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POCONO FAMILY YMCA JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: **Day Camp Counselor**

Status: Full-time (Seasonal)

Reports to: Camp Director

Department: Camp

Revision Date: 5/1/17

POSITION SUMMARY:

This position supports the work of the Y, a leading non-profit committed to strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Provides direct supervision of a group of children in a seasonal day camp. Creates positive, nurturing relationships with children, while building cooperative relationships with parents/caregivers. Promotes and supports the potential of all youth in programs and facilitates peer-to-peer connections as part of the overall camp experience.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Supervises a group of children.
2. Plans and implements program activities that are culturally relevant, developmentally appropriate and consistent with YMCA values.
3. Adheres to program standards including safety and cleanliness standards.
4. Attends staff meetings and trainings.
5. Follows YMCA policies and procedures, including those related to medical and disciplinary situations, child abuse prevention and emergencies.
6. Cultivates positive relationships and maintains effective communication with parents, children and other staff. Models relationship-building skills in all interactions.
7. Performs other duties as assigned and in accordance with the planned Chart of Work.

YMCA COMPETENCIES (Leader):

Mission Advancement: Accepts and demonstrates the Ys values. Demonstrates a desire to serve others and fulfill community needs. Recruits volunteers and builds effective, supportive working relationships with them. Supports fundraising.

Collaboration: Works effectively with people of different backgrounds, abilities, opinions and perceptions. Builds rapport and relates well to others. Seeks first to understand the other person's point of view and remains calm in challenging situations. Listens for understanding and meaning; speaks and writes effectively. Takes initiative to assist in developing others.

Operational Effectiveness: Makes sound judgments and transfers learning from one situation to another. Embraces new approaches and discovers ideas to create a better member experience. Establishes goals, clarifies tasks, plans work and actively participates in meetings. Follows budgeting policies and procedures and reports all financial irregularities immediately. Strives to meet or exceed goals and deliver a high-value experience for members.

Personal Growth: Pursues self-development that enhances job performance. Demonstrates an openness to change and seeks opportunities in the change process. Accurately assesses personal feelings, strengths and limitations and how they impact relationships. Has the functional and technical knowledge and skills required to perform well; uses best practices and demonstrates up-to-date knowledge and skills in technology.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. High school graduate or equivalent; one year or more of college preferred.
2. Previous experience working with children preferably in a day camp setting.

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3. Experience preferred in one or more of the following areas: outdoor living, archery, boating, camping, songs/music, skits, sports, aquatics, recreational games, etc...
4. Minimum age requirement of 18 unless with approval from the Executive Director.
5. CPR with AED, First Aid and Child Abuse Prevention training prior to the start of camp.
6. Previous experience with diverse populations preferred.

WORK ