

CAMP JONAH SUMMER STAFF

SUMMER RESIDENT ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTION

Overview:

A Summer R.A.'s main responsibility is the welfare and care of a group of 8-12 Summer Staffies each week. The purpose of this position is to offer support and care as well as supervision to the Summer Staff team by being available to lead and assist them at all times. The Summer Staffies are your campers for 7¹/₂ weeks! The Summer R.A.'s should be available to help with program and camper needs, but their first responsibility and primary focus is to aid the Staffies in being the best they can be for the campers. Summer R.A.'s are chosen for their experience and love for camping ministry, spiritual maturity, passionate love for God and leadership ability. They must be able to mentor and lead the Staffies on a daily basis. They must be able to work well with others in an interdependent and cooperative staff community.

Qualifications:

- Age 18+
- Live a life in Christian victory that can be exhibited as well as explained
- Christian Maturity and evidence of continued growth
- A belief that God has called him/her to serve at Camp this summer
- Experience as a summer camp Cabin Leader/Counselor
- Leadership experience
- Strong relational and leadership skills
- Upbeat, fun and positive
- Flexible and able to handle change - roll with the punches
- Able to explain the Gospel and lead someone to Christ
- Able to handle high stress, long hours and little sleep
- Able to counsel a camper or mentor a Staffie through hard questions or life issues
- Able to lead others spiritually and emotionally
- Able to calmly deal with conflict resolution in a mature and productive way
- Create a positive experience and atmosphere for campers and staff
- Dependable with a strong work ethic
- A person who anticipates needs and acts without being asked
- Previous experience as a Camp Jonah Cabin Leader is desired.

Requirements and Responsibilities:

- Before first camp begins, complete the summer staff application process

- This is a full summer position beginning Sunday June 11th and ending Wednesday August 9th
- Maintain a daily personal relationship with Jesus through personal and staff devotions
- Follow an exhausting weekly schedule and remain flexible when needed
- Be constantly attentive to the needs of campers and Staffies - Focus all your time and attention on them
- Assist Staffies with all camper related issues
- Effectively share the Gospel with campers and staff
- Lead devotions and small discussion groups with campers and/or staff
- Participate and assist with program activities and/or Cabin Groups whenever needed
- Seek to develop a positive, loving relationship with each of your Staffies
- Have a *one-on-one* with each of your Staffies during each week of camp
- Deal with camper and staff conflict and disciplinary issues in a firm, loving and positive way
- Talk to the Camp Coordinator, and/or take any Staffie who is not following your directions to the Camp Coordinator
- Work as a team with the other Summer R.A. to plan staff activities
- Take time for personal rest/devotions (minimum 1 hour each day)
- Make sure all campers and staff are in bed each night at the time of lights out for the campers
- Attend all daily staff meetings
- Attend *Recap and Rejoice* meeting after camp on the final day of each camp session
- Assist the Dream Team in cleaning the facilities at the end of each camp session
- Rest during your time off
- Attend church each Sunday morning
- During the Camp Week, do not leave Camp Jonah without informing the Camp Coordinator
- Keep a positive and joyful attitude
- Seek to contribute positively to the quality of the overall camp program
- Be willing to fill in any position when needed
- Put aside personal plans and desires for the good of the entire camp
- Work to develop a team spirit and focus with the rest of the summer staff by loving and serving one another