

POSITION: Cabin Counselor

LOCATION: YMCA Camp Benson  
16355 Scenic Palisades Rd.  
Mount Carroll, IL 61053

SALARY: \$250/week plus room and board

#### SUMMARY

Cabin Counselors provide a safe, enjoyable and transformational camping experience that promotes the values of YMCA Camp Benson all while maintaining a camper first philosophy.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following but may vary dependent upon the needs of the camp, the camp season and the employee's specific area of responsibility. Other duties within the position may be assigned.

- Lives in a cabin with and lends leadership and guidance to a cabin group.
- Helps campers adjust to camp life.
- Enforces cabin policies/procedures and follows up with positive praise/discipline as appropriate.
- Implements and enforces health and safety rules, regulations and procedures in accordance with Camp Benson policies.
- Develops and conducts cabin activities and programs (devotions, evening activities, cookouts, etc.)
- Assist the Activity Managers in the running of programs.
- Performs general housekeeping tasks and maintains cabin area.
- Maintains and timely submits paperwork and reports as assigned.
- Receives and carries out instructions.
- Performs special projects and other related duties as needed or assigned by management.

Program specific duties include but are not limited to:

Organize, facilitate and oversee safe and meaningful programs for campers in:

- Ropes activities (Zip Line, High Ropes, Rock Climbing, etc.)
- River activities (Tubing, Cave Exploration, Kayaking, etc.)
- Nature Hikes

- Creative Arts
- Target Sports (Archery, Hatchet and Atlatl Throwing, etc.)
- Fantasy Quest
- Outdoor Wilderness and Living Skills

Work with Food Service staff to implement efficient mealtime procedures that include setup, distribution and cleanup.

#### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- General knowledge of all camp programs, facilities and policies.
- Ability to read, write, talk, see and hear.
- Ability to plan and initiate age appropriate games and activities.
- Ability to teach and provide leadership.
- Ability to perform multiple tasks at one time.
- Ability to be creative and resourceful.
- Possesses a strong understanding of the YMCA and its purpose, mission and values. Demonstrates this understanding through behavior and actions that support the purpose, mission and values.

#### PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS/WORK ENVIRONMENT

Sufficient strength, agility and mobility to perform essential functions and to supervise and participate in program activities in a wide variety of indoor and outdoor locations (depending upon the programs). Ability to perform moderate physical activity that may include standing, walking, running, crouching, kneeling, bending, twisting and reaching. Ability to lift up to 50 lbs required for some programs.

The nature of the environment is one in which the employee may come in contact with outside weather conditions that may include hot/cold temperatures, rain, wind, insects, chemicals, blood borne pathogens, etc.