



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Title: Senior Counselor
Start Date: May 29th

Reports to: Unit Director
End Date: August 4th
Salary: \$180 per week

General function: Under the supervision of the Unit Director in accordance with the policies of the YMCA, this person is responsible for a cabin group of up to 9 campers. They carry the primary responsibility for the growth, development, and safety of those campers in their group. They also participate in the general programs of the camp.

Qualifications:

1. At least 18 years old
2. Provide Camp Wood YMCA with a current physical examination form signed by a licensed physician, showing you to be in good health and free of contagious diseases. Camp Wood will furnish physical form.
3. Current American Red Cross First aid and CPR or equivalent certification is preferred.
4. Lifeguard Trained a plus.
5. Love to work with children and be ready for challenging, yet rewarding work.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Take charge of your cabin group from the beginning, get well acquainted, be their friend.
2. Make your campers your top priority at Camp Wood YMCA. At all times, know where each of your campers are.
3. Have campers learn and follow the rules. Set up cabin guidelines for them to follow.
4. Watch for the hundreds of opportunities to help a camper practice YMCA values.
5. Watch for campers who seem to need special help- the awkward, homesick, easily hurt, aggressive, etc.- and give them your help. Ask directors for help when you are not sure how to handle a situation.
6. Help campers achieve a deeper understanding of man's place in the environment through the use of personal knowledge, resources available at camp, and other staff members.
7. Help campers recognize the worth of all persons and work for interracial and intergroup understanding.
8. Encourage each camper to participate in all activities and give them recognition for achievements they make during the camp week.
9. Teach skill activity periods in which they have interest and ability, making sure that campers learn and have fun.
10. Participate in general waterfront and land activities, plus the evening programs. This means getting in the lake, riding horses, shooting arrows, playing running games.
11. Conduct/participate in cabin reflections each night. Plan them ahead of time and ask director for help with new ideas.
12. Enforce lights out time, insisting that campers are quiet to allow for a healthy amount of rest.
13. Get up to the wake up bell with enthusiasm and help campers get started for the day.
14. See that you and your campers are present and on time for all assemblies and that you are in line with them.
15. Find out the health requirements of your campers. Reference Parent Letter to Counselor and camp nurse for important information on your campers as soon as possible. Be sure to respect camper privacy when it comes to sensitive issues (ie bedwetting, homesickness, medication)
16. Watch for any signs of cuts, sniffing, sore throat, coughs, upset stomach, poor appetite, over-tiredness, etc. If any signs occur, take camper to the nurse immediately.
17. Maintain safe camper health and hygiene. See that they wash their hands before each meal, comb their hair, shower and change their clothes daily, resting during rest period, etc.
18. Take charge of campers at meals. See that good manners prevail. Watch the distribution of food and that dietary issues are addressed when needed
19. See that you and your campers help in the cabin clean up.
20. Plan activities with your cabin as a group. Be ready for rainy days.
21. Promote programs such as Ragger and Leathers, Leader in Training, and specialty camps. Ask for more information on these programs in order to understand them.
22. Help train assigned Counselors in Training, realizing that this is a serious responsibility. CITs should receive guidance and supervision in human relations, camp skills, general attitude and goals.
23. Cooperate with the entire staff in working together for the welfare of campers and the camp.
24. Make sure each camper leaves with everything they brought. Check the clothesline and bathroom. Sweep cabin and make it presentable when parents arrive.
25. Prepare an appropriate closing activity to end each session with campers.