

General Counselors

General Counselors are guides and role models to a group of campers as they explore the great outdoors. General Counselors at all camps are assigned to live with a cabin of 6-12 campers each session and are required to provide 24-hour-a-day direct supervision of campers. In addition to assisting in specific activity areas, General Counselors create and lead programs as well as participate in activities throughout the day with their campers. Camp activities include, but are not limited to, hiking, boating, ropes course, model farm, art, dance, sports and recreation and swimming.

At Camp ABC, Camp Hayden-Marks, Camp Hidden Valley and Camp Tommy, General Counselors escort their group to and participate in daily activities as well as assist Program Specialists in activity areas with 1-2 other General Counselors. By traveling together as a cabin group throughout the day, counselors and campers are able to participate in camp activities together and grow stronger as a group throughout the encampment. General Counselors also supervise campers in their cabins, the dining hall and during evening activities, help campers adjust to camp and manage camper behavior.

At Camp Mariah, General Counselors act as Teaching Assistants during the day. While their campers go to their chosen activity areas, General Counselors are assigned to a classroom where they assist the Program Instructor in their program area by supervising campers and providing help in the classroom as needed. General Counselors also supervise campers in their cabins, the dining hall and during evening activities, help campers adjust to camp and manage camper behavior.

Position Specific Requirements:

- At least 18 years of age
- Able to work for the entire duration of the summer program
- Must have completed at least one year of college
- Experience working with children

Summer salary: Salaries start at \$2,200 and include room and board

Please see the following page for a detailed job description.

General Counselor

Responsible to: Village Leader/Head Counselor

Qualifications

1. Age: Must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Education: High school graduate, 1 or 2 years of college preferred.
3. Experience: Must have either one year experience in camping and supervision of children or have completed an acceptable training course.
4. Personal: Good health, emotionally mature and a willingness to work under supervision to accomplish the FAF's objectives.

Responsibilities

1. With input from the campers, plan the overall activities for campstead.
2. Provide leadership and guidance to twelve campers. Assume responsibility for supervision of their personal hygiene and safety.
3. Interpret to the campers the policies, traditions and rules of the camp.
4. Practice good health habits and maintain good personal appearance.
5. Maintain records on each camper to help evaluate their needs, goals and progress during their camp experience. (Procedures for record-keeping will be covered in pre-camp training).
6. Assume responsibility for the use and care of camp equipment and facilities.
7. Be totally familiar with emergency procedures and follow them when necessary.
8. Be willing to invest your time with the campers to meet their needs, challenge their capabilities, and be as competent as possible.
9. Participate in overnights and hikes.
10. Follow other rules and regulations that are deemed important by the Camp Director.
11. Strive to work in a cooperative manner with fellow staff to achieve goals of the program.
12. Understand that campers come first and decisions should be made in the best interest of campers.

Working Conditions

1. Shares the above responsibilities with a co-counselor.
2. Time off will be arranged by the Village Leader.