

Offering Cultural Exchange Programs through Summer Camp Opportunities: Camp Counselor & Support Staff.

## Fun! Friendship!



#### Cultural Exchange Program Purpose

"Purpose of this program is to provide foreign college and university students with opportunities to interact with U.S. citizens, experience U.S. culture while sharing their own cultures with Americans they meet, travel in the United States and work in jobs that... are seasonal or temporary in order to earn funds to help defray a portion of their expenses." – 22 CFR 62.32(b)



## Cultural Exchange Programs

• Camp Counselor -Skills -Benefits -Season -Requirements -Roles & Positions at Camp

• Summer Work Travel -Skills -Benefits -Season -Requirements -Roles & Positions as Support Staff



# COUNSELORS

# CAMP

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## Camp Counselor Desired Skills

- Trapeze
- Waterski
- Basketball
- Swimming
- Culinary Teacher
- Special Needs Teacher
- Lifeguard
- Sailing
- Equestrian
- High/Low Ropes
- Zip Line

- Lacrosse
- Bunk Counselor
- Rock/Wall Climbing
- Boating
- Golf
- Wakeboarding
- Arts & Crafts
- Music
- Language
- Cheerleading
- Archery

- SUP
- Gymnastics
- Photography
- Hockey
- Camping/Guides
- Tennis
- Religious Ministries
- Softball
- And so much more!

## Camp Counselor Program / Benefits

- Valuable Work Experience
  - Especially for fields working with children, like childcare, teaching, psychology, education, etc.
- Safe & Secure Working Environment
  - Family-like atmosphere. Room and board are taken care of!
- Cultural Exchange
  - Employ Americans and International students

Networking

 Endless possibilities as you meet people from all over the US

• Fun

- Exciting, new environment in beautiful, rural locations
- Maximize Opportunity to Travel
  - Plan trips with new friends!

#### Camp Counselor Program / Season



- Late May through Late August
- Average Employment is between 9 – 11 weeks
- Salary Structure is based on a contract up to 63 days, with additional pay per day worked thereafter
- Some pre- and post- camp opportunities may be available



Camp Counselor Program / Requirements

International applicants must meet the eligibility for the J1 Camp Counselor Visa:

- Mature adult 18+
- <u>Strong</u> English Skills
- Willing to work long hours with kids
- Have (2) or more camp related skills the stronger your skills, the better chance of placement!
- Open-minded, Energetic, Flexible
- No criminal record
- Have sufficient funds to pay for flights & all associated costs
- Independent & Self-Motivated

#### Camp Counselor Program / Roles

#### General Counselors

 Invaluable staff members who spend their WHOLE day with one group of campers. Role models who assist and motivate campers. Must be funloving, patient, and genuinely concerned for the welfare and development of the campers.

#### Activity Counselors

- Hired based on their merit in a specific teaching area and their experience or desire to work with children. Most will lead or assist in a particular activity during scheduled periods and will live and work with a group of campers during the rest of the day.
- Activity Specialists
  - Specialists are hired for their abilities and experience in leading a particular activity or area of interest.

### Camp Counselor Program / Roles

Pictures of Camp Counselors



## Camp Counselor Program / Roles

Camp Counselor Pictures



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# SUMMER CAMP SUPPORT STAFF/ SUMMER WORK TRAVEL

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#### Summer Camp Support Staff Desired Experience

- Culinary Arts Training / Background
- Maintenance
- Head Cook
- Dishwashing
- Laundry
- Assistant Cook
- Grounds-keeping / Landscaping
- Baker

- General Kitchen Service
- Electrician
- Food Preparation
- Administration
- General Office
- Secretary
- Security <sup>3</sup>• And more!

#### Benefits of Working at a Summer Camp

- Valuable Work Experience
  - Gain hands on experience in Culinary Arts, Office Management, etc.
- Safe & Secure Working Environment
  - Family-like atmosphere. Room and board are taken care of!
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### Summer Camp Support Staff / Season

- Late May through Late August
- Average Employment is between 9-11 weeks
- Salary Structure is based on a contract up to 63 days, with additional pay per day worked thereafter
- Some pre- and post- camp opportunities may be available
- Subject to Eligibility dates from home country





#### Summer Work Travel / Requirements

International applicants must meet the eligibility for the J1 Summer Work Travel Visa:

- Mature adult 18+
- <u>GOOD</u> English Skills
- Willing to work <u>long</u> hours
- Have (2) or more camp related support skills – the stronger your skills, the better chance of placement!
- Open-minded, Energetic, Flexible
- No criminal record
- Have sufficient funds to pay for flights & all associated costs
- Independent & Self-Motivated

#### Summer Camp Support Staff / Roles

#### Culinary / Dining Hall Staff

- Cooks, bakers, food prep, dishwashers, and servers work along side seasoned professionals. Requires applicant to be energetic and willing to work on team with others. It is one of the <u>hardest & most demanding</u> roles at camp because applicants are responsible for the preparation and clean up of each meal and hours may span much of the day with breaks in between. Previous food experience is most likely required.



### Summer Camp Support Staff / Roles

#### Housekeeping

- Work in small teams to maintain cleanliness of facilities throughout the camp, including:
  - Cleaning and disinfecting restrooms, shower facilities, and floors
  - Washing windows
  - Dusting
  - Sweeping
  - Laundering

#### • Office

 General office assistant's and drivers may focus on one of the following: answering phones, taking messages, light secretarial duties to keep office running, keeping files organized and up to date, routing mail, processing documents, operating office machines, greeting visitors, scheduling tours, etc.

### Summer Camp Support Staff / Roles

#### • Maintenance

Assists to maintain camp properties by helping to prepare camp facilities for opening, repairing, cleaning, and maintaining sites and facilities as directed and may include: daily refuse pickup, grounds work (leaf & brush removal), landscaping, grass cutting, moving equipment, painting, plumbing, electrical repair, animal care, etc.



#### Testimonial – Support Staff

"At the beginning of the camp I didn't expect the great time that I had at camp. They make you feel like home they always listen to you and help you as much as they can. I was able to meet awesome people who make my summer unforgettable because they are people with the intention of have the time of their lives. This is an experience which I would like to do again. Best summer yet." -Dora Laura Luciano



#### Testimonial – Camp Counselor



"I definitely had a very rewarding summer at Camp. The campers were amazing and so were all of my fellow counselors. I loved being a softball specialist because I was still able to teach a few girls more about softball while still being able to bond with my own campers at some of the other activities. I thought going through Camp Staff USA was very easy. I had never been through Camp Staff USA before and thought that the people I talked to were very helpful in helping me find another job. I loved the environment the camp gave off. I rarely saw any negatively from the workers especially head staff. They were always helpful if you had questions and I would 100% recommend the camp to anyone who was interested in going." -- Lauren Zambrano

#### Thank You!

We hope this helped you understand more about the wonderful opportunities available in the Summer Camp Cultural Exchange Programs.

We are confident that if you find this program is the right fit for you and your adventurous spirit – that you won't regret the decision to join in!

We look forward to seeing you!

