



CIRCLE SIX BAPTIST CAMP BIO

Circle 6 Baptist Camp is a Christian camp and conference center located 20 minutes east of Midland and 90 minutes south of Lubbock near Stanton. Founded in 1945, Circle 6 Ranch has been serving the heart of West Texas for over 70 years.

We desire to create an atmosphere in which our guests may be free from distraction and thereby able to know Him better, or for the first time. We annually serve over 4,000 guests with our ministry peaking in the summer as we serve over 1,500 of those guests.

We are unique from many other camps because we are not a counselor camp. We are a facilities type camp in that we operate the facilities for the campers. At a counselor camp, parents sign the kids up individually and send them to a camp, whereas at Circle 6, entire groups of children, youth, or adults come. These groups bring their own sponsors, band, and guest speakers. They rent our meeting and lodging "facilities" and we "facilitate" the camp by running the dining hall, housekeeping, maintenance, and recreation.

The success of our summer is determined by what happens in the lives of our Summer Missions Team (SMT) members. Our job is to meet the needs of our guests, but Circle 6 is so much more than wiping tables and picking up trash. When summer is behind us, what can we say; how have we grown? Circle 6 provides SMT members with an environment conducive to spiritual influence and sharpening through daily devotionals, daily conversation, attendance of camp worship services, and other camp experiences. Our team is strengthened in the mind, spirit, and body not only by His word, but by each other. It's a job like none other because of fellow Christians living on-purpose and building friendships and memories to last.

We maintain a team of about 16-18 members each summer and our range of hire is the age 16 to 22. Recreational facilitation opportunities include paintball, archery tag, bazooka ball, archery, riflery, lifeguarding, and high ropes challenge course. Lifeguards and all other team members have the opportunity to earn a two-year certification from the American Red Cross (ARC) in First Aid and CPR as well as use an AED. This ARC certification belongs to the Team Member and may help them get a job during the school year at their college recreation center or other aquatic facility. Our challenge course staff will facilitate our guest's 30-foot high, individual challenge. The

course includes a 38-foot climbing wall, incline log, cat walk, and two 375-foot zip lines. For campers seeking another challenge, Circle 6 has two-person pamper pole and a giant swing.

In addition to recreation facilitation, staff will work maintenance, housekeeping, and kitchen. Our SMT members work as support staff to our full-time housekeeper and cook. It can be a lot of fun, plus staff members learn things they can use at home and in life.

We provide full room and board at no charge in addition to a salary. Salaries are paid on the 15th and the last day of the month. Staff members will have at least one day off per week. Requests for time-off should be submitted prior to summer, but some flexibility exists for unforeseen, important instances.

Camp happens 24/7 in the summer with few exceptions. There are some days that we do not have guests, but we will still serve meals to our staff. Each day before breakfast, our entire staff meets in the dining hall for announcements and a short bible study. One of the most enriching parts of summer is when staff attend camp worship services.

No previous experience is needed and we realize that Circle 6 is the first job for many people. It may sound like a lot to learn but once you get going, it really comes easy. The experience and the environment are unlike any other job and the results can be life-changing.

Yes, we have a job to do, but Circle 6 is a ministry and the measuring stick for success is what happens in the life of our summer staff and how they grow through their time here. I would enjoy answering any questions you may have. I may be reached via e-mail at crystal@circlesixcamp.org or by phone at 903-578-0765.

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