



## Meramec Adventure Ranch Equestrian Instructor

***Be part of the toughest and most fulfilling job you've ever imagined!***

**Join the Team.      Create a Legacy.      Change Lives... Yours, too!**

***Meramec Adventure Ranch*** is Great Circle's therapeutic wilderness and adventure arm. Using the transformative power of the wilderness and adventure, the Ranch serves children and families, including those struggling with traumatic pasts, youth in residential treatment or on the autism spectrum, and Wounded Warriors. Nationally recognized as one of the most extensive adventure bases in the Midwest, it is located on 1,200 acres in Steelville, and serves more than 8,000 people through year-round programming.

**What you'll do:** The Ranch is the only one of its kind in Missouri and one of the few therapeutic adventure programs in the country that serve youth in state custody. For 10 weeks, Ranch staff facilitate the weekly therapeutic summer adventure program for youth in residential treatment, siblings separated by foster care, and youth on the autism spectrum. Campers are ages 6-18, have experienced histories of severe trauma and abuse, and are working through significant emotional and behavioral challenges.

The week's adventures include a variety of outdoor adventures and team challenges designed to build relationships and produce victories that grow efficacy, connection, purpose, and hope. Living in tents in the woods, cooking over a fire, activities including ropes courses, team challenges, horseback riding, climbing, kayaking, aquatic adventures, land navigation, all designed to grow campers' confidence, relationships, and heal from past trauma.

These experiences help campers thrive in an "off-balance" environment where they face personal challenges, address natural consequences, discover their true self, earn victories, and build positive relationships. It can be a defining moment for both you and the camper when a young person begins to grow into the people they were created to be!

### **Your opportunities:**

- Live on-site with the full-time camp staff during Adventure Camp.
- Lead groups through daily equestrian activities, including horse care, grooming, saddling, riding instruction and trail rides.
- Facilitate group processing and individual growth throughout each activity, all the while maintaining safety and trust.
- Lead your group in daily camp routine and living, evening activities and special events.
- Take every opportunity to tell others about the Ranch, our mission, and the young men and women we serve.
- Become an active part of the Ranch family and local community.

**When is Camp?**

May 17-June 1: Camp Preparation/Training

June 3-June 27: Camp Sessions 1-4

June 29-July 4: Break

July 5-Aug 1: Camp Sessions 5-8

**Do I get paid?**

Yes! Salaries are based on position and experience, ranging from \$350-\$400 per week. Meals and shelter are provided at the camp, and housing is provided for time off if you desire to remain in the area. Practicums and internships are welcome.

**Challenges:**

- Kids who are extremely challenging to build relationships and trust with, and many times will act out in extreme ways to find out if you really are who you say you are.
- Long times in the woods with heat, bugs, snakes, ridiculously long hours, and few showers.
- Opportunities to leave a lasting impact on the program. Yesterday's team created what the Ranch is today and today's team will create what it becomes tomorrow.
- Quality performance is not based on the greatness of your techniques or strength of your skills, but on the quality and character of person you are.

**Benefits:**

- All those "challenges" mentioned above!
- No two days are ever the same.
- PRODEALS, PRODEALS, PRODEALS!
- Free stickers for your Nalgene Bottle.
- Bring your hammock to work...though we won't guarantee you'll spend much time in it.
- Enjoying the night sky from your sleeping bag and saying to yourself, "This is what I get to do with my summer!"
- Standing beside people who have seen incredible adversity, hurt and pain, and be part of their stories as they grow to change the world!

**Experience needed:**

- Experience with horseback riding, horse care and leading equestrian activities
- A calling/passion to be HERE!
- GRIT
- Disciplined work ethic
- Honesty
- Willingness to have fun and act silly
- Creativity and ideas
- Self-awareness
- Wisdom and discernment
- Willingness to learn
- Humility
- Unconditional care, unwavering belief, and consistent accountability for yourself, the Ranch family, and those we serve
- Nice to have – experience in residential care

**More information:**

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