



## Nature-Based Clinical Counselor

**Reports to:** Camp Director

**Position Status:** Full-time, Salary, Exempt

Founded in 1920, Momentous Institute is dedicated to innovative mental health services, education, and professional training to strengthen children, families, and communities.

### **Role:**

Momentous Institute offers an innovative approach to mental health treatment, helping young people and their families achieve clinical gains using nature-based activities. Our beautiful 1,400-acre Camp in East Texas offers an opportunity to approach therapeutic goals from a fresh perspective, grounding all participants in the systems and seasons of the natural world.

The Nature-Based Clinical Counselor is an agile, multi-talented clinician who enjoys bringing therapy out of the office and into the outdoors. Working with a variety of psychoeducation and treatment groups from both within Momentous Institute and the wider community, this clinician develops, plans, coordinates and leads experiential and nature-based interventions to respond to the specific needs of each unique client group. The average length of stay for each group ranges from 1-7 days, and groups vary considerably in terms of size, goals, and ages of participants. As a member of a small team, this clinician is willing to pitch in as needed on clean-up, and facility and grounds maintenance.

**On-site housing is required.** Camp located in Hawkins, TX

### **Responsibilities:**

- Work as part of a multidisciplinary team including psychologists, social workers, parent educators, teachers, and clinicians to facilitate a physically safe and meaningful experience for all visitors.
- Lead therapeutic group activities that may include 6-40+ individuals in outdoor interventions that include hiking, canoeing, earth science lessons, and/or use of a low-ropes course.
- Facilitate learning from an established, mindfulness-based approach, using nature as a metaphor for (and partner in) personal growth, adaptation, and change.
- Model a calm and caring approach in managing group dynamics, the individual challenges of each participant, and the unpredictability of weather and the natural world.

### **Requirements/Qualifications:**

- Texas licensed therapist; or license eligible (**LPC, LCSW, LMFT**)
- A minimum of three years' experience working with children and families
- A minimum of three years' experience providing group therapy with youth
- Specialized experience, knowledge, technical skills, or abilities related to nature-based therapy.
- Theoretical orientation that is strength-based, trauma-informed, and neurodiversity-affirming.
- Bilingual Spanish/English Preferred
- Willingness to pursue lifeguard certification, low ropes course certification, and other credentials associated with nature-based clinical work.

### **Physical Requirements:**

- Occasionally moving self in different positions to accomplish tasks in an outdoor, nature-based environment.
- Constantly remaining in a stationary position, often standing, or sitting for prolonged periods.
- Occasionally adjusting or moving objects up to 50 pounds in all directions
- Usually, moderate noise level work environment

**The ideal candidate will exhibit the following core values:**

Respectfulness, Commitment, Humility, Innovation, and Stewardship

**Interested:**

Applications are currently being accepted and the position will remain open until filled.

Please send letter of interest and resume to:

**Fred Lines, Camp Director**

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