



Job Title: YMCA Camp DeBoer – Arts & Crafts Program Leader

Department: Overnight Camp

Reports To: Camp Program Director

Salary: \$850-\$975/Week

POSTION SUMMARY

If you enjoy connecting with kids, rocking silly songs at campfire, building forts for fairies, capturing the flag, splashing in the lake, tie-dying socks, and supporting awesome staff this might just be the gig for you!

As part of the leadership team, the Arts & Crafts Program Leader supports the camp experience in three major ways. They

- 1) support and mentor cabin counselors by modeling positive and professional conduct and providing direct skill coaching in the areas of youth management,
- 2) organize and implement camp programs such as All-Camp-Games, campfires, and the variety show.
- 3) develop and facilitate a highly engaging and robust Arts & Crafts program offered during activity and cabin times each day.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Promote a positive environment that fosters fun, safety and our YMCA values, whilst uphold, model, and enforce camp policies and code of conduct.
 - Model camp core values and character traits of caring, honesty, responsibility, respect, growth, courage, and optimism, and facilitate intentional and embedded practice of those core values and character traits for campers.
 - Connect with each camper quickly, and make campers feel welcome and included. Treat every camper fairly and equally regardless of circumstances and abilities, making each feel good about themselves and encouraging a fun environment.
 - Fully engage with activities; playing along with campers & staff, being visible throughout the day, leading transition times and supervising campers.
 - Recognize individual and group situations and effectively resolve conflicts based on camp values and procedures, helping those campers who need extra help.
 - Support staff in alignment with leadership team training and approach; provide coaching of skills, model excellent staff behavior and attitude, reinforce camp expectations, assist with difficult situations and correct camper and staff behavior that does not meet our camp community expectations/agreements.
 - As part of the leadership team, establish, communicate and positively reinforce performance standards for staff; contribute to mid-summer and end of summer evaluations.
 - Get to know staff as individuals: interests, working style, strengths, areas for improvement, putting a conscious effort into ensuring that it is an impactful, enjoyable summer for staff too.
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- Build on established Arts & Crafts programming to develop a robust and high quality menu of offerings available to campers and cabin groups.
 - Facilitate daily programming and activities within your program area during activity and cabin times, and all camp activities in the evenings. Add creativity and variety to the camp program in collaboration with other staff.
 - Assume On-Duty responsibilities as assigned or as needed including but not limited to, facilitating meal times, Line ups, make or distribute snack, lock/unlock facilities and other responsibilities as assigned by camp program director.
 - Provide staff supervision during one assigned weekend over the course of the summer season.
 - Help create and facilitate staff training sessions during staff training week as needed.
 - Communicate with camp program director and other members of the leadership team to ensure that feedback from campers and staff is shared and addressed in a timely manner.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Two summers previous camp staff experience or equivalent preferred.
- Specialized and practical knowledge of/ experience in: cabin leadership, child behavior, peer leadership and supervision; staff management & motivation.
- Specialized and practical knowledge and skill leading Arts & Crafts programming.
- Ability to communicate clearly, patiently, and calmly with all people regardless of the demeanor of others. Must be able to communicate in English clearly verbally and in writing. Conversational communication skills in Spanish and ASL are beneficial.
- Integrity, patience, adaptability, sense of humor, enthusiasm, and a commitment to serve youth.
- Ability to train, motivate, support, share insights & ideas with, and supervise resident camp staff; communicate openly with supervisor; organize, facilitate, and evaluate camp, unit, and other activities; support and connect with campers; perform duties as specified in job description and by supervisor; behave as an appropriate positive role model in all camp activities.
- Shows initiative in recognizing and meeting the needs of the community.
- Current CPR, First Aid, AED certifications for duration of the season required. Online trainings and Child Abuse prevention training provided by Ashland Family YMCA within 30 days of hire date.
- **Lifeguard certification strongly preferred.** This training/certification may be available through the Ashland Family YMCA at no cost to a contracted employee.
- **Must successfully pass a background check.**

WORK ENVIRONMENT & PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

- Regularly required to talk or hear in a variety of settings including those with high ambient noise. The employee is frequently required to stand, walk, use hands, and reach with hands and arms.
 - Occasionally required to sit, climb or balance, and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl.
 - Must frequently lift or move up to 50 pounds and occasionally lift or move a higher amount.
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- Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus.
 - Must participate in programming outdoors, which may include moderate smoke conditions for limited periods of time.
 - May be required sleep and eat in group settings as part of supervision duties.

Employee Signature:

Employer Representative:

Date:

The statements of this job description are intended to describe the general nature and the level of work being performed by people hired for this job title. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required for this position.

Prepared By: YMCA Camp DeBoer Camp Program Director

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