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Camp

Students who work as summer camp counselors say the job is as much about learning as teaching

Story by Karen Janes



f chasing eight-year-olds, earning meager paychecks, consoling homesick campers and getting little sleep does not sound like a perfect summer job, then camp counseling is probably not a good idea. But Aggies who have worked as

mer camp counselors readily agree that benefits of working at camps surpass eof other summer jobs.

unior recreation, park and tourism scismajor Rye Lemons has worked as a trail le at a Christian wilderness experience in the Adirondack Mountains for the two summers. For him, the best things tcamp are the friendships he has made. buget to know people very well," Lemons "I have friends all over the country now, five or six of them I still talk to regularly. When working at camp, relationships are built t only with fellow counselors, but with pers as well.

unior recreation, parks and tourism scies major Carrie Paris said her campers at MCA day camps tended to behave better en she dealt with them as friends.

It's awesome to have relationships with ekids, to be friends and hang out with m," Paris said. "You don't have to be a

worked with high-school students, he said he had no problem understanding them. Jamie Walker, a junior recreation, park and tourism sciences major, said the same about her YMCA day campers.

"You don't have to be a drill sergeant to them (campers). They're going to behave if they like you."

> Carrie Paris, junior recreation, park and tourism sciences major

"It's fun with the older campers because

said. In a Christian camp setting, counselors carry the responsibility to a spiritual level.

"We try to be examples of Christ — how he looks in human form," Lemons said. "We try to be a positive Christian influence on the campers.

Walker said she and fellow counselors aim to show campers the right way to treat people through example.

"We try to teach respect for others," she said. "We treat each other [counselors] the way we want kids to treat each other. If two kids are fighting, we ask them, 'Do you see us treating each other that way?'

Paris said a positive outlook is important when working as a counselor.

THURSDAY April 17

Cloud 6, a rock cover band from Houston, is playing at Chelsea Street Pub and Grill at 9 p.m.

Dah-Veed, a rock band from Austin, is playing with **Fysher**, a rock band from Bryan-College Station, at Dixie Theatre at 9:30 p.m.

Heywood, a rock band from Bryan-College Station, is playing at Fitzwilly's at 9:30 p.m.

Peeping Tom, a rock band from Bryan-College Station, is playing at Club Ozone at 9:30 p.m.

Sneaky Pete, a sing-a-long artist from Bryan-College Station, is playing at Cow Hop at 9 p.m.

Tody & the Royals, a blues band from Bryan-College Station, is playing at the Palace Theatre at noon.

FRIDAY April 18

Cloud 6, a rock cover band from Houston, is playing at Chelsea Street Pub and Grill at 9 p.m.

Ruthie Foster, a R&B musician from Bryan-College Station, is playing at 3rd Floor Cantina at 9:30 p.m.

Freudian Slip, an improvisational comedy act from Bryan-College Station, is performing at Dixie Theatre at 10 p.m.

Mike McAllister, an acoustic musician, is playing at Sweet Eugene's House of Java at 9:30 p.m.

UFOFU, a rock band from Denton, is playing with Kid Fantastic, a rock band from Bryan-College Station, at Cow Hop at 9 p.m.

Voodudes, a rock band from Bryan-College Station, is playing at Fitzwilly's at 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY April 19

Big Apple Trio, a jazz band from Bryan-College Station, is playing at Sweet Eugene's House of Java at 9:30 p.m.

Blue By Nature, a blues band from California, is playing at 3rd Floor Cantina at 9:30 p.m.

Cloud 6, a rock cover band from Houston, is playing at Chelsea Street Pub and Grill at 9 p.m.

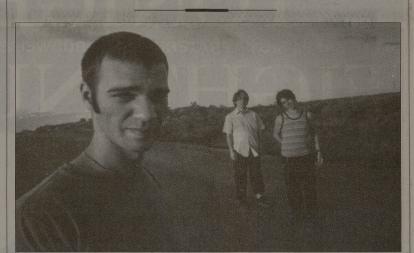
Freudian Slip, an improvisational comedy act from Bryan-College Station, is performing at Dixie Theatre at 10 p.m.

Carlton Johnson, a comedian, is performing at Caffe Capri at 9 p.m.

Messina Hof is hosting grapeSTOMP at the Annual Wine & Roses Festival at 11 a.m.

MSC Film Society is showing The Wall at Rudder Theatre at midnight.

Sneaky Pete, a sing-a-long artist from Bryan-College Station, is performing at Fitzwilly's at 9:30 p.m.



sergeant to them. They're going to bee if they like you. Counselors said it is sometimes easier to with older campers. Since Lemons you can relate with them and be a strong role model for them," Walker said.

Being a positive role model is one of the most important aspects of the job, counselors

"When we are positive, it helps the campers develop good attitudes," Paris said.

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UFOFU is playing at the Cow Hop tomorrow night with Kid Fantastic.

