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CAMP MANITO-WISH YMCA – CONTRACT FACILITATOR

JOB OBJECTIVES: Contract Facilitators are experienced professionals in the outdoor education industry who work for Manito-wish on an as-needed basis throughout the year. They design and implement social-emotional curricula for small groups who are on site for 1 to 10 days and are paid according to daily work. Housing on-site may be available for Contract Facilitators, but is not guaranteed.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Minimum 18 years old
2. Previous teaching, guiding or facilitation experience
3. Possesses or is willing to develop skills in ropes course facilitation
4. Desire and proven ability to work with children in an outdoor setting
5. Exemplary character and desire to learn and grow within a close-knit staff community environment

RESPONSIBLE TO: Leadership Program Director

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Ability to communicate and provide necessary instruction to ensure successful programming
2. Ability to observe participant behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques
3. Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards
4. Mental and physical ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring rescue and first aid
5. Willingness to train for and facilitate experiential and adventure activities for a wide range of groups
6. Ability to facilitate and belay on a challenge course and climbing wall
7. Must be able to relate effectively to diverse groups of people

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Facilitate multi-day in-camp experiential programming for groups of youth aged 10 – 18, including
 - autonomously planning and running sequences of activities and processing in small groups of 5 – 12 students to achieve social-emotional outcomes and ensure growth
 - facilitating and belaying on a low and high ropes course
 - creating a physically and emotionally safe community environment
2. If applicable, lead trail groups of up to 6 participants on multi-day canoeing, kayaking, and backpacking trips, including
 - creating a physically and emotionally safe community environment
 - facilitating participants' growth in technical and interpersonal skills
 - managing behavior and emotional difficulties
 - assessing and managing wilderness risk
 - providing first aid care as necessary
3. Understand and commit to the Manito-wish Mission, Vision and Commitment Statements
4. Understand and commit to the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility
5. Understand and commit to all policies related to Child Abuse Prevention directed by Camp Manito-wish YMCA
6. Provide opportunities for participant/staff discussion centering on Camp's mission and personal growth
7. Uphold rules and policies associated with Camp Manito-wish YMCA and support the group living experience
8. Capable of effective and sustained mental, emotional, and social interaction with others in the camp's fast-paced, youth-centered, community living environment
9. Able to maintain mental, emotional and social resiliency (such as handling stressful situations appropriately) needed for the job in a fast-paced, interactive environment
10. Perform other duties as assigned

TIME OFF:

1. Schedules are made according to programming schedule
2. Any other time off at the discretion of the Program Director