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Y SUMMER CAMP AT OLEC

COUNSELOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: **Counselor**
FLSA Status: Seasonal Summer Staff
Status: F/T Seasonal
Reports to Abby Fuller, Camp Director of OLEC

Job Code:
Job Grade:
Department: OLEC

POSITION SUMMARY:

This position supports the work of the Y, a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Provides direct supervision of a group of children in a seasonal day camp. Creates positive, nurturing relationships with children, while building cooperative relationships with parents/caregivers. Promotes and supports the potential of all youth in programs and facilitates peer-to-peer connections as part of the overall camp experience.

MISSION:

The Auburn-Lewiston YMCA is a character-building organization dedicated to strengthening Christian principles of **Caring, Honesty, Respect** and **Responsibility** through programs that will build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Provide safety, group leadership, and supervision Manage behaviors and create a positive group dynamic by building positive relationships.
2. Assist Activity Leaders in implementing scheduled activities and assist in any way directed.
3. Adheres to program standards including safety and cleanliness standards.
4. Attends staff functions, meetings, and trainings to including Child Abuse Prevention.
5. Assist in the planning of assigned theme weeks/days, field trips and family events.
6. Follows YMCA policies and procedures, including those related to medical and disciplinary situations, child abuse prevention and emergencies.
7. Cultivates positive relationships and maintains effective communication with parents, campers, and other staff. Demonstrates positive role modeling in all interactions.
8. Understand, accept and incorporate the Y's Core Values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.
9. Performs other duties as assigned, such as sanitation work.

YMCA COMPETENCIES (Leader):

Mission Advancement: Accepts and demonstrates the Ys values. Demonstrates a desire to serve others and fulfill community needs. Recruits volunteers and builds effective, supportive working relationships with them. Supports fund-raising.

Collaboration: Works effectively with people of different backgrounds, abilities, opinions, and perceptions. Builds rapport and relates well to others. Seeks first to understand the other person’s point of view and remains calm in challenging situations. Listens for understanding and meaning; speaks and writes effectively. Takes initiative to assist in developing others.

Operational Effectiveness: Makes sound judgments, and transfers learning from one situation to another. Embraces new approaches and discovers ideas to create a better member experience. Establishes goals, clarifies tasks, plans work and actively participates in meetings. Follows budgeting policies and procedures and reports all financial irregularities immediately. Strives to meet or exceed goals and deliver a high-value experience for members.

Personal Growth: Pursues self-development that enhances job performance. Demonstrates an openness to change and seeks opportunities in the change process. Accurately assesses personal feelings, strengths and limitations and how they impact relationships. Has the functional and technical knowledge and skills required to perform well; uses best practices and demonstrates up-to-date knowledge and skills in technology.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Previous experience working with children preferably in a day camp setting.
- Experience preferred in one or more of the following areas: outdoor living, environmental studies, archery, sports, team building, low ropes courses, cooperative games, skits, and camp songs. Certifications in certain program areas are welcomed.
- At least 16 years of age.
- CPR, First Aid, AED certifications and Child Abuse Prevention training within 30 days of hire date.
- Previous experience with diverse populations preferred.

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. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.
- Ability to plan, lead and participate in a range of activities in a variety of outdoor/indoor settings.
- Ability to lift and carry at least 30 pounds.
- Ability to be active and involved in camp activities for extended periods of time while demonstrating physical stamina and agility. Counselors will be required to transverse hilly terrain and will be exposed to all elements in an outdoor day camp setting.

SIGNATURE:

I have reviewed and understand this job description.

Employee’s name

Employee’s signature

Today’s date: _____