

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: Rock Climbing Specialist

Desired Qualifications:

- Training and experience in rock climbing activities
- Basic knowledge of rock climbing equipment, including ropes, helmets, harnesses, carabineers, GriGris, and basic knowledge of rock climbing skills including securing anchors for belaying, belaying, repelling, and aid-free climbing, and ability to teach these skills to campers
- Ability to supervise campers
- Desire and ability to work with children outdoors
- Ability to relate to one's peer group
- Ability to accept supervision and guidance
- Good character, integrity, and adaptability
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, good judgment, patience, and self control
- At least 19 years old or 18 and one year of college
- Current CPR and second level first aid certification preferred

Responsible To: Directors, Assistant Director, Program Director, and Rock Climbing Director

Camp Goals: To provide a safe, non-competitive, largely team-oriented wilderness adventure program through which children can have fun, make friends, and build self confidence by tackling challenges and developing new skills.

General Responsibilities:

- To assist in teaching and helping to coordinate the camp's rock climbing activities, and help maintain standards that lead to a quality program
- To supervise campers, including enforcing safety regulations
- To identify and meet camper needs
- To carry out camp programs
- To fulfill other staff administrative roles

Specific Responsibilities:

- To assist in setting up rock climbing work and storage area during staff training
- To conduct a daily check of equipment for safety, cleanliness, and good repair
- To make (or file for) equipment repairs

- To submit orders for equipment and supplies when needed, with approval of the Director, ensuring timely arrival of equipment and supplies
- To implement a check-out and return system for equipment
- To teach and monitor proper use of equipment and climbing techniques of campers and specialists
- To provide opportunities for campers to process and learn from their experience
- To assist in keeping records on all participants and to help them build confidence and gain skills
- To assist in conducting initial and end-of-season inventory, storing, and keeping equipment in good condition
- To assist in award recognition and participation certificates to campers, when earned
- To fulfill the specific responsibilities of General Counselor
- To assist in evaluating the current season and make recommendations for equipment, supplies, and the program for the following season
- These are not the only duties to be performed. Some duties may be reassigned and other duties may be assigned as required

Essential Functions:

- Cognitive and communication abilities to plan and conduct group and individual activities to achieve camp goals
- Ability to observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques
- Ability to inspect equipment for safety, cleanliness, and good repair, and to effect (or file for) repairs
- Possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers and to teach the rock climbing program
- Ability to carry out all duties at an elevation of at least 7,500 feet
- Possess physical ability to climb single pitch vertical rock faces without aids, to repel, to belay campers and staff, to move about the camp, along steep mountain trails, and bushwhacking without trails
- Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to camper activities
- Physical ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid and CPR, to assist campers in emergency situations (fire, evacuation, illness, injury and rescue), and to communicate via radio and telephone to summon help