

Camp Activities Instructor

Position:

Are you searching for a fun and meaningful position for the summer? Come spend the summer season immersed in camp life on our mountain!

Camp W is the summer home of kids and youth ages 4-17.

We are currently seeking activities instructors to facilitate our range of activities that we offer the campers each summer. Summer programming is structured around our Guild curriculum, which focuses on a variety of skills and activities based around the earth elements and natural cycles. Staff training will fill in any gaps in knowledge, and provide the foundation for teaching throughout the summer.

Activities instructors will also supervise and manage the wellbeing of groups of up to 12 children and assist Cabin Counselors as needed. Previous experience with every activity is not necessary, but passion, enthusiasm, an open mind, and a love of nature are all required.

Some of our activities include:

- Wood Carving
- Ecology lessons
- Wilderness skills
- Fire building (techniques for fire starting with available resources)
- Foraging and organic gardening practices
- Animal tracking
- Learning about native plants and animals
- Building wilderness survival shelters
- Fishing
- Field Games
- Hiking
- Rock climbing
- Archery
- Music (Music lessons/learning, group singing, dance parties)
- Morning sit spots/meditation
- Children's Yoga
- Arts and Crafts
- Group games and learning (fostering friendships and connection)

- Teaching autonomy/independence through freedom of choice
- Cooking (learning life skills)
- Community Lead Projects (building community and teaching advocacy and awareness for the Earth)
- Broadbrook program (backcountry, wilderness, and survival skills)
- New Moon and Full Moon Hikes (learning about night time flora and fauna)
- Astronomy (with our commercial Dobsonian telescope)
- Swimming/water sliding
- Kayaking/Paddleboarding
- Canoeing
- Riflery

Collective Goals for Camp:

- Provide campers with safe, clean environment that meets or exceeds standards
- Provide campers with fun, engaging activities and community events
- Emphasize importance of social responsibility and kindness towards others, as well as environmental stewardship

Requirements:

- High School diploma, GED, or equivalent
- Current First Aid/CPR certification
- Knowledge of wilderness survival and environmental science preferred
- Passion for the outdoors
- Experience working with children
- Attendance at staff week for trainings
- Exhibit characteristics of leadership, responsibility, patience, dependability, maturity, integrity, ability to work independently, and display a positive attitude
- Must be able to be outside for 80-100% of the day with the ability to work outdoors and lead activities
- Must be willing/able to be in the pool on swim days
- Ability to quickly move to attend to an injured or ill child (be able to lift or carry if necessary when no other option is available) and initiate first aid procedures
- Visual and auditory awareness as well as a pattern of circulating among the children
- Must be able to lift and carry at least 30 lbs. as well as be capable of standing for long periods of time and adjusting from sitting to standing with ease
- Ability to manage multiple situations effectively

- Must be able comply with all state, federal and Camp standards

Activities Instructor Tasks:

- Plan and facilitate Guild programming curriculum
- Plan and facilitate camp activities
- Provide support in cabins with campers as needed
- Assume responsibility for safety of campers; make safe choices and limits, report incidents
- Follow camp objectives, rules, guidelines, and policies
- Serve as a positive role model for youth
- Show a genuine interest in campers
- Be punctual and organized
- Problem solve through situations; seek assistance when necessary
- Attend scheduled meetings and trainings

About us:

At Camp W we work daily to achieve a cultural intervention that will bring back into our modern lives a necessary and healthy relationship with the natural world. The diverse and wild ecosystems that span more than 250 acres across our mountain offer the best of convenience and vast natural beauty to explore. At Camp W we are champions of land and village. We are navigators of an epic world that needs to exist. We are a community where we remember the celebration of hearth, family, respect for the land and a timeless human story.

In all that we do, we role model a sense of appreciation, gratitude, and reverence for the abundance that the natural world provides for us. Through this act of thanksgiving we begin to see our direct impacts and the great potential we each have to nurture the health of our environment as well as our human family. Leading from the heart in all of our interactions has illuminated our lives in ways that we model for all youth.

Check out our website to gain a better understanding of how our campers spend their summers here with us on Mt. Solitude! www.campw.org

Please apply with your resume, and a brief cover letter describing why you think you'd be an ideal candidate for this position with Camp W.