

FAMILY YMCA OF MARION AND POLK COUNTIES
JOB DESCRIPTION
YMCA CAMP GREIDER



JOB TITLE: Senior Camp Counselor
REPORTS TO: Camp Director
FLSA TYPE: Full Time; Seasonal; Exempt
DEPARTMENT: Camping

GENERAL FUNCTION

The Senior Camp Counselor is responsible for the care of children entering grades 1-9 in a day camp setting. The Senior Camp Counselor is responsible for planning and leading camp activities as well as guiding campers in their personal growth and daily living skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND TRAINING

- Age 17 or over by June 1; age 18 or over by June 1 preferred.
- Prior leadership with groups of children at camps, youth groups, community groups.
- Possess desire and ability for working with children.
- Ability to understand the needs of campers and place campers' needs and camp's needs ahead of personal needs.
- Ability to relate effectively to one's peers, supervisors, and children effectively.
- Ability to work in outdoor environment and display an appreciation and understanding of the natural environment to campers.
- Possess flexibility, maturity, and the ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Good character and ability to act as a role model for youth.
- Current First Aid & CPR Certification.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

- Supervise groups of 6-8 campers, serving as their counselor and leader.
- Serve as a role model of appropriate staff behavior for Junior Counselors and CITs.
- Assume responsibility for leadership and guidance to campers in daily living with special attention to safety, personal hygiene, and camper participation in camp activities.
- Assume responsibility for interpreting the camp rules to the campers and guiding camper behavior.
- Serve as a good role model of appropriate camp behavior, especially in areas of: safety, communication, language use.
- Provide vigilant supervision of campers at all times with the health and safety of campers as a first consideration.
- Participate enthusiastically in the planning and implementing of camp programming.

WORKING CONDITIONS

- Physically able to accompany campers to and participate in all camp activities.
- Able to communicate verbally with campers and to provide instructions.
- Possess visual and auditory ability to respond to critical incidents and physical ability to act swiftly in emergency situations.
- Able to observe camper behavior, respond to health and safety concerns and deal appropriately with camper behavior.
- Able to work long hours including nights and weekends.
- Able to work outdoors in varying weather conditions (rain, heat, etc) and live in a rustic outdoor setting.
- Able to follow all camp rules and YMCA policies and procedures as outlined in the Staff Handbook.
- May work at another camp location as needed.

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This job description may not be all inclusive and employees are expected to perform all other duties as assigned and directed by management. Job descriptions and duties may be modified when deemed appropriate by management.

Employee Name: _____

Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____