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Lifeguard

Position Title: Lifeguard

Employment Status: Seasonal, Temporary

Pay: Weekly rate, meals and lodging included.

Responsible to: Waterfront Director

Description of Responsibilities:

A Lifeguard is responsible for providing supervision and ensuring a safe environment at the camp's waterfront activities. Assist with the management of the physical operation of the waterfront facilities and equipment. Promote high standards in all aspects of the camp program. Serve as a role model to campers and staff by your actions, appearance, manners, language, and general conduct. Participate enthusiastically in all camp activities, planning and leading those as assigned.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

1. Supervise and guard all waterfront activities.

- Provide surveillance during aquatic activities to help prevent and to manage injuries.
- Perform rescues as needed.
- Perform First Aid and CPR and other emergency management skills as needed.
- Understand and implement appropriate response to changes in water conditions or weather conditions affecting the waterfront.
- Enforce waterfront safety procedures for both staff and campers.
- Evaluate aquatics abilities of campers and staff.
- Ensure that ACA standards, state codes, and guidelines from Okizu regarding waterfront programs are being followed.
- Assist in the delivery and supervision of all water activities and special events at the waterfront.

2. Assist in the management and care of the physical facilities and equipment in the waterfront program area.

- Conduct daily check of area and equipment for safety, cleanliness, and good repair.
- Clean waterfront area daily keeping it free of hazards and debris.
- Assist in the set-up of waterfront.

3. Participate as a member of the camp PULSE team to plan, direct, and supervise evening programs, special events, overnights, and other all-camp activities and camp functions

- Work with Program Director and Program Specialists to develop a program curriculum, awards programs, and leadership programs.
- Assist in the planning of any special events at camp.

4. Accept other duties as assigned.

- Assisting staff on site
- Maintenance upon request

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

Required Experience:

- Previous experience in residential camping.
- Current certification in first aid and CPR.
- Current American Red Cross Lifeguard Training (or equivalent), with open water module.
- Minimum two weeks previous experience at a related Aquatic/Waterfront facility.
- Prior experience in the delivery of recreational programs.
- **Minimum age: 18 years**

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Support the beliefs and principles of Okizu.
- Knowledge and experience with Okizu camp program preferred.
- Training and experience in a variety of program activities offered at the camp.
- Desire and ability to work with children outdoors.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Physical Aspects of the Position:

- Ability to communicate and work with groups participating (age and skill levels) and provide necessary instruction to campers and staff.
- Ability to observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques.
- Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the activity.
- Physical ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid.
- Must be able to assist campers in an emergency (fire, evacuation, illness, or injury) and possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers.
- Ability to lift 40-50 pounds.
- Ability to carry and load luggage, tables, chairs, and other waterfront equipment.
- Ability to walk/hike several miles daily, at various grades, elevations, and on uneven terrain.
- Possess endurance including prolonged standing, some bending, stooping, and stretching.
- Operate with daily exposure to the various weather conditions.
- Willing to live in camp setting and work irregular hours delivering program in the facility available.
- Operate with daily exposure to various weather conditions and animals such as bugs, snakes, bats, raccoons, and other wilderness animals common to the area.
- Benefits: Meals and Lodging

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