



Camp Counselor Position Description

Reports to: Senior Outdoor Program Manager
Position Status: Full-time, Temporary
FLSA Status: Exempt
Revision Date: November 2023

Job Summary

The Camp Counselor provides a unique blend of instruction, mentoring, and leadership to campers as their primary caregiver for the week. The Camp Counselor has the primary responsibilities for delivering camp programs that meet the needs and interests of campers, ensuring that campers are involved in the planning of their activities, regulating that those activities are outdoors and hands-on as often as possible, and confirming that each camper is given an opportunity to be actively involved in their own camping experience and that the experience meets the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE).

The Camp Counselor ensures that staff and campers have a safe, fun, and positive summer camp experience that supports membership growth and retention. This position promotes Girl Scouting in the community; and maintains a positive parent, public, and community relations.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Direct, supervise, and organize campers in their living unit, within activities and throughout the camp in order to meet the intended camper outcomes
 - Provides a unique blend of instruction, friendship, and leadership to campers
- Maintain high standards of health and safety in all activities for campers and staff
 - Facilitates a safe environment for participants focusing on mental, emotional, social, and physical health
 - Teaches campers safety guidelines and uses safe practice techniques in all areas of the camp program
 - Assists in supervising unit housekeeping and sanitation
 - Assists in maintaining a clean camp environment
 - Reports any accident or illness to the Senior Outdoor Program Manager, Assistant Resident Camp Director, or Healthcare Supervisor
- Deliver a fun program that supports campers' growth
 - Foster girl-led activities, while helping campers develop appreciation and enjoyment for the great outdoors
 - Responsible for leading and assisting with the teaching a variety of activities
 - Actively participate in all program areas as assigned
- Be a role model to campers and staff in your attitude and behavior using the Girl Scout Law and Promise as a base line
 - Helps each camper in the group to understand and live up to the Girl Scout Promise and Law
 - Embraces the responsibility of the impact that will be made to the lives of the campers and other staff
 - Supports the total camp community
 - Maintains a positive attitude and treats each camper with kindness and respect, helping each maintain positive well-being and health
 - Helps with dining hall cleanup, dishes, outdoor cookouts, and oversight of camper nutrition
 - Set a good example to campers and others in regard to general camp procedures and practices including sanitation, schedule, and sportsmanship

- In charge of the emotional well-being of campers, especially during times of homesickness
- Other duties as assigned

Supervisory Duties

This position does not have any supervisory duties due to being the primary caregiver for the campers in their assigned group

Experience/Education

- High School diploma or the equivalent; three months to one year experience working with youth, or the equivalent combination of education and experience

Qualifications

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Believe in the purpose and value of Girl Scouting
- Able to model behavior consistent with Girl Scout Mission, Promise, and Law and apply these principles
- Take pleasure in camping and living in a rustic outdoor setting and a camp community environment
- Able to work well, individually and in groups, with people of diverse knowledge and experience, and to enlist their cooperative effort
- Possess integrity, sound judgment, enthusiasm, patience, and self-control, and endurance to maintain awareness of the members in the camp community
- Able to lead and assist the camp community in an emergency (fire, evacuation, illness, injury)
- Possess passion and a willingness to learn and grow skills such as risk management, leadership, and communication
- Possess the recognition that mistakes are learning opportunities
- Possess the ability to resolve conflicts between self and others
- Minimum of 18 years of age

WORKING CONDITIONS

Physical Demands

- Frequent sitting, standing and walking
- Use of fingers, hands and arms
- Reaching, bending, stooping
- Close, distance and peripheral vision
- Able to climb, crouch and walk on uneven terrain
- Able to actively participate in physical programming with participants
- Able to work indoors and outdoors in all types of weather
- Able to adapt to the changing demands of the position
- Able to lift and carry up to 50lbs
- Able to stand for long periods, walk long distances, and bend and twist with or w/out carrying weight
- Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the program and/or site
- Work in a rustic camp environment at various GSMW camp locations

Environmental Conditions

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is exposed to weather conditions prevalent at the time. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate. The environmental conditions result in access or very little access to cellular phone service, data, text, or internet.

Mental Demands

There are a number of stressors associated with this position. The incumbent must also deal with a wide variety of people on various issues. The lack of cellular phone coverage and internet connectivity, among many resultant “discomforts”, may cause a sense of disconnection to home life and friends.

Safety

GSMW will provide safe working conditions for each employee. In return, GSMW expects each employee to recognize their obligation to conduct themselves with regard not only for their own safety, but also for the safety of their fellow employees/volunteers. Employee is expected to follow safety rules and procedures, including those specific to their position. Employee is expected to attend and participate in safety meetings or training, when required, and report unsafe circumstances to their supervisor or other specified individual. Employee shall perform all safety duties specific to their position.

Nothing in this position description restricts management’s right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this job at any time. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. This job description is not a contract and should not be construed as a guarantee of employment for any specific period of time.

I have read and received a copy of this job description.

Employee Signature/Date

Supervisor Signature/Date