

Tulare County Office of Education

Tim A. Hire, County Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child is being considered for the position of Cabin Counselor at SCICON Outdoor School. SCICON (the Clemmie Gill School of Science and Conservation) is a week long residential program for sixth grade students to learn natural science first-hand. The position of being a counselor at SCICON can be very demanding. Thus, students who are chosen as Cabin Counselors at SCICON should be highly motivated individuals. They should exhibit enthusiasm for working with young people and a desire to be a positive role model. Students who have served in this position often mark it as a highlight of their high school years. It is an excellent opportunity for young people to learn communication skills, leadership, and how to work positively with others. The SCICON experience can satisfy community service requirements for college applications or be listed as work experience on job applications.

During their stay at the school, the sixth graders are supervised in their cabins and on the trail by high school juniors and seniors. These high school Cabin Counselors are in turn supervised by SCICON staff and teachers. The Counselors are responsible for a cabin group of approximately 10 students. As the Cabin Counselor, they see that the children follow a daily schedule of activities established by SCICON and notify staff of any problems that a child for whom they are responsible may have. All Cabin Counselors are given training before working with the sixth graders and receive on-going assistance throughout the week while they are at SCICON. Homework time is scheduled for all Cabin Counselors.

SCICON is administrated by the Tulare County Office of Education and is located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada above Springville, California. The SCICON Nurse is available on campus 24 hours. Room, board, and transportation to and from SCICON are provided to Cabin Counselors by the visiting schools.

The accompanying Health Registration Form, Responsibility Contract and Authorization for Educational Field Trip must be completed and signed for your child to participate as a Cabin Counselor. Those students with incomplete forms will not be allowed to board the bus to SCICON. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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