

# JOB DESCRIPTION: CABIN COUNSELOR & ACTIVITY INSTRUCTOR



## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Senior Counselor must have completed a year of college or have work experience and maturity required to supervise our campers. Junior Counselor must be at least a junior in H.S.
2. A healthy attitude about living and working with children.
3. Individuals who model healthy lifestyles and strong moral character
4. Ability and knowledge in an area in which we offer instruction at camp.
5. Previous camp experience or experience working with children desirable.
6. Good communication skills and a good command of the English language
7. North Star Camp requires that all staff members have up to date vaccinations for MMR, Td/Tdap, Varicella, Meningococcal, and Hepatitis B.

## **RESPONSIBLE TO:**

Andy and Vickie Shlensky (Camp Directors), Program Directors, Village Directors and our camper's parents.

## **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. To be the responsible adult for a cabin group in accordance with the philosophies, values, and objectives of North Star Camp.
2. To instruct in the program area that you are assigned with enthusiasm, striving to challenge our campers.

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

1. Ability to accompany campers to main program, lead small and large group activities, supervise campers participation in structured and unstructured activities, demonstrate sensitivity to the needs of campers served, interact appropriately with campers in a variety of situations, appropriately model behavior and use positive behavior-management techniques - enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control.
2. Able to assist campers in emergency (fire, injury, etc.); possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers, have mobility to travel up hills and rugged terrain.

## **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. To assume responsibility for the emotional and physical well being of your campers 24 hours a day and to take on a parent like interest in all aspects of the camper's camping experience.
2. To take on parental functions of monitoring a campers diet, hygiene, sleep, health, property, emotional well being and intervening when necessary.
3. To create a fun but orderly living atmosphere within the cabin. To provide structure to cabin life and see to it that cabin policies and work details are in place to cut down on chaos and increase relaxation in cabin life.
4. While in camp you will always be in a supervisory role in regard to campers.
5. To seek help when you need it and to be open to feedback.
6. To communicate any difficulties with your Village Director, Sue and Leb or the Program Director.
7. To share with camp any special skills that you may possess i.e. singing, artistic ability, karate etc. and to take part fully in the camp environment.
8. To be professional in your program area by showing up on time, and giving 100% on your project.
9. To Oversee camper's activity selection to make sure that they get the most out of camp.
10. To provide a positive atmosphere of encouragement and striving for understanding of your campers.
11. To give us your very best effort.
12. To help with work crews to set up and take down camp.
13. To correspond with parents about their child's camping experience