

Day Camp Counselor

Position:

Are you looking for a meaningful, creative, and fun position working outside this summer? Camp W is seeking experienced, passionate, and knowledgeable staff for our Day Camp program working with 7-12 year olds. Camp W Day Camp is designed to provide outdoor experiential learning opportunities to youth in a fun and relaxed environment. The majority of your days will be spent outside rain or shine.

This NON-Residential position's main objective for this role is to provide a safe environment while supervising and managing the well-being of a group of up to 12 children you are placed in charge of. Counselors are dedicated to making sure camp is an amazing experience for every camper.

Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Plan and facilitate outdoor camp activities (listed below).
- Attend all scheduled training sessions, staff meetings, and any other meetings deemed necessary by the Director.
- Ability to quickly move to attend to injured or ill child (be able to lift or carry if necessary when no other option is available) and initiate first aid procedures.
- Keep an accurate daily count of the children in the group each day, and follow the field trip procedure set at staff training.
- Report any illness or injury of a child or staff to the Director immediately following any incident and will report suspected child abuse to supervisor and fill out all documentation.
- Follow pick-up and check-out procedures, discipline policy as taught in staff training, and to assist in set up and clean-up of activities.
- Supervision, safety and activities of children in an assigned group while ensuring the well-being of all children.
- Report supplies needing repair or depletion to the Camp Director.
- Encourage creativity and intellectual curiosity by building on the child's interests and talents.
- Effectively communicate with parents in a professional and positive manner.

Some Camp 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
- Field Games
- Hiking
- Rock climbing
- Archery
- Arts and Crafts
- Group games and learning (fostering friendships and connection)
- Teaching autonomy/independence through freedom of choice
- Swimming

Requirements

- High School diploma, GED, or equivalent
- Current First Aid/CPR certification
- 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
- Attendance at staff week for trainings
- Experience working with children
- 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

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.