

Job Description

Camp Counselor at 2010 YUGA Summer Leadership Camp

Youth United for Global Action and Awareness: A diverse group of young people, ages 12-24, who promote global unity, understanding and change through awareness, action and connection with other young people from around the world.

Job Summary

To provide support and leadership for 75 domestic and international youth during a week long YUGA Leadership Summer Camp.

General Responsibilities

- Serve as a resource for campers throughout the week
- Be present at all activities and check-ins
- Participate in all workshops and activities
- Demonstrate proper behavior and use good judgment at all times
- Work with other staff members in a supportive and team oriented manner
- Nurture and foster the development of supportive and friendly relationships between campers.
- Help mediate any arguments or tensions between campers
- Maintain close channels of communication with other counselors, staff and campsite directors.
- Be culturally sensitive
- Be inclusive of all participants at all times.
- Be available for campers 24 hours a day
- Troubleshoot with staff if issues or conflicts occur.

Specific Responsibilities

- Attend a two-day training pre-camp (July 16-17th, 2009) at Plan USA offices in Warwick, RI.
- Help design and facilitate globally themed workshops and activities for 75 youth.
- Assist campers in the design and facilitation of their own workshops
- Help organize and participate in additional activities including sports, arts/crafts, scavenger hunts, bonfires etc.
- Led small “family group” sessions of 5-8 youth.
- Lead night duty 1-2 nights throughout the week
- Help maintain order and cleanliness at camp facility
- Oversee daily waterfront time (note: you do not have to swim but must take swim test)
- Help coordinate with outside facilitators
- Run errands both within and outside of camp facility as needed.
- Be present for arrival and departure of all campers
- Be mindful of confidentiality and child protection
- Liaise with the nurse as necessary on health issues
- Lead icebreakers and energizers throughout the week
- Maintain high energy, enthusiasm and a positive attitude throughout the week.

Skills Needed

- Age 18 or older
- A member of YUGA for more than 3 years
- Ability to multi-task and be flexible
- Able to work with youth (ages 12-18) in a participatory way
- Knowledge of Spanish and/or French desirable
- Reliable access to transportation desirable

Other Information

- Counselors are expected to live in accommodations alongside campers
- Counselors must remain on the camp site 24 hours per day unless permission is given by a senior staff member
- Compensation: Counselors will receive a stipend at the close of the week
- Counselors are responsible for their own travel costs to and from Plan USA and the camp site.

Applications: Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Please fill out and send in the attached application as well as a resume detailing your experience and qualifications. Completed applications may be sent to Kate.Ezzes@planusa.org or mailed to Kate Ezzes, 155 Plan Way Warwick, RI, 02886.

Contact information: Kate Ezzes- Manager, Youth Engagement and Action
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YUGA Summer Leadership Camp 2010: Camp Counselor Application!

YOUR INFORMATION

Your Name: _____

Your Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Your Gender: M F

Your Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

OTHER INFORMATION

What is your t-shirt size: XS S M L XL XXL

Your Primary Language: _____

Other languages you speak: _____

Have you studied, lived or traveled abroad: Y N

If yes, where: _____

SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Why do you want to be a YUGA Camp Counselor?
2. What skills will you bring to the position?
3. How long have you been involved with YUGA?
4. State your involvement and leadership in your YUGA group:
5. State your prior experience with childcare (include any previous jobs or certifications):

6. Are you currently CPR and First Aid certified?

7. Please define the term “participatory facilitation?”

8. Please detail any previous experience facilitating with youth, especially between the ages of 12-24.

9. Please attach a resume including details about your education and experience, with references.

~ After reviewing your application and resume we will contact you to schedule an interview for the position.

We look forward to hearing from you!