

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: Ropes/Challenge Course Specialist

Desired Qualifications:

- Training and experience with ropes/challenge course programs
- Ability to coordinate a ropes/challenge course program using a course designed for the camp
- Ability to maintain the course in excellent working condition
- 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 with one year of college
- Current CPR and first aid certifications

Responsible To: Directors, Assistant Director, Program Director, and Ropes Course 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 implement the camp's ropes/challenge course program in conjunction with the Ropes Course Director
- 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 ropes/challenge course prior to and during staff training
- To conduct a daily check of equipment for safety, cleanliness, and good repair
- To facilitate campers through course elements and activities
- 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 assist in teaching and monitoring the proper use of equipment
- To assist in conducting initial and end-of-season inventory, and store equipment for safety
- To assist in preparing lesson plans
- To assist in keeping records on all participants and to help them progress from beginner to advanced levels
- To follow standard rules applicable to ropes/challenge courses
- To assist in packing all equipment and supplies when the season ends
- To assist in evaluating the current season and make recommendations for equipment, supplies, and the program for the following season
- To fulfill the specific responsibilities of General Counselor
- 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
- Possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers, and to climb ropes/challenge course elements up to 40 feet tall at least 12 times per day, and to effect rescues of campers from all elements of the course
- Ability to carry out all duties at an elevation of at least 6,200 feet
- Possess physical ability to move about the camp and to climb ropes/challenge course elements up to 40 feet tall
- 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, or injury), and to communicate via radio and telephone to summon help