally able to participate in ALL activities.**

___ I agree to prepare myself spiritually for the work I will be doing while at Kingdom Ranch. I also agree to fully and carefully read any letters, mail outs, or notes sent or given to me by camp personnel. I will comply with all requests for written material to be returned.

___ I understand that Kingdom Ranch will conduct a background check for all CIA's 18 & over.

___ I understand Kingdom Ranch is not responsible for any lost clothing or other personal property while I am at camp and agree to clearly mark all articles with my full name.

___ I hereby, and for my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, and all legal guardians, waive and release any and all rights and claims of any nature I may have against Kingdom Ranch, its Directors, employees, Board of Directors, Advisory Board, CIA's, campers, and cooperating entities for and against any and all injuries or damages of any nature including death which I may suffer while taking part in Kingdom Ranch or other activities associated with Kingdom Ranch. I further understand I assume all risks associated in participating in Kingdom Ranch.

MEDIA RELEASE

___ Kingdom Ranch has my permission to use pictures taken of me and verbal quotes for fundraising and publicity purposes. Consent is given to Kingdom Ranch, its Directors, employees, agents, and cooperating entities to use my name, picture, likeness, writings, or audio and/or video tape recordings for use in any media for educational, promotional, or advertising purposes in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of Kingdom Ranch without compensation for such usage.

Signature

Signature of parent/guardian if under age 18

Date

HEALTH INFORMATION

Name of person(s) to contact in case of an emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Phone: () _____ - _____ Second Phone: () _____ - _____

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Phone: () _____ - _____ Second Phone: () _____ - _____

Your Insurance Provider: _____ Policy #: _____

Member Name: _____

Allergies? (Medications, foods, bee stings, etc.):

List any health conditions (Depression, Asthma, Diabetes, Crohn's Disease, Special Diet, etc.):

Year of Last Tetanus Shot: _____ Have you had the Chicken Pox or The Vaccine? ___ If yes, when? _____

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete. I have full permission to participate in all camp activities and I am in good health. I give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director to order x-rays, routine tests, and treatment for my well being. In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia or surgery. I give permission for the Camp R.N. to administer over the counter or prescription medication as directed.

Signature

Signature of parent/guardian if under age 18

Date

**CONSENT FORM FOR CIA
Less than 18 years old**

******PARENTS******

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

Print full name of minor CIA / Staff person: _____

I have read all information concerning Kingdom Ranch and give consent that my child is in an appropriate state of health to be active as a CIA or staff person at the camp. I understand that my child will be asked to participate fully in all camp activities and will be expected to abide by all camp rules and policies.

I realize that the CIA's and or staff are full members of the Kingdom Ranch team and the camp will be counting on each person to be there as assigned. I would only ask my child to break his/her commitment for serious health or family reasons. I have been advised of the nature and extent of the activities in which they may be involved while working with the camper and/or while present at camp. I acknowledge that my child is physically and mentally able to participate in the activities as stated in the written materials and has my permission to do so fully.

I understand that Kingdom Ranch is NOT responsible for loss of clothing or personal property while at camp and I agree to bring all articles of clothing or personal property clearly marked with my child's first and last name.

I hereby, and for my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, and all legal guardians, waive and release any and all rights and claims of any nature I may have against Kingdom Ranch, its Directors, employees, Board of Directors, Advisory Board, CIA's, campers, and cooperating entities for and against any and all injuries or damages of any nature including death which my child may suffer while taking part in Kingdom Ranch or other activities associated with Kingdom Ranch.

I further understand that my child may leave the premises of Kingdom Ranch during time-off and the camp will not be responsible for my child during the off period. **(This applies only to CIA's or staff working more than one term.)**

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Print Name of Parent / Legal Guardian

Phone: () _____ - _____ Second Phone: () _____ - _____

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian

Date