

# Child Life Practicum

## JOB DESCRIPTION



Department: CAMP OPERATIONS

### Position Summary:

The Child Life Practicum is organized to give students the opportunity to gain insight to Child Life in a medical camp setting. Students will have the opportunity to observe a Child Life Specialist, work with campers who have a variety of medical diagnoses, and work as part of the Camp Korey psychosocial team. This individual should be seeking additional experience working towards the goal of becoming a Child Life Specialist. This individual should have exceptional skills working with children having special physical, emotional, or behavioral needs. The Child Life Practicum Student will work and support Cabin Counselors and Child Life Assistants to offer additional support within the cabins, specifically 1:1 support.

Reports to: Child Life Specialist

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- At least 19 years old with residential camp experience and pediatric hospital experience preferred
- Have the physical and mental capability of caring for our campers
- Commit to the entire length of the practicum assignment (June 11th-July 16th)
- Willingness to work a flexible work schedule, including long hours, evenings and weeks
- Must reside on-site at camp for the duration of the practicum assignment
- Must pass thorough background check
- Must be free of any communicable illness and have current immunizations/vaccines
- Must have physical ability and stamina to walk long distances, over uneven terrain
- CPR/AED certification strongly recommended

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Will spend time shadowing Camp Korey Child Life Specialist
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 and 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.
10. Meet with families on check in day to gain additional information on best practices to support each camper.
11. Complete behavior issue reports for campers as necessary
12. Observe and participate in BLOCK camper leadership program
13. Child Life Assistants are responsible for knowing and adhering to all camp policies in the Camp Manual
14. Perform any other duties deemed necessary

### **PRACTICUM EXPECTATIONS**

**Students will be required to complete the following assignments as practicum students:**

- Weekly journaling reflections
- Educational in-services and discussion
- End of practicum project to benefit Camp Korey programming and child life program

-At the end of the practicum, write a final evaluation of the experience, strengths, weaknesses, and ways to improve the program

Camp Korey is limited in the amount of clinical experience provided. Camp Korey is a medical camp setting and most of the practicum experience will be focused on psychosocial care of campers, 1:1 support, and child life outside the hospital. This practicum is focused on psychosocial interventions of children ages 7-18 and will not contain clinical hospitalization experience. This practicum is not encouraged to replace that of a typical child life practicum in the hospital setting.