



Summer 2020

Dear Prospective Camp Counselors,

We are looking for mature, enthusiastic, hardworking and caring role models. We are now hiring seasonal summer camp staff for Day Camp/Science Camp/Adventure Club and Theater Camp.

Why Sheridan County YMCA Camp? Each person who works at Y camp is selected because of their strength of character, professionalism, demonstrated commitment to mentoring children and their ability to role model the values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility through words and actions.

HONESTY – Truthfulness and genuine with self and others.

CARING – To show loving kindness, compassion and empathy for the interest of others.

RESPECT – Honor towards others, humility.

RESPONSIBILITY – Trustworthiness; dependable.

Your challenge and reward: Working at camp is truly one of the most challenging and rewarding opportunities you will experience. Y Camp staff model the behaviors of our values, performance objectives and Y mission. If you, like us, are excited by the opportunities and undeterred by the challenges of working at Y Camp...if you want to share your talents and experiences with kids and fellow staff...if you support the teamwork that makes Y Camp special and will project that support by your own example...if you want to experience a lifetime of growth and personal accomplishment...we look forward to reviewing your application!

We are excited that you are interested in learning more about our work and joining our seasonal staff team.

How to apply:

1. Complete application
2. Check on application which camps you are interested in applying for
-Day Camp/Science Camp/Adventure Club or Theater Camp
3. **We are taking applications until all spots are filled**
3. You will receive a confirmation that your application has been received. Be prepared to have a director contact you to learn more about your experience and interest as well as set up an official interview time.

Sincerely,

Camp Leadership Team



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Camp Counselor Application

Please read through the following descriptive for which position you are interested in applying for. Thank you!

Day Camp/ Science Camp/ Adventure Club Counselor based out of the Y – Ages 16 and older

Job Responsibilities:

- Typical workday is from 7:30-4:30, Monday through Friday. There will be exceptions according to which camp you are working each particular week.
- Be able to commit to entire camp season – June through mid-August.
- Attend all mandatory training sessions, staff meetings, and in services. Training dates will be June 1, 2 and 3, 2020.
- Work with assigned group of 8-10 campers and be responsible for group at all times
- Assist in establishing, maintaining and developing staff unity and communication between LIT's, LIT Coordinator, and Camp Director
- Be responsible for diverse program experiences for assigned group during camp period
- Be responsive to campers needs and wherever possible involve group in decision making
- AT ALL TIMES be responsible for insuring SAFETY OF ALL CAMPERS throughout camp session
- Keep camp clean and safe for all campers and staff
- Ensure the preservation of the natural environment of the camp setting
- Maintain a neat appearance; wearing appropriate staff shirts
- Follow all Y policies and guidelines
- Assist with camp clean up

I have read the above list and am confident I can fulfill these responsibilities during the 2020 Camp season.

Signature

Date

Theater Camp Counselor based out of the Y

– Ages 16 and older

Job Responsibilities:

- Typical workday is from 7:30-4:30, Monday through Friday.
- Attend all mandatory training sessions, staff meetings, and in services. Training dates will be June 1, 2 and 2, 2020.
- Be able to commit to 3 separate theater-based camps:
 - July 13-17: Theater Camp II
 - July 20-24: Theater Camp I
 - July 27-31: Exploring Theater
- Work with campers in small group settings developing their performance abilities and be responsible for your group at all times.
- Thoroughly learn (not memorize) the lines and songs of the productions we are showcasing.
- Demonstrate vocal and theatrical concepts for campers (i.e. harmonizing, staging, etc.).
- Lead productive group rehearsals using positive and clear feedback, classroom management and an understanding of daily timelines.
- Engage with campers as frequently as possible, even when you are not the lead instructor (singing along, checking page numbers, pulling a small group, etc.).
- Participate in performances as a member of the backstage crew.
- Be responsive to campers needs, and wherever possible, involve group in decision making.
- AT ALL TIMES be responsible for ensuring SAFETY of ALL CAMPERS throughout the camp session.
- Keep camp clean, safe and organized for all campers and staff.
- Maintain a neat appearance; wearing appropriate staff attire.
- Follow all Y policies and guidelines.
- Assist with camp clean up, INCLUDING STRIKE.

I have read the above list and am confident I can fulfill these responsibilities during the 2020 Camp season.

Signature

Date



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Please check at least one. Check more than one if applicable. I am applying for:

- Day Camp/Science Camp/Adventure Club
- Theater Camp Counselor

Background Information:

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

If you are currently attending school, what year of school will you be entering next fall? _____

Current Certification(s) (answer yes or no)

CPR _____ Date of expiration _____

First Aid _____ Date of expiration _____

Lifeguard Certification _____ Date of expiration _____

Please list any other certifications and date of expiration:

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS:

******Counselors contribute an important part of what it takes to make camp fun and meaningful for campers. As a Camp Counselor you will be expected to provide a safe environment for campers and yourself as well as act as a positive role model. Use the back of the page if you run out of space.

Please rank the activities below from 1 to 3 based on your interest and ability to teach them. **1** = no experience, willing to learn; **2**= some experience, able to assist instruction; **3**= lots of experience, able to teach; **NA** = no answer, no interest to me

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| ___ lead a group in singing | ___ teach a camping skill |
| ___ shoot a bow and arrow | ___ identify plants and animals |
| ___ row a canoe | ___ teach a craft |
| ___ develop a funny, tasteful and enjoyable skit for campers to do | |
| ___ row a kayak | ___ use a camera |
| ___ fishing skills | ___ backpack |
| ___ play a musical instrument | ___ speak a foreign language |

Extracurricular activities you are involved in.

Do you have any other outdoor or nature skills? Describe.

Please answer the following questions thoughtfully. Feel free to attach an additional sheet if needed.

Why do you want to be a camp counselor this summer?

What experiences do you have working with children?

Describe your role within group/team situations.

Describe how you are a role model and use the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibilities in your everyday life? *Please provide at least one example.*

At the end of the day, how would you want a camper to finish this sentence? "My counselor, (your name) taught me OR showed me OR let me"

If you could have a superpower, what would it be? Why?

What are the top three qualities everyone who works with children must have to succeed? Why?

What hobbies or interests do you have that you think would be helpful in this position?

Please list previous work or volunteer experience.

Are you a former camper? ___ YES ___ NO
Are you a former counselor? ___ YES ___ NO
Are you a former LIT? ___ YES ___ NO

Be prepared. These questions may be asked during our interview.

*As a potential counselor what do you see your greatest strengths to be?

*Weaknesses?

*What five words would your friends, family or parents use to describe you? Would you agree?

*Anything else you'd like us to know about you?

Potential Theater Camp Counselors questions may be asked during our interview.

*Tell us about some of your theater experience.

*Are you comfortable demonstrating singing and acting techniques for large groups of campers?

*What do you find rewarding/challenging about working with children?

References:

Be sure and notify individuals before listing them as a reference. We will be contacting all references.

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Signature Date

We are taking applications until all spots are filled

Return to:

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