# Job Description Adventure Counselor

Classification: Exempt (Seasonal)

Area: Sports/Adventure

Reports to: Camp Directors

Dates: Per Offer Letter

### **Camp Quinebarge**

Camp Quinebarge is a traditional, overnight boys and girls summer camp lying on 70 acres of forest and over 1,200 feet of lakefront on Lake Kanasatka in Moultonborough, NH. Since 1936, Camp Quinebarge has fostered an environment for children to learn about themselves and the world around them, try new activities and learn new skills, have fun, and make friendships that last a lifetime.

At Quinebarge, counselors lead program activities as well as live in and supervise their assigned cabin of campers. During activity periods, counselors are responsible for their activity areas and for the group of campers assigned for that hour; most other times, they are with their cabin. Senior staff spend some of their time in the office, but most of their day is spent out and about, supervising activities or cabin time, resolving issues, and supporting counseling staff. Adventure and Sports staff work hand-in-hand, and Adventure staff can expect to work in Sports if needed.

#### **Adventure Counselor**

Camp Quinebarge's Adventure Course includes a 30 foot, 4 ascent climbing wall, a Low Ropes course with 12 elements, and a 6-element High Ropes Course with Zipline.

Ropes and Wall are both very popular activities within the Sports and Adventure Program, with offerings during every activity period. Our goals within these activities are to help campers overcome obstacles or fears, and build life skills including communication, teamwork, trust, cooperation, and have fun challenging themselves in a safe and supportive environment.

#### **Adventure Job Functions**

- Deliver a fun Adventure Program to campers.
- Ensure that camp staff and campers know and follow safety and educational procedures in the program area.
- Assist in the management and care of the physical facilities and equipment in the Ropes and Wall program area.

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Equipment used includes ropes, harnesses, helmets, belay systems, ladders, handholds for climbing wall, and all elements of low and high ropes courses.

#### **Cabin Duties**

Adventure Counselors will be assigned to live in a cabin with 4-12 campers and one or more co-counselors. Cabins are the very base of life at Camp; campers live in their cabins with children of their own age and it is where most bonding occurs. A cabin counselor is more than a supervisor or babysitter; he creates a bond with his cabin, mentors and inspires campers, and handles minor issues that arise. A camper spends more time with his cabin counselors than with any other adult on camp, and can be most impacted by him for that reason. We want to create friendships, foster growth and independence, and make sure our campers have the best summer experience possible.

Cabin counselors lead all aspects of cabin life, including morning cabin cleanup, bedtime routine, and nightly Candle Pass, as well as spending time with their campers during Rest Period and special events. Each cabin goes on at least one adventure per session - a trip and/or campout on camp or offsite, where cabins laugh, sing, tell stories, and become even closer. In the unlikely event that a counselor is assigned to staff housing, she is still assigned to a cabin and is expected to fully participate as a member of that cabin, only sleeping elsewhere.

#### **Cabin Counselor Job Functions**

- Participate enthusiastically in all camp activities, planning, and leading activities as assigned.
- Supervising, mentoring, and leading a cabin of 4-12 campers.
- Mentor any CIT assigned to the cabin.
- Perform other general counselor duties, including but not limited to meal supervision, Night Duty, assisting with trips, and other duties as they arise.

Other duties may arise and be assigned by the Directors or other Senior Staff. These may include planning or setting up for special events, acting as a secondary leader for small offsite trips, covering other program or cabin areas, and more.

#### **Qualifications and Abilities**

- Current certification in challenge courses, belaying or similar or documented experience and training. This may be acquired onsite during staff training.
- Significant organized experience in one or more of our key sports activities.
  - Able to perform physical aspects of the position, including:
  - Work long hours in an active Program.
  - Identify and respond to environmental and other hazards.
  - Respond appropriately to situations requiring First Aid, and assist campers in an emergency (fire, evacuation, illness, or injury).
  - Possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers.
- 18 years of age as of the start of employment and eligible for work in the United States.
- 21+ with valid Driver's License and clean driving record preferred.
- Meets state, federal, and ACA requirements for summer camp employment. Must pass a background check and provide other forms and details
- Min. 1 year of college/university or completion of the Quinebarge CIT Leadership Program.
- Current certification in CPR and/or First Aid. This may be acquired onsite during staff training.
- Other certifications a plus (Lifeguard, Wilderness First Aid).
- Desire to work with and inspire children in a summer camp environment.

