

Project Title: Camp Stevens #1504**Job Title: Staff Intern****Job Description:**

Year long internships in outdoor education and camp/conference center management involve serving as a counselor and guide for groups of 6th to 8th graders during resident outdoor education weeks, hosting weekend retreat groups, and sharing in camp maintenance and support tasks. About half the time will be spent working with the outdoor education program and the other half doing dishwashing, cleaning, cooking, minor repairs, and hosting retreat groups.

During the summer, staff members share in the responsibility for the summer program and maintenance of the camp facilities. On alternating weeks the resident staff member is responsible for program— working with two counselors and their campers in an adventure group, or support— which includes minor repairs, maintenance, cooking and dishwashing.

Minimum requirements:

High school graduation is required and at least one year of college is preferred. Applicants should be mature, dependable and self-reliant; they are expected to be good role models. They need to be in good physical condition to do some light manual labor and considerable hiking in the mountains. Interns are required to attend monthly training sessions and a 10 day pre-summer training.

Description of project:

Camp Stevens is located at an elevation of 4200' in the mountains of San Diego County. It is 2 miles east of the historic gold town of Julian, CA (population 5000). The camp is about 65 miles northeast of San Diego and about 30 miles from the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to the East. One hundred and thirty acres of pine and oak forest surround the camp and conference center which accommodates 90 campers in open a-frame cabins in summertime and up to 120 persons in heated dormitories during fall, winter and spring.

Camp Stevens is a year-round camp and conference center operated by the Episcopal Church in the Dioceses of Los Angeles and San Diego. The goal of Camp Stevens is to help individuals of all ages deepen their sense of reverence and respect for themselves and their fellow human beings, the creation, and God. It also seeks to be a peaceful “place apart” for nurturing, planning, reflection, exchange of ideas and sharing in Christian community. Camp Stevens offers summer camp sessions for youth, Monday through Friday outdoor education programs for parish day schools, adult and family sessions, and weekend church conferences and retreats.

The camp is a Jubilee Center of the Episcopal Church with emphasis on environmental stewardship. The staff attempts to demonstrate exemplary environmental practices by teaching about the natural environment, but the type of food served, by composting and recycling of waste and by energy conservation.

The year-round camp community is comprised of about 8 volunteer staff, two directors-interns and 2 directors. Volunteers come from foreign countries and other states as well as from southern California.

Housing for Volunteer:

Shared staff cabins- either a “studio” cabin shared with one other staff or small private bedroom in 2 or 3 bedroom cabin.