

Butler Springs Christian Camp

Teens'-N-Training

*Are you **PONDERING**
what to do this summer?*

Well ponder no more! Love camp? Fantastic! Want to experience Christ? Praise God! What about volunteering two weeks of your time at Butler Springs Christian Camp and in return you will get a camp of \$180 value of your choice for free? It's like trading silly bands but better—OK, maybe not silly bands but you get the idea. You get to setup bunk at camp for two weeks of your choice and begin an experience where you will live, learn, and love this camp from a whole new perspective. First things first, we are not going to sugarcoat this. You come here to work; whether you volunteer your time in the kitchen where you will help prepare meals for up to 250 people; on the grounds doing landscaping and light maintenance; or joining housekeeping where you will help tidying up the camp and keeping it clean and presentable. Of course, we aren't going to approach the "throw you under the bus" mentality because let's face it, you, along with the other 6 billion people in the world, don't know everything. We will match each volunteer with a paid summer staff person—who is paired up with one of the full-time personnel of Butler Springs—to have a team effect on accomplishing tasks at hand. As you can imagine, with approximately 2,200 children and adults coming to camp, the camp doesn't take care of itself. It's because of wonderful volunteers like yourself that the camp can present itself to the thousands of people who need to experience Christ.

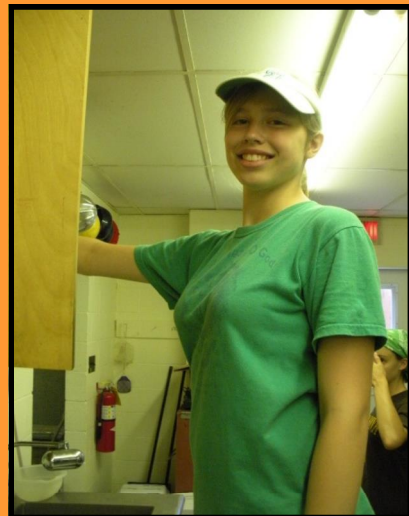


Above, Greg Liming is possibly thinking of what to do after dinner—go for a swim at the pool, play a round of disc golf, hike to Fort Hill, or attend worship with main camp. Or maybe he is just wandering what's for dinner—you decide.

Michael Thompson (left) earned \$180 towards Wild West Virginia while working in the kitchen. Kassie Howell (right) also helped prepare delicious meals for camp, wash dishes, clean the cafeteria, etc... but she chose Be Creative as her free week of camp.



Drake Cadwalder (center) earned \$180 towards Canadian Outback while working on Grounds for two weeks.



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Mallory Smith serves in the Kitchen for two weeks so that she can experience one of her favorite weeks of camp that Butler Springs offers—Senior High.

"All you do is work, work, work" ...WRONG!!!

Enough about work, there's plenty of that when you get here. During your two week stay here at camp, you will be doing more than just working...way more! To start with, the entire staff—full-time, summer, and all volunteers—participate in worship hosted by our summer staff. This is an excellent way for you as a volunteer to get fed spiritually on a corporate level with other staff members and let me tell you, IT IS AMAZING! Everyday you and the rest of your crew, will join together for a smaller, more intimate setting to do our daily devotions and to discuss issues that will challenge you to strengthen your faith and walk with Christ. All volunteers are encouraged to attend worship with main camp to experience Christ yet on another level.

We as a staff love to cut loose after all the days jobs/chores have been checked off the list. While a part of the TNT program, you may have the opportunity to do the High Ropes, Giant Swing, Zip Line, Climbing Tower, Vertical Playpen, Archery, Swim, take an off campus run to Dairy Queen, or do any of the social activities at camp. There's a time to work and there's a time to play—work first, then play—and we have tons of fun. Throughout the week, you will participate in at least one, hopefully more, entire staff activity to build

the bonds of friendship among the group for the week. So fear not, you will have time to relax, enjoy, learn, make new friends, and grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ while earning your \$180 towards any week of camp.



Morgan Morris (top right) worked both Midler weeks in the Kitchen so she could attend Senior High week.

