



JOB POSTING

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

YMCA Day Camp Counsellor

Hamilton Downtown Family YMCA

79 James Street South

Hamilton, Ontario

Salary Range: \$10.25/hr

Placement: June 2012

Overview:

As one of the largest charitable community service organizations in Canada, the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford responds to critical social needs in the community and works to provide solutions. By nurturing the potential of children, youth and adults, the YMCA connects people to life-building opportunities, to each other and enhances their quality of life. We foster social responsibility and healthy living. The YMCA works collectively with community partners that share the YMCA's determination in strengthening the foundations of community for all people.

This position requires a commitment to the YMCA mission and core values of: Responsibility, Caring, Honesty and Respect, as well as, a commitment to building developmental assets in children and adults.

Nature & Scope:

A group leader is responsible for the supervision and programming of activities for a group of campers in a day camp environment. Counselors will work with a specific age group (between 4-15) to deliver a comprehensive, dynamic, and exciting program stream. Different day camp programs require group leaders include:

- Outdoor camp counselors (must take bus to camp location):
 - General Camp (outdoor leader for ages 6-7;8-9;10-12)
 - Fundamentals Camp (back to basics camping and survival for ages 10-12)
 - Canoe Camp (teaching instructional canoe curriculums for ages 8-12)
 - Eco-Explores Camp (environmental education for ages 8-12)
 - Leaders In Training Camp (mentoring and instructing future leaders aged 13-15)
 - Indoor Camp (must have own transportation to locations; not all locations have all the camp programs listed below):
 - Stepping Stones Camp (developmentally geared program for children aged 4-6)
 - Jr. Sports Camp (introduction to sportsmanship and skills for ages 5-7)
 - Sports Camp (Sports skills and games for ages 8-12)
 - KidVenture (Creative and drama themed program for ages 7-12)

Group Leaders are responsible for attending mandatory weekend and June preparatory training and will report directly to the Area Head, Program Director, or Site Director at each location.

Responsibilities:

- Greet parents/guardians each morning when they drop off children and in the evenings at pick up
- Ensure safe, quality programs for participants and staff – submit program plans weekly
- Act as a group leader for 7-10 weeks of camp; Responsible for the direct supervision of approximately

- 8-12 campers at the
- assigned site
 - Develop and implement comprehensive camp programs
 - Assist with parent liaison, promotion, set up, and clean up
 - Responsible for attending all staff training and staff meetings (some weekends and evenings)
 - Provide leadership to all campers by following routine and delivering a specific camp program
 - Participate in specialty programming and waterfront/pool activities
 - Completely weekly phone calls home to parents
 - Provide supervision on bus rides (if applicable)
 - Complete documentation accurately and timely when required

Qualifications:

- 17 years of age before the summer
- Attending or completion of post-secondary school, preferably in the area of leisure and recreation, social services, child and youth worker or education
- Current standard First Aid and Basic Rescuer (CPR)
- Bronze cross certification is an asset
- Previous YMCA camping or child and youth program experience is preferred
- Coaching or ORCA certification is an asset
- Must submit clear Criminal Reference Check prior to commencing work

Competencies:

- Concern for Health and Safety
- Child and Youth Focused
- Service Oriented
- Team Player, yet able to work individually
- Quality focus
- Commitment to Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility
- Focus on Developmental Assets and child development

If you are interested in this position, please submit your letter of application and resume to:

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We thank all applicants, however, only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

Thank you.

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