



Wrangler

Camp Iron Bluffs

Reports to: Executive Director

Position Type: Seasonal

Overview

At Camp Iron Bluffs, we believe we were not created merely to survive but to thrive. We exist to empower and equip people to build their lives on the firm foundation of God's Word so that they can weather any storm and live lives of deeper meaning, significance, and fulfillment.

As a Horse Wrangler, you play a unique and powerful role in that mission. Through caring for horses and guiding campers in the arena and on the trail, you create space for confidence to grow, trust to be built, and faith to take root. Horses have a remarkable way of teaching responsibility, patience, and humility, and you'll help campers experience those lessons while encountering God through His creation. Whether you're saddling up at sunrise, leading a quiet trail ride, or encouraging a camper who's nervous to mount for the first time, your role helps campers slow down, reconnect, and discover what it truly means to thrive.

Key Responsibilities

- Care for and manage the daily needs of camp horses, including feeding, grooming, tacking, and basic barn maintenance.
- Lead and assist campers during horseback riding activities, ensuring safety, encouragement, and positive experiences for all skill levels.
- Teach basic horsemanship skills, including grooming, saddling, riding techniques, and respect for animals.
- Model Christ-centered living by demonstrating patience, humility, responsibility, and joy in every interaction.

- Create a safe, welcoming, and encouraging environment in the barn, arena, and on the trails.
- Help campers build confidence and overcome fear while developing trust, responsibility, and perseverance.
- Collaborate with counselors and program staff to integrate horsemanship into the overall camp experience.
- Follow all camp safety policies, horse-handling procedures, and maintain required certifications.
- Serve as a positive role model and mentor to campers, staff, and fellow wranglers.
- All other duties assigned.

Additional (and Fun!) Responsibilities

- Cheer on campers as they take their first ride or their bravest one yet.
- Share meaningful conversations with campers while grooming horses or riding the trails.
- Participate in theme nights, skits, and camp-wide activities when not scheduled in the barn.
- Help campers see how caring for horses reflects stewardship, responsibility, and God's design.
- Celebrate progress, growth, and courage, both in the saddle and beyond.
- Jump in wherever needed, from helping with activities to lending a hand during camp events.

Qualifications

- A personal and growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Experience with horses and basic horsemanship skills (riding, grooming, handling).
- A passion for mentoring, teaching, and helping others grow through hands-on experiences.
- At least 18 years old and one year out of high school (preferred).
- Ability to lead with confidence, patience, and clear communication.
- A desire to live in a close community and serve wholeheartedly.

- Flexibility, teamwork, and a positive attitude in a fast-paced camp environment.
- Previous camp or equestrian program experience preferred but not required.

Required or Preferred Certifications

(Certifications can be obtained during staff training or prior to arrival)

- CPR, AED, and First Aid Certification (required)

Time Commitment

Seasonal Position: Late May through early August

Includes staff training, all camp sessions, and end-of-summer debrief

Compensation & Benefits

- Weekly stipend (based on experience and certifications)
- Room and board provided for the duration of employment
- Leadership development and discipleship training
- Opportunity to make a lasting impact while growing in faith, responsibility, and character

About Camp Iron Bluffs

Set on over 4,000 acres of majestic bluffs, rolling hills, and peaceful valleys in Boone County, Arkansas, Camp Iron Bluffs is a refuge, a place to lay down burdens, quiet the noise, and encounter God anew.

We believe that what we allow into our minds shapes who we become. Through the Cycle of Significance, campers and staff alike learn to reclaim their thoughts, renew their minds, and refocus their hearts on what truly matters. As the elements wear and refine the bluffs around us, God uses time in His creation and even time in the saddle to shape our character and reveal enduring faith.

At Camp Iron Bluffs, we don't just want you to survive the summer, we want you to thrive.