Mark Mongin (top left) and Matt Kohler (top center) are working hard to feed the 10 hungry horses for Horse Camp.

Marissa Hall (bottom left) smiles as she prepares one of our spaghetti lunches. We caught Matt James (bottom right) catching a breather in the shade before he runs the zip line for Wilderness Quest.



Mark, Matt K., Marissa, and Matt J. were all TNT participants at one time and because of their hard work and cheerful attitude, they were hired for 2010 summer staff. You never know the possibilities of Teens-N-Training

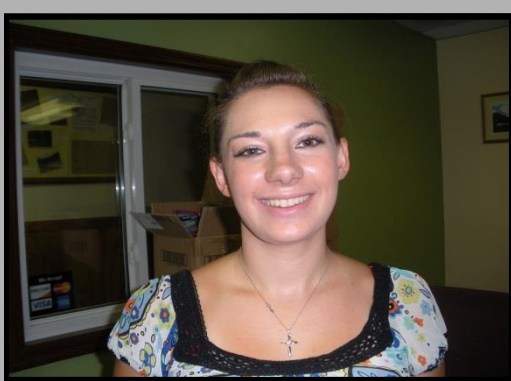
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Do's & Don't's

As with everything in life, Butler Springs has rules to follow. Since we are around children and our actions/words—whether we think we are seen/heard or not—can be potentially influential on young, impressionable minds. As a TNT volunteer, we expect you to **DO** the following (practice by saying “I WILL” for each bullet point):

- Be on time for everything!
- Participate in all staff functions
- Engage in staff devotions
- Memorize verses for meals
- Watch only G & PG rated movies
- Listen to Christian Music only
- Give 100%
- Obey curfew (11:00 PM)
- Be respectful to everyone!
- Follow camp rules

We also expect you to **DO NOT** do certain things such as (practice by saying “DON’T” and fill in with each bullet point):

- Use foul language
- Bring alcohol/tobacco/drugs
- Wander off by yourself
- “Slack” on your responsibilities
- Steal/cheat/lie
- Bring pets
- Wear provocative clothing
- Destroy camp property/equipment

If you think that you will not be able to follow these rules for the two weeks that you will be volunteering at camp, then please reconsider this opportunity. The BSCC staff works crazy long hours during the summer and in order for the camp to have a successful camp program for the 2,200 people that attend camp, it is imperative—IMPERATIVE—that all staff and volunteers follow these rules so that the distractions/incidents/problems are negligible. Also, if you are thinking of volunteering for two weeks just to “hang out” at camp with some buddies, then you should just pass. The camp runs into problems when we have friends that pair up together; they think they can dismiss their responsibilities and that will not be tolerated. In fact, if the TNT volunteer program does not work out for you, we will kindly dismiss your volunteer contract (which also dismisses your earned value of \$180 towards any camp). The Kingdom work we do is THAT important! We don’t expect this should happen because the TNT volunteers are considered the “cream of the crop” when it comes to campers.

TNT SPECS

- You must be at least **14 years old**
- Willing to work **two full weeks**
- **Arrive at 2:00 PM** the starting day of your TNT program ready to begin at 2:30 PM
- Have a **positive** attitude
- Fill out **TNT application**
- Fill out **Registration Form** marking the week you wish to attend
- Agree to **all rules** set forth by Butler Springs Christian Camp
- Submit your TNT application by **May 1st** (only **40 applicants accepted**)



For the first time, Alli Poetter (bottom) gave up two weeks of her busy summer so she could volunteer at camp. But she didn’t want to attend a week of camp, so it was honestly a “Labor of Love.” Praise God for Alli!!!

Amy Rice (top) is a TNT veteran earning \$180 towards Canadian Outback while cleaning with the Housekeeping crew for two weeks.

