

Summer Camp Staff Questions

Q: What if I have never canoed before?

A: Great! Being at Manito-wish is a learning experience for everyone. Before campers arrive, our returning staff will take you out on a training trip where you will be able to brush up on skills you already have while learning any skills you will need that you don't currently have.

Q: I don't have First Aid or Lifeguard certifications right now. Is that okay?

A: Yes! We host Wilderness First Aid (WFA) and Wilderness Water Safety (WWS) training sessions in May, June, and July before our staff training sessions, or you can take WFA, WWS, or a Lifeguard Training course in your area before arriving to camp.

Q: What are my options for food at Camp?

At Camp, we eat family style in cabin groups. We are sensitive to dietary restrictions, and our kitchen staff works hard to make delicious meals to fit most restrictions (such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free, and soy-free). If you have questions about our ability to accommodate your dietary needs, please contact us.

Breakfast:

- served with milk, juice, water
- Yogurt, fresh berries and granola, fresh sliced fruit.
- Eggs, bacon, sausage links and patties, biscuits, pancakes, waffles, French toast, omelets, French toast bake
- Hash brown, seasoned O'Brien's, cheesy hash browns,

Lunch: this is typically a bigger meal

- served with milk and water
- Vegetables or salad and fruit.
- dessert is served at lunch only
- tacos, baked chicken, stroganoff, beef and broccoli, Pork loin, sloppy joes, BBQ chicken sandwiches, Complete with all the fixings Roasted Turkey Dinner, Complete with all the fixings meat loaf

Dinner: this is typically a lighter fare meal

- served with juice and water
- vegetables or salad and fruit
- Spaghetti and meatballs – tradition of a first meal at camp!
- Pizza and chicken, corn dogs, brats and fries, sub sandwiches and chips, chicken Caesar salads and baked potato, Chicken strips mac n cheese, Pulled pork sandwiches and onion ring and fries

Q: What should I pack for Camp or what gear do I need to bring?

A: We have a staff packing list here (add hyperlink when published on website). Camp provides group gear like tents, cooking gear, paddles and PFDs, and we are able to provide other gear—contact us if you need assistance getting personal gear. If you bring your own personal gear, please note that PFDs must be type 3. We do not allow the use of group gear that you own (stoves, etc.) on our trips.

Q: How do I do my laundry while I'm at Camp?

A: We have laundry sent out periodically throughout the summer, but if you'd like to do your own laundry on your own schedule there is a laundromat in Boulder Junction that you are able to use.

Q: Where will I live at Camp?

A: If you are on the Tripping Co-Leader, Program Staff, or Kitchen Staff teams, you will live in one of our staff houses, which are very similar to college residence halls (bunk beds, shared bathrooms) with rooms housing 2-6 people; or you will live in staff cabins, which house 6-12 staff members and have a bathroom nearby. If you are a Counselor, you will be living in a cabin with a co-Counselor and ten kids, with bathrooms located in close proximity to the cabin. If you are working both as a Counselor and as a member of another team throughout the summer, you will have to move housing—but we try to make that transition as smooth as possible!

Q: When do I get time off?

A: During every two week session, staff members get one 24-hour period (typically 5 PM-5 PM) off and one 12-hour period (typically 5 PM-9 AM) off.

Q: What is there to do on my time off?

A: Boulder Junction is a great place to spend your time relaxing and rejuvenating—there are great dinner options, local stores, live music, a flea market, a library, and many open public parks and lakeside beaches to spend your time at. We are also a short drive from the town of Minocqua, where you can find even more restaurants, shops, and entertainment—including a waterski show! We also have spaces like our staff lounge around Camp where you can relax and hang out without leaving property.

Q: What is a daily schedule like?

A: A daily schedule can be found [here](#).

Q: I see that you are an electronics-free camp—am I able to have my phone with me?

A: Yes! Although we ask our campers to not have their phones, we understand the importance of staying up to date with family and friends while you are working. We ask that while you are on duty and with your campers your phones remain put away and that you only use your phone when you are off duty and campers aren't present.

Q: Can I receive mail while I am at Camp?

A: Yes! You can have letters sent to our PO Box and packages sent to our physical address. We do get a lot of mail each day, we kindly ask that you do not make Camp's address your address – this is just a temporary place that you can have mail sent to.

Q: Can this job count as an internship credit?

A: Yes! We have worked with universities before, and as long as we meet the requirements for your internship, we will work with you to fulfil your credits. Please reach out to the person who hired you to let them know you are hoping to fulfil an internship through your work at Camp.