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Youth Leadership Counselor

Hidden Villa Summer Camp

Hidden Villa Camp is dedicated to promoting multicultural understanding and environmental stewardship. We instill in our campers a sense of responsibility towards the earth, and provide the tools to positively affect the earth and the people who inhabit it.

Desired Qualifications:

- Previous camp staff/environmental educator experience
- Current CPR, First Aid
- Ability to creatively schedule programs
- Ability and experience in supervising youth programs
- Ability to coach and give feedback to a diverse staff and teen campers
- Experience with backpacking equipment including stoves, etc.
- Knowledge of natural history and low-impact philosophy
- Excellent communication skills and teaching experience
- Desire and ability to work with teens in an outdoor setting
- Desire and ability to co-lead a ten day backpacking trip
- Strong interest in developing camp programs
- At least 21 years of age

Responsible To:

Camp Directors

General Responsibility:

Work as a counselor for teens in Youth Leadership Programs including ACTI, ACT II and Bay to Sea Backpacking. Responsible for planning and leading workshops, to train ACT participants, with Youth Leadership staff.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Participate in pre summer online training
2. Co-Lead a group of 12 campers on 10 day backpacking trip from Hidden Villa Ranch to Waddell Beach in Santa Cruz twice during the summer.
3. Work as a mentor in the ACT program teaching teens to work with children as well as leadership & life skills.
4. Ensure the health, safety and well-being of all campers in your group
5. Work with Day and Residential Staff to get and give feedback for ACT participants.
6. Develop a relationship with each participant
7. Create a fun and exciting camp experience for teens in your charge
8. Recognize and respond to opportunities for problem solving in the group
9. Work with Youth Leadership Staff when there are camper adjustment or discipline problems
10. Provide opportunities for discussion of individual or group problems or concerns
11. Provide opportunities for the group so that each individual experiences success during camp
12. These are not the only duties to be performed. Some duties may be reassigned and others assigned as required

Essential Functions

1. Ability to communicate and work with teens and staff in your program and provide necessary instruction.
2. Abilities to observe camper behavior, assess appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior management techniques.
3. Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to camp activities.
4. Physical strength required to participate in a 10 day backpacking trip and respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid.

Base Salary: \$275 per week + DOE. Room & Board.