

Junior Camp Counselor Volunteer Description

Description:

Junior Camp Counselor contributes directly to the Parks Department's success in serving the campers and ultimately the residents of South Bend. Our goal is to provide volunteer work experience that is conducive to both learning and personal growth, while serving the needs of the campers with care, diligence, efficiency, and safety.

Schedule: 8:00am-4:30pm Monday – Friday

Each Junior Camp Counselor will be responsible for working one week of camp. Junior Counselors will work in pairs. The goal is to work with 16 Junior Counselors.

Week 1: June 9 - June 13

Week 2: June 16 – June 20

Week 3: June 23 – June 27

Week 4: June 30 - July 2

Week 5: July 7 - July 11

Week 6: July 14 - July 18

Week 7: July 21 - July 25

Week 8: July 28 - August 1

Responsibilities:

- Make sure all areas are clean and organized.
- Assist with set up, tear down, clean up, and storing of equipment and supplies.
- Cleaning duties include sweeping, washing tables and coolers, taking out trash, collecting lost and found, or another similar task as assigned.
- Assist with and participate in crafts, sports, and games.
- Walking campers to and from activities, restrooms, lunch and snack times.
- Make bug juice/punch and prepare snacks.
- Befriend any children that may be new or look like they need a friend.

Expectations:

- You are expected to assist/participate in the camp activity daily.
- You are expected to set a good example of behavior for the other campers.
- You are expected to follow the rules of the camp.
- You are expected to help make camp an enjoyable experience for children who attend.
- You are the role model for the campers to follow.
- You are to help encourage the campers to not only participate but show good sportsmanship.
- You are required to sign in and out of Camp every day.
- You are required to report any inappropriate activities or behaviors.

- You are required to wear the Junior Counselor uniform daily.

Qualifications:

- Must at least be entering the 8th grade in the fall.
- Must be at least 13 years old before the week of camp assigned
- Must have been a camper for at least 2 years or returning Jr. Counselor in good standing.
- Applicants can only serve two summers as a Jr. Counselor

We consider Junior Camp Counselors a valuable resource to the success of Camp Awareness. If you are interested in applying to become a Junior Camp Counselor, please complete the application form.

In April, we will hold interviews for the selected applications. If you are selected for an interview, a professional letter of recommendation will be required at that time. Applications will be accepted through Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 5:00pm.