
Volunteer Opportunity Description

Junior Counselor

Assist the Senior Counselor in leading groups and providing fun and safe experiences for children. The Junior Counselor will help the campers acquire a feeling of high self-esteem, self-worth and competence in an outdoor or indoor setting. The incumbent will help his/her group and its members assert their interests and expand their ideas and knowledge. The incumbent will be responsible for the safety and well-being of each camper's spirit, mind and body while in the day camp program.

Responsibilities

- Assist the senior counselor by being an active and enthusiastic leader, teacher and participant in all camp activities along with his/her group, which may include swimming
- Be responsible for the general health, happiness and safety of the campers assigned to him/her
- Know where all campers are at all times - Utilize the buddy system and frequent head counts to ensure campers are always accounted for, especially during free swim time
- Assist with camper behavior to maintain group safety
- Deal with discipline problems based on given guidelines
- Keep Senior Counselor informed of all concerns
- Follow the weekly-prepared schedule to ensure that all campers participate in all activities - Fill free time with activities appropriate for the group
- Act as a role model to campers at all times - Exhibit good judgment, enthusiasm for the activities and strong awareness of safety
- Communicate with parents about campers' experiences
- While on the bus, enforce and follow all safety rules - Participate and lead songs, games and other activities
- Incorporate the 6 Core Values of the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA—caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, leadership, and empowerment—into all programs and model these values to others at all times
- Know and understand all emergency procedures associated with the camp program
- Know, enforce and follow all safety guidelines associated with the camp and all program areas

Additional Notes:

This volunteer opportunity represents the primary needs identified at this time but is not intended to be all-inclusive. The volunteer will also be responsible for taking direction from the Program Director or other designated Marshalltown Y team member.

Requirements

- Minimum age 14
- Previous experience or school course work in working with children and/or recreation
- An interest in working with children in a camp setting and desire to be a positive influence on children
- Face-to-face interview
- Criminal background check
- Reference Check
- Signed Code of Conduct
- DHS training and fingerprints (if part of ratio)
- Completion of online Praesidium training