#### **Salary and Benefits**

Camp Quinebarge offers a competitive salary, room and board, leadership and other training, weekly laundry, camp t-shirts, and the opportunity to participate in trips and onsite events. Staff are eligible for performance bonuses. Counselors receive one 12-hour day off during Traditions training week, and one 24-hour day off during camper weeks 2-7. There are no days off during camper weeks 1 or 8. Counselors will also have one evening off per week, except during camper week 8.

#### **How to Apply**

To apply for this or other positions at Camp Quinebarge, please visit campquinebarge.com/staff.

Being a camp counselor at Camp Quinebarge is an incredibly fun and rewarding experience for someone who enjoys children and helping them grow and is a summer you will remember forever. It is also physically and emotionally demanding and not for everyone. Please consider both before applying. Camp Quinebarge is an Equal Opportunity Employer, a member of the New Hampshire Camp Directors Association, and accredited by the American Camp Association.

A Typical Day

## **Camp Quinebarge**



- 7:30 am Wakeup Bell
  - Ensure that cabin campers are awake and getting ready for the day.
- 7:45 am Waiters Bell
  - Ensure that waiter goes to Dining Hall.
  - Shepherd campers to Dining Hall for breakfast. Counselor is the last one out of the cabin.
- 8:00 am Breakfast
  - Supervise campers at your table.
  - Model and enforce proper meal etiquette, especially trips to the buffet line.
- 8:30 am Announcements
  - Remind campers at your table to see the nurse if they have breakfast meds.
- 8:30 9:00 am Cabin Cleanup
  - Oversee cleanup and coach campers through their chores.
- 9:00 1:00 pm Activity Periods
  - Four 1-hour periods of Adventure.
- 12:45 pm Waiters Bell
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Announcements
- 1:35 -2:30 pm Rest Period
  - With your cabin, rest or quietly play/socialize.
  - Make sure all campers and yourself are changed into swimwear before the bell at 2:30.
  - Travel as a group to the Waterfront when the bell rings.
- 2:30 pm 4:00 pm General Swim
- 4:00 5:30 pm Activity Period
- 5:30 6:00 pm Free Time and Quinebarge World Championship
  - Supervise and socialize with campers in cabin area or center of camp.
- 5:45 pm Waiters Bell
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 6:30 pm Announcements
- 6:35 -7:00 pm Free Time/Evening Activity Prep
  - Return to cabin with campers to change or prepare for Evening Activity.
  - Travel to Evening Activity as a group when the bell rings, ensuring a counselor is the last to leave the cabin.
- 7:00 8:05 pm Evening Activity
  - Evening Activity, assist or participate as directed.

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- 8:05 pm Friendship Circle
  - o Participate enthusiastically and ensure campers do the same.
  - Return to cabin with cabin group.
- 8:10 9:00 pm Shower Hour
  - Males
    - Ensure that campers are ready for showers and wash house. Cabins rotate through these from youngest to oldest.
    - Physically go with the cabin to the shower house and wash house, then return to the cabin.
    - Supervise campers from outside the shower house to keep them on schedule and on task.
  - Females
    - Ensure that campers complete shower schedule in a timely manner.
- 9:00 pm Candle Pass
  - Facilitate Candle Pass for your cabin, with guided discussion or questions to help them along.
  - Participate actively and enthusiastically.
- 9:15 pm Lights Out
  - Turn off the lights and remain in the cabin, encouraging kids to sleep or read quietly, until released by Night Duty at 9:30.
  - o If you are on Night Duty, Head Counselor will deliver clipboard and walkie to you.
- 9:30 11:30 pm Night Duty or Free Time, per schedule