



Meramec Adventure Ranch Camp Nurse & Health Officer

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. Programs are tailored by week 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. Approximately 40-70 campers attend each week. Campers are assigned to groups, with guides and staff leading them through a variety of outdoor adventures, including team challenges, ropes courses, horseback riding, climbing, and lake and aquatic adventures.

Nurses and Health Officers are responsible for camper screenings and health care needs, supervision of medication administration, and primary emergency response. They also assist with the camp's logistical operations. Shifts are 7:30 am-5 pm every day camp is in session. Nurses/Health Officers may live on site. Camping with staff and campers during adventure/outdoor activities is permitted, but not required.

Nurses and Health Officers play an important role in helping campers overcome personal challenges, earn victories and build positive relationships, as well as helping them heal from past trauma.

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 \$450-\$550 per week. Meals and shelter are provided at the Ranch. 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:

- Camp nurse – LPN or RN certification
- Camp health officer – CAN, EMT or nursing student
- 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 adventure activities or residential care

More information:

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