

# Killington Parks and Recreation Summer Camp Job Opportunities Head Counselor and Camp Counselor

## **Position Overview:**

Camp Loads of Fun is seeking energetic and dedicated individuals to join our team as "Head Counselors" or "Summer Camp Counselors". These positions play a vital role in crafting a positive, safe, and engaging experience for campers throughout the summer program. Located at the Herbert I. Johnson Recreation Center, Camp Loads of Fun offers a dynamic outdoor day camp experience with a variety of activities and enriching opportunities.

#### About the Team:

As a municipal entity, the Department of Parks and Recreation takes pride in providing affordable and accessible summer programming to the community. Rooted in a commitment to fostering a sense of fun and exploration, our camps are designed to offer enriching experiences that contribute to the overall wellbeing of the participants. At the heart of our mission is the belief that summer should be a time for children to create lasting memories, build independence, and develop character.

#### Qualifications

- 1. Age Requirements:
  - a. Head Counselors: At least 18 years of age
  - b. Counselors: At least 14 years of age
- 2. Prior Experience:
  - a. Head Counselors: At least 2 years' experience with school age children in day care, summer camp, classroom, or recreation setting
  - b. Counselors: Prior experience with school age children in day care, summer camp, or recreation setting a plus but not required
- 3. Willingness to be a part of a team:
  - a. Ability to work collaboratively in a team setting, fostering a positive and supportive camp environment.
  - b. Possess strong communication and interpersonal skills to effectively interact with campers, parents, and fellow staff members.
  - c. Demonstrate flexibility and adaptability to respond to the dynamic needs of the camp environment.
- 4. Physical Conditions:
  - a. Ability to be outdoors and actively engage in games and activities for much of the day.
  - b. Capable of walking between camp facilities
- 5. Certifications
  - a. Willingness to obtain CPR/AED/First Aid certification before the start of the camp season.
  - b. Must pass Vermont State Background Check

#### **Responsibilities:**

As a camp counselor, you will be responsible for ensuring a safe, enjoyable, and enriching experience for the campers; below are the main responsibilities of the position. Note: additional duties/ responsibilities may be required to ensure the safety of all campers.

1. Supervision and Engagement

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- a. **Head Counselors**: Supervise your assigned age group, ensuring compliance with camp policies, and serve as the liaison between your group and camp leadership.
- b. **Counselor:** Supervise assigned campers and uphold camp policies and expectations. Utilize support of Head Counselor & Camp Leadership in the event camp expectations are not being met.
- c. Ensure that each child is properly signed in and/or signed out daily, maintain accurate attendance records, complete.
- d. Demonstrate the ability to multi-task and effectively supervise multiple children within a group setting.
- e. Establish and build positive relationships with children in your group, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment
- f. Supervise children during all scheduled activities, ensuring their safety and engagement. Join campers in games and craft activities to model intended outcomes
- 2. Daily Schedule Execution
  - a. **Head Counselors**: Support camp leadership and activity specialists in planning ageappropriate activities for campers.
  - b. Arrive on time at your scheduled start time each day to Ensure that all necessary materials and equipment for the day's activities are in order and ready for use.
  - c. Execute the provided daily schedule, organizing and leading field games, crafts, and other enjoyable activities.
  - d. Assist outside vendors and facilitators in execution of their activities/ presentation
  - e. Communicate schedule changes
- 3. Communication:
  - a. Head Counselors: Attend weekly check-in meeting with Camp Leadership
  - b. **Counselors:** Regularly update Head Counselors on issues or concerns and promptly report them to the Camp Director.
  - c. Communicate effectively with co-counselors, parents, and other staff members to ensure a collaborative and informed camp environment
  - d. Attend scheduled staff meetings and provide camp experience reports.
- 4. Camp Area Maintenance:
  - a. Maintain cleanliness or organization of your camp area
  - b. Return all camp supplies to proper location after use
  - c. Assist campers with packing personal items to limit number of items lost/ forgotten

# Hours and Compensation:

Seasonal, Full (40 hours/week) and Part time(16-32 hours/ week) positions are available. Camp is in session June 24<sup>th</sup>- August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and runs from 8:30am-5pm Monday – Friday. Required staff trainings will take place prior to June 24<sup>th</sup>.

An hourly wage of \$13.75- \$17 an hour is available for counselor positions, commensurate with experience. An hourly wage of \$17-18.50 is available for Head Counselor positions, commensurate with experience.

Additional benefits include KPAA member benefits, including discounted access to Killington Resort Amenities, Green Mountain National Golf Course, and Pico Fitness Center.

### **Application Process:**

Send completed application or resume to Emily Hudson, Director of Parks and Recreation at <u>recdirector@killingtontown.com</u> or PO Box 429, Killington, VT 05751. A list of references will be requested if the candidate is considered.

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