



SUMMER APPLICANT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a typical day of work like? That depends on the role! Program, Office, Facilities, Store and Kitchen Staff all work hard, but have different schedules and duties. Our website will give a good idea on what our campers experience on a typical day. Feel free to reach out more questions about a typical day in the life of the role you are interested in applying for. But know this, if you like to work hard and make people happy, this job won't even feel like work. You'll be tired at the end of the day, but you'll go to bed feeling fulfilled.

Do I get paid enough? Oh my, no! But if you are doing this for the money, you are in the wrong business. If you are doing this to provide youth and families with a positive, healthy summer recreation experience, then it's priceless. You get paid about a million dollars in children's laughter!

Children's laughter doesn't pay the bills... No, it doesn't. But working at a camp during the summer can help keep your expenses down! You'll be provided meals and housing for the summer. And working at camp and being provided room and board allows you to save most of what you make! Just make sure to not go on spending sprees in the nearby town of Quincy on your day off.

Do I get time off? Yes. Different roles have different work schedules. For example, some staff in the kitchen start their workday at 6am! Most positions don't start until breakfast (8:30am) or right before breakfast, but some go until the end of evening programming (~9:00pm). You may have evenings off or specific hours for time-off during the day if you are working in the evening. You will also get at least one full 24-hour period a week as your designated off day. You can head into town, explore the nearby trails, do laundry or relax on site at camp. Sometimes in between groups or program weeks, all staff will have the same day off.

And I can drink alcohol during my time off, right? If you are 21 and out of camp, you may enjoy adult beverages. But leave it out of camp. Staff of any age may not have alcohol on site at camp and staff found with alcohol or under the influence of drugs or alcohol on camp grounds are subject to immediate dismissal. Staff are expected to be awake, alert and enthusiastic each morning! If you are interested in heading to the bars every night, this is not the job for you.

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I don't really like getting dirty and have some pretty high standards of cleanliness. Well, you may want to reconsider whether employment at OFRC is a good fit. While we have high standards of cleanliness for our facilities, OFRC is a rustic, mostly outdoors facility. You're sure to get dirt under your fingernails and you'll probably get a little sweaty during the day. Nothing a quick dip in Spanish Creek or a hot shower can't fix.

What else should I bring? Bedding, clothes, instruments if you play one, and a good sense of humor. Don't worry, we'll send a packing list.

What kind of clothes should I bring? A good rule of thumb – if you'd wear it in front of your grandparents, it's probably OK here. Rugged outdoor clothes that you don't mind getting dirty are the best. Overall, we want to portray a professional appearance and we want the parents and adults to have piece of mind that we will take good care of their children. We still value and appreciate self-expression, but like most jobs we do so within some limits.

Can I bring my dog? He loves the woods! Even the most wonderful of dogs will get grouchy in a new location with wild animals and hundreds of people trying to pet them and chasing them around. Leave the pets at home, where they can live in a carefree and mellow environment.

Can I have friends visit? As long as you follow the visitor policy and get approval first with the higher-ups. But realize this – you are going to meet amazing people at Oakland Feather River Camp. Many will become your closest confidantes. You will never be without friends at camp!

Make sure to also read our Letter to Applicants and review our Open Positions before applying. Both can be found on our [Summer Employment Page](#).

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