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Kitchen

Kitchen duty will consist of food preparation, setting food out on the lines, setup for cereal/salad bar, serving food, refilling drink stations, dishwashing, and overall cleanliness of the kitchen /cafeteria area. A typical day may include but not limited to the following:

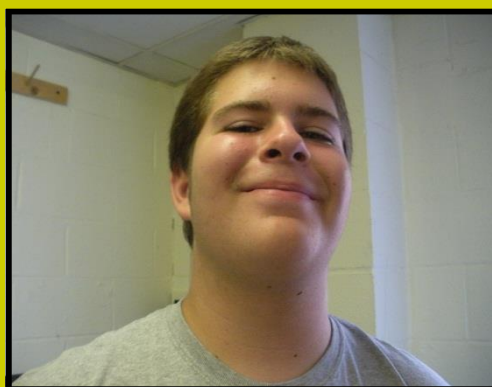
7:00 AM Report to kitchen to begin breakfast preparations.

After breakfast clean up, begin with lunch preparations (lunch is served at noon).

Clean up lunch/prepare dinner until approx. 2:00PM and then you have a break (take canteen during this time)

4:00 PM report to kitchen for dinner services and after dinner has been served, put away, and areas cleaned up, you are free for the evening (approx 7:00 PM).

Be sure to bring a head covering (bandana) to follow kitchen guidelines.



Housekeeping

Butler Springs staff feels that housekeeping is one area that can cause distractions for young people while at camp. That's why the housekeeping staff and volunteers will "bounce" around from each of our seven buildings that are cleaned everyday. Whether it is emptying inside trash cans; cleaning sinks and mirrors; sweeping and mopping floors; scrubbing toilets; or vacuuming, this area is very important and also keeps our facilities in tip-top shape for the 2,200 people to temporarily live.

Cleaning staff will report to breakfast at 7:30 AM to eat breakfast (and say your verse!) and begin work at 8:00 AM. Then you will work until dinner time (5:00 PM) with the exception of staff lunch at 11:30 AM and a 10 minute canteen break around 2:00 PM.

Some type of head covering is recommended. BSCC will provide gloves for cleaning.

Grounds

The very first thing you see when you drive onto campus is our grounds/landscaping. What would you think if you saw the grounds shabby looking? Not desirable, right? We take great efforts to upkeep the grounds/landscaping of the camp so that we can present our best face to everyone that comes through the entrance gates. Grounds people can expect to do the following (but not limited to): mow grass, cut weeds, pick up fallen debris/trash, clean outside trash cans, paint/stain, change light bulbs, split/stack firewood, dig ditches, and any other light maintenance that is safe for volunteers.

Grounds volunteers will report to breakfast 7:30 AM and work will begin promptly at 8:00 AM. These volunteers will work until lunch and then afterwards work until dinner with the exception of a 10 minute canteen break. If needed, we will setup a schedule for volunteers to help in the afternoons with any of the challenge courses that the camp offers to campers (zip line, giant swing, archery, ropes course, climbing tower). Make sure you bring a water bottle, gloves, work clothes, and a hat for sun protection.

Grounds

Zachary Allen (A.K.A "Big Zach", top) wanted to go to Wild West Virginia and the two weeks he volunteered on grounds at camp knocked off \$180 from the total. By the way—he LOVED it.

What a reason to smile! Evan Turner (bottom) just "wanted to volunteer" and while he was here for two weeks on grounds and in the midst of Godly people and influence, he gave his life to Christ!!! An amazing ending to two weeks of voluntary service!

PARENTS READ!!!

All volunteers will be treated with respect by other summer and full time staff members. Every volunteer will receive a **free t-shirt** for their service, so be sure to mark what **size shirt** you want on your TNT Application. You will get **two** items from the canteen area each day but please do not take any longer than a **10 minute canteen break** to prevent distraction from others. Volunteers are **discouraged** from bringing cell phones (we don't pick up service anyways!); from using camp phones (we only have one phone line for camp and it needs to be open for emergencies); and from **bringing computers** (huge curfew distraction). **Guys will stay in Joshua 1; girls will stay in the left side of the Ranch House.** Volunteers are more than welcome to stay for two consecutive weeks and then attend camp; or work, camp, and work; or camp, work, work; or work non consecutive weeks. We have a washing machine and dryers so that each volunteer deciding to work consecutive weeks can have fresh clothes at the beginning of each week.

