



### **Background on program:**

Pfeifer Camp is an educational, residential camp for at-risk youth ages 8-14 that has received many local, national, and international awards, and was named a national Exemplary Substance Abuse Prevention Program. Our director was named as a Champion of Change by the White House in 2012. During the school year, AmeriCorps members will serve in the local schools as tutors and mentors to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, leading them in a variety of activities: teambuilding, social/emotional learning, gardening, cooperative games, service learning, etc. During summer, AmeriCorps members live at the camp from Sunday evening through Friday afternoon each week, are responsible for up to 12 campers in a cabin, and will lead them in all camp activities. Pfeifer Camp is unique in that all of its programs are free to participants. Pfeifer Camp is one of the few Arkansas camps certified by the American Camping Association and the only one licensed as a residential child-care facility through the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

### **Qualifications of AmeriCorps Camp Counselor:**

- The applicant must certify that he/she is a United States citizen, a United States National, or a lawful permanent resident alien, and at least 18 years of age.
- The applicant must pass an Arkansas State Police Criminal History Check, NSOPW (National Sex Offender Public Registry) check, and an FBI background check.
- If the applicant claims residency in another state, he/she must pass that state's criminal history check as well.
- Failure to disclose a prior conviction may be grounds for dismissal.

### **Duties of AmeriCorps Camp Counselor:**

- AmeriCorps members at Pfeifer Camp will be involved in numerous service opportunities.
- Serve as mentors living in the cabins with a group of campers and a co-counselor.
- Serve as tutors and mentors at local schools, in person and virtually.
- Lead team-building activities in the public schools
- Conduct an environmental awareness program at the camp.
- Receive training in the areas of First Aid/CPR, Reciprocal Teaching, Reality Therapy, Environmental Education, Team-building initiatives, and conflict resolution.

**Benefits of AmeriCorps Camp Counselor:**

- Education award (\$6,345 for full-time members) upon successful completion of service
- Health Insurance for full-time members
- Housing and some meals provided
- Living Allowance
- Training

**Terms:** Reliable transportation required