



YMCA Camp Bernie **Summer Camp Job Description**

Job Title: Senior Counselor

Reports To: Summer Camp Coordinator and Leadership Team

Position Purpose: Counselors are the primary caregivers for each camper. The counselor is responsible for guiding campers in their personal growth and daily living skills.

Essential Job Functions:

1: Assist in the direction and supervision of campers with the living unit/day camp group, and throughout camp, in order to meet the intended camper outcomes.

- a. Apply basic youth development principles in working with campers through communication, relationship building, respect for diversity, involvement and empowerment of youth.
- b. Assure campers are properly supervised at all times.
- c. Be aware of and implement safety guidelines at all times.

2: Maintain high standards of health and safety in all activities for campers and staff.

- a. Provide the daily care of each camper within your supervision including recognition of personal health needs.
- b. Be alert to campers health needs and assist them with personal and/or health problems, and discuss them with camp health personnel and/or Summer Camp Coordinator.
- c. Be alert to equipment and facilities to ensure utilization, proper care, and maintenance is adhered to; report repairs needed promptly to Unit Leader and/or Summer Camp Coordinator.

3: Be a role model to campers and staff in your attitude and behavior.

- a. Follow and uphold all safety and security rules and procedures.
- b. Set a good example to campers and others in regard to general camp procedures and practices including sanitation, schedule and sportsmanship.
- c. Represent and model the overall mission of the YMCA and its four core values: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Other Job Duties:

- a. Contribute to verbal and written evaluations and communications as requested by Unit Leader, Leadership Team and/or Summer Camp Coordinator.
- b. Participate enthusiastically in camp activities and be an engaged member of the Camp community.
- c. Participate as a member of the staff team to deliver and supervise evening programs, special events, overnights, and other all camp activities and camp functions.
- d. Any and all other added responsibilities as requested by Administrative Staff.

Qualifications:

- a. Must be at least 18 years of age or 17 with one season of experience as Junior Staff at Camp Bernie.
- b. Must submit health history record and examination form prior to first day of work.
- c. Must have the ability to lead activities, be a group leader, and be flexible.

Physical Aspects of the Job:

- a. Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the activity.
- b. Physical ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid. Must be able to assist campers in the event of an emergency (fire, evacuation, illness, or injury) and possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers.

Note:

Some physical requirements of a General Counselor position could be endurance including prolonged standing, some bending, stooping, walking long distances, hiking, climbing, and stretching; requires eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity to manipulate outdoor equipment and camp activities; requires normal range of hearing and eyesight to record, prepare, and communicate appropriate camper activities/programs and the ability to lift up to 50 lbs; willing to live in a camp setting and work irregular hours with limited or simple equipment and facilities; and with daily exposure to the sun, heat, and animals such as bugs, snakes, bats, etc.