

Child Life Assistant

JOB DESCRIPTION



Department: CAMP OPERATIONS

Position Summary:

The Child Life Assistant (CLA) will assist the Child Life Specialist (CCLS) in delivery of psychosocial and behavioral support to campers. This individual should have exceptional skills working with children having special physical, emotional, or behavioral needs. The Child Life Assistant will work alongside Cabin Counselors to offer additional support within the cabins, specifically 1:1 support. The Child Life Assistant will act as part of our residential life team to provide all children with a safe and fun experience, with special focus on campers having more individual needs. The Child Life Assistant will work closely with the Child Life Specialist to communicate any behavioral needs of their campers.

Reports to: Child Life Specialist

REQUIREMENTS

- 19 years old or completion of one year of college
- Have the physical and mental capability of caring for Camp Korey's unique demographic of campers
- Commit to the entire length of the summer June 11-Aug 13
- Position requires a flexible work schedule, including evening and weekend hours
- Must have physical ability and stamina to walk long distances over uneven terrain
- Must reside on-site at camp for the duration of the summer
- Must pass a thorough background check
- Must be free of any communicable illness and have current immunizations/vaccines
- Current CPR/AED certification required or willingness to get certified

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Help train and support staff and volunteers in the area of psychosocial care of campers.
2. Intervene and provide conflict resolution to campers whenever necessary.
3. Attend and participate in behavior support meetings throughout each camp session.
4. Work in conjunction with the Child Life Specialist to identify campers with behavior support needs.
5. Work in a team setting providing support to cabin counselors. Live in cabins with campers and staff throughout the summer assisting cabin counselors with camper coverage, supervision, camper's personal care, morning and night routines, etc.
6. Inform/communicate camper support needs to counselors.
7. Review camper information carefully before each session, including the "letter to my counselor" and any other medical and psychosocial information provided by the camp support team, to become aware of the special talents and needs of the incoming campers.
8. Fully participate in cabin groups and ensure all campers are having a positive experience.
9. Work with Child Life Specialist to identify campers who will need 1:1 assistance throughout the week. Meet with families on check in day to gain additional information on best practices to support each camper.
10. Work to communication with weekly nursing staff ensuring medical integration within cabin group. Communicate needs of campers to medical team as necessary.
11. Complete behavior issue reports for campers as necessary.
12. Support year-round staff with transportation runs on arrival and departure day, including regional airport runs and bus trips to surrounding areas.
13. Attend and contribute to all staff meetings.
14. At the end of the season, write a final evaluation of the job duties, strengths, weaknesses, and ways to improve the program.
15. Child Life Assistants are responsible for knowing and adhering to all camp policies in the Camp Manual.
16. Perform any other duties deemed necessary