

Butano Creek Girl Scout Camp

Dear Voyager Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Voyager program - our counselor training course at Butano Creek Girl Scout Camp. We are very proud of this program as it offers thorough training for future camp counselors.

During the first session of the Voyager program, the young women selected for this program and their counselors will live together in the Voyager unit. The program is a combination of intensive mini-courses and seminars, including training in basic camping skills, regular camp activities and becoming a positive role model. Special emphasis is placed on meeting the needs of campers, such as anxieties and homesickness, and providing all campers a fun, memorable experience.

After successful completion of the first session of training, the counselor trainee is immediately asked to use her new knowledge and skills as a full-time counselor in a unit during the second or third session of camp. With this assignment, the trainee will be afforded all the privileges and responsibilities of her adult peers in camp. The only exception to this is that an over-18 counselor must always be with the campers. Further, the second (or third) session will include an evaluation process, including self-evaluation.

The requirements for the Voyager program are:

- Entering grades 11 or 12 in September, 2018
- Preference will be given to applicants entering grade 12
- After February 1, 2018, if any spots remain open, applicants entering grade 11 will be accepted in order of their application
- Attend two sessions of camp
- Completion of the enclosed Voyager Application package
- Approval by the Voyager Program staff

The Voyager application and questionnaire are to be completed BY YOU and returned to:

Moondog Nielsen
11787 Foothill Road
Sunol, Ca 94586

Or emailed to: lorinielsen2000@yahoo.com

Please print THREE copies of the reference form, fill in your name and give to three different people who know you well but are not your family member, and have them return this to me also.

Note: Your application/registration is not complete until ALL of these documents are received. If you have ANY questions, please call me at: 510-376-9097 or email me.

**Butano Creek Girl Scout Camp
Counselor Training Applicant Reference Form**

Applicant's Name: _____

Note to the person completing this form:

The person named above is applying for acceptance to the Butano Creek Girl Scout Camp Counselor Training program. Your assessment of the applicant will serve as valuable information to the Review Committee. The questions below are offered as a guide; we welcome your comments in any format as an aide in determining the applicant's ability to benefit from and contribute to this program. Feel free to use the reverse side of this form.

A return envelope is provided for your convenience. Both the Review Committee and the applicant greatly appreciate the time and effort required of you to provide this information. **The applicant will not be considered for admission until this recommendation is received.** All information will be considered confidential.

Name of individual completing this form: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Phone: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Do you feel that the applicant is well prepared for participation in this program? Please explain in terms of your assessment of the applicant's motivation, maturity and energy.

3. In your opinion does the applicant possess leadership potential? Please cite examples of the applicant's past performance that demonstrates this potential.

4. What other experience or personal characteristics does the applicant possess that could bear upon her performance in this program? Please provide any additional information that would aid in evaluating the applicant.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please mail this completed form to: Lori Nielsen 11787 Foothill Road Sunol, Ca 94586 or email to: lorinielsen2000@yahoo.com

