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CAMP MANITO-WISH YMCA – NATURE SKILLS INSTRUCTOR

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Minimum of 18 years old
2. Previous leadership experience
3. Desire and proven ability to positively interact, teach, build confidence and self-esteem and work with children and staff in wilderness and “in-camp” settings
4. Knowledge of equipment maintenance and care
5. Certified in Lifeguard Training (LGT)/Wilderness Water Safety (WWS), Standard First Aid/Wilderness First Aid (WFA) and CPR (Certifications may be obtained through Camp Manito-wish prior to first day of work)
6. Good written and verbal communication skills
7. Strong and good character: Optimism, resilience, humility, empathy, awareness of self and others, resourcefulness, responsibility and adaptability

RESPONSIBLE TO: Program Staff Director
Summer Program Director

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Ability to communicate and work with groups participating (age and skill levels), and provide necessary instruction to campers and staff.
2. Ability to teach Northwoods ecology and environmental education to participants and staff of various skill levels
3. Ability to teach wilderness tripping skills
4. Ability to communicate and train staff and campers in safety regulations and emergency procedures
5. Ability to work independently, meet deadlines, and communicate effectively
6. Physical ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid, fire evacuation and illness
7. Abilities to observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques
8. Comfortable and interested in outdoor living and willing to develop expertise in nature exploring
9. Effectively communicate, plan and conduct activities to achieve camper development
10. Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the in-camp program
11. Must be able to relate effectively to diverse groups of people

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Be responsible for the Nature Lodge and Outdoor Skills Shed and all equipment associated with the program
2. Help us to develop and maintain a positive environmental ethic
3. Develop and implement an Outdoor Skills orientation for campers
4. Teach lessons about natural environment, weather, outdoor skills and science
5. Make Program Announcements for activities offered during morning coaching periods
6. Participate in special activities, evening activities, and opening/closing day events
7. Submit a written report at the end of each session
8. Complete lesson plans during training week with updates following throughout the summer
9. Attend and be on-time to each meal when not on time-off
10. Actively participate in all training sessions
11. “Convoy” - act as camp representative on buses/vans bringing campers to and from camp at start and end of sessions as necessary

12. "Cunot" - take responsibility for a cabin group during cabin activity periods, meals, and at night as necessary
13. Understand and commit to the Manito-wish Mission, Vision and Commitment Statements
14. Understand and commit to the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility
15. Understand and commit to all policies related to Child Abuse Prevention directed by Camp Manito-wish YMCA
16. Provide opportunities for camper/staff discussion centering on Camp's mission and personal growth
17. Uphold rules and policies associated with Camp Manito-wish YMCA and support the group living experience
18. Capable of effective and sustained mental, emotional, and social interaction with others in the camp's fast-paced, youth-centered, community living environment
19. Able to maintain mental, emotional and social resiliency (such as handling stressful situations appropriately) needed for the job in a fast-paced, interactive environment
20. Perform other duties as assigned

TIME OFF:

1. Two 24-hour period and one 12-hour period off per session
2. Other times are at the discretion of the Program Staff Director