

Marin County Outdoor School



Walker Creek Ranch

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SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

Camp Soulajule (Soo-la-who-lay) at Walker Creek Ranch

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Supervise and sleep in a cabin with a group of 8-14 campers, ages 8-12 at a residential arts and ecology camp and work one session called "Camp Chance" with underprivileged at-risk campers ages 11-13. Lead crafts and recreational activities and assist naturalists in leading lessons, evening programs and beach field trips. Provide guidance and leadership to insure safety and overall well being of campers. Lead and assist with meal supervision, set-ups and clean-ups.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be at least 18 years of age and have graduated from high school by June 15, 2009. Should have experience working with children and enjoy being outside. Current CPR and first aid certification or willingness to obtain before internship begins. Other desired qualifications: recreational leadership skills, music, theatrical and/or artistic abilities.

FINAL FILING DATE: **Open until filled. Urged to apply by March 19, 2010.**

COMPENSATION: Stipend of \$64.00/day plus room and board, Monday through Friday, while program is in session. Interns will be coached by Naturalist staff and the Camp Director and will have many opportunities to learn leadership skills.

DATES OF EMPLOYMENT: **June 29 – July 30, 2010 (weekdays only, July 5 off.)**

TO APPLY: Please download an application and questionnaire from our website at www.WalkerCreekRanch.org, complete, and submit these completed forms along with a cover letter, current resume, and three references with telephone numbers to:

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1700 Marshall Petaluma Rd., Petaluma, CA 94952.
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ABOUT THE CAMP:

Camp Soulajule (Soo-la-who-lay) at Walker Creek Ranch is a 5-day residential arts and ecology summer program. Our mission is to educate children about the natural world through music, theater and nature crafts. The camp will also include traditional camp activities such as swimming, canoeing, fishing, archery, pottery, night hikes, sports and games, campfires, storytelling, and skits. Camp Soulajule provides just the right balance of fun and learning.

CAMP CHANCE:

Camp Chance is a joint effort of the San Rafael Police Department and the Marin County Sheriff's Department to provide a positive outdoor experience to at-risk and low income youth of San Rafael. The program seeks to create and foster rapport between children and peace officers in a personal and relaxed setting as well as teach, mentor, and role model healthy minds, healthy emotions and healthy bodies. The Soulajule counselors, CIT's and naturalists will be the staff for Camp Chance (see dates below).

2010 CAMP DATES: The Camp Counselor position is a commitment to work 5 weeks. (One week of training followed by 4 weeks of program.) The counselor staff is off-duty on weekends and housing is not provided for Counselors on weekends between camp sessions.

June 29-July 2, 2010	Staff Training	
July 6-9, 2010	Session #1	Ages 8-12 (plus Junior CIT)
July 12-16, 2010	Camp Chance	Ages 12-14
July 19-23, 2010	Session #2	Ages 8-12 (plus Junior CIT)
July 20-24	Session #3	Ages 8-12 (plus Junior CIT)

THE LOCATION:

Camp Soulajule at Walker Creek Ranch is located amongst the rolling hills of beautiful Marin County in a partially wooded valley created by a meandering creek. The site is approximately 50 miles north of San Francisco and 18 miles west of Petaluma. Our "outdoor classroom" includes bay woodlands, grasslands, coastal scrub chaparral, streams, a four-acre swimming pond, a low elements challenge course and 20 miles of hiking trails. Limantour Beach is a short distance away and will be visited.

THE WEATHER:

The weather at Walker Creek Ranch can be variable. During the evening, coastal fog is typical and generally burns by off mid-morning the following day. Afternoons are warm with cooling coastal breezes.

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