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We are big fans of communication and we just want to set the record clear one last time. So, if none of the previous pages made sense to you (we won't hold it against you), you have one last opportunity to set things straight. First and foremost, we really don't know what Greg is thinking (first page picture). Secondly, we want you to come to Butler Springs as a volunteer so that you actually earn \$180 towards your camp tuition.

And in order to earn this credit, you and your parent's must be on the same page as we are here at Butler Springs. We **DO NOT** want you to bring any of the following: computers, phones, ipods, movies rated over PG, real guns, fake guns (airsoft), paintball guns, weapons in general—anything that would kill animals or people—drugs, alcohol, tobacco, immodest clothing, pets of any kind, etc... If you have to question what to bring, you probably shouldn't bring it. If we find out from anyone that you have brought any of these things with you to camp, we will confiscate them until your 2 week volunteer position is up at camp (the simple distractions like electronic stuff). If you bring any of the harmful stuff just mentioned, we will call parent's immediately and have mommy and daddy come pick you up and your \$180 earned credit opportunity will be forfeited. ***JUST SO WE ARE CLEAR***, nod your head in compliance with the above.

Also, if you are purposefully "slacking" on the job—a.k.a. napping when you shouldn't, sleeping in, not saying your memory verses (actually for this we won't let you eat), not doing what you are asked, socializing instead of working, etc...—we will give you one chance to redeem yourself. We do this, not because we are mean, but because with 200 people at any given week, we need all the help we can get and definitely don't need any distractions. ***JUST SO WE ARE CLEAR***, nod your head if you accept.

If you are caught purposefully destroying camp property, leaving camp property without permission from the camp director, causing a ruckus with your best friend, using foul language, wasting camp resources and God's money, creating drama amongst other staff/volunteer members, or blatantly disrespecting campers, faculty, volunteers, or other staff (basically anybody but yourself), you will be sent home and your \$180 earned credit will be forfeited. ***JUST SO WE ARE CLEAR***, nod your head if you understand.

Each volunteer must arrive on the first day of the camp week (typically on Sunday) at 2:00 PM to set up bunk for the week. A staff meeting occurs in the camp office at 2:30 PM where we will divide up into teams and give out pertinent information regarding the camp weeks at hand. You may pick up your child **AFTER** camp clean up on the last day of the camp week (typically on Friday). Everyone must stay and participate in the clean up process (I know, we're horrible) in order to have fully earned your \$180 credit. ***JUST SO WE ARE CLEAR***, we want you to be on time and picked up on time. No earlier, no later.

We have to set and enforce rules because they all have been broken at some point or another and we certainly hope that you can cling to these rules because we want you to be here for the chance to experience Christ as being part of a working ministry team. When you deter from the rules set forth by Butler Springs Christian Camp, you create problems and can potentially take life away from someone (being a "Christ blocker" if you will). Parent's: your 14 year old or older child will act responsible during his/her time spent at camp. If not, you can count on us giving you a ring-ring (possibly in the middle of the night depending on the severity of the rule breaking). Just to be up front, we can not babysit your child 24/7 and you must understand that between the hours of approximately 7:00 PM and curfew (11:00 PM) your child will be in the company of other summer staff and volunteers—most of which we will have staff nights of games and worship—and if you think your child could possibly get into any trouble during those hours, then please think twice about sending this TNT application in to BSCC. ***JUST SO WE ARE CLEAR***, say "yes" in an audible voice to where someone else other than your inner conscience can hear you.

Last but certainly not least, your child will undergo a spiritual transformation (or at least that is what we pray for) while he/she serves the two week volunteer term. BSCC will host worship corporately and intimately through large group and small group discussion/devotion time. We will require memory work to be recited every day and that your child will participate in such spiritual things. We want your child to be smothered with Christ's love, God's word, and the Spirit's fire while at Butler Springs. ***JUST SO WE ARE CLEAR***, nod your head if you want your child to become the spiritual warrior that Christ has called him/her to be. Now, give me an excited "Praise God!!!"

