

# Position: Cabin Counselor

## Job Description 2021

*Classifications: Seasonal Staff*

### **Our Mission Statement:**

Cultivating individual and collective growth in Christian Science through living, playing, and learning in a natural setting with a global family.



### **Qualifications:**

- At least 17 yrs of age
- Actively practices Christian Science
- Emotional maturity and stability; good moral character and integrity
- Enjoyment of outdoor living
- Love for children
- Member of The Mother Church
- A love for Christian Science and a desire to see it loved by the children and staff and put into practice in every aspect of camp life.
- Current Red Cross (or equivalent) CPR and First Aid certifications

### **Knowledge:**

- Childcare
- Basic camping (reviewed during Staff Training)
- ACA and camp standards and procedures (provided in staff manual)
- How to work with others from a variety of backgrounds
- How to lead high quality class, MAP, and evening activities
- How to lead effective Quiet Hours
- How to facilitate discussions and conversations
- How to create and maintain a safe space for campers

### **Elemental Skills:**

- Teaching youth
- Teamwork
- Program building and design
- Collaboration
- Leadership

- Time management
- Creative problem-solving
- Responsibility
- Clear communication
- Flexibility
- Taking initiative
- Holistic and spiritual work ethic
- Engagement
- Inclusivity
- Punctuality
- Awareness
- Meeting needs

### **Abilities:**

- Working with children of all ages and skill sets
- Cleaning and maintain living/program areas
- Learning and improving
- Role modeling
- Demonstrating the relevance of Christian Science
- Writing thoughtful letters to parents about each camper in your cabin
- Providing opportunities for growth, challenge, fun, friendship, empowerment

### **Qualities:**

- Dynamic
- Honest
- Willing
- Loving
- Patient
- Dedicated
- Responsible
- Reliable
- Joyful
- Enthusiastic
- Hard-working

### **Responsibilities:**

- Give love and care to all campers at all times
- Be a role model
- Do your best

- Teach amazing classes
- Run engaging MAPs
- Carry out the camp mission and purpose in the course of working with campers.
- Supervise and/or assist a cabin group in Kapers [cleaning].
- Work closely with co-counselor to guide cabin group in participation in group, unit, and camp-wide activities.
- Work closely with Head Counselor in coordinating activities of the cabin group.
- Conduct Quiet Hour (reading the Bible Lesson Sermon) with cabin group.
- Do metaphysical work for self and cabin group each day.
- Assist with and participate in camp-wide activities.
- Take charge of a table at meals in the dining hall.
- Instruct in-camp activities in accordance with camper's abilities.
- Help plan and lead overnight camping trips.
- Create and present camper awards for activities.
- Write a Camper Card [letter] of campers in cabin after every session
- Participate in Staff Training program.
- Take initiative in developing program activities.
- Advise, remind, and give reasons to campers regarding safety requirements, concerns for other people's rights, and personal health.
- Help campers to develop an understanding of and appreciation for the natural environment.
- Help campers to develop socially in at least three ways such as:
  - develop conversational skills;
  - show consideration for others;
  - learn how to make new friends; and
  - feel comfortable relating to other campers and staff.
- If in charge of a specialized activity, have and follow written operating procedures and regulations of that activity's national organization (for example, in archery, follow the guidelines of the Camp Archery Association.)
- Assure that specific safety procedures have been followed regarding all activities taught. These should include:
  - Written safety regulations which are made known to campers;
  - A ratio of adult leadership to participating campers in relation to the degree of risk involved; and
  - First aid supplies and equipment prepared by the appropriate person to meet the potential emergencies related to the particular activity.
- Be familiar with and conduct all program activities in accordance with the standards of the American Camping Association as outlined in the staff manual.
- Make sure that all equipment utilized in activities is:
  - appropriate to age, size and ability of user;
  - maintained in good repair;
  - stored in such a manner as to safeguard the effectiveness of the equipment;
  - given a safety check immediately prior to use; and

- is in conformity with legal regulations, where applicable.
- If over 20, teach a Sunday School class.
- Other duties as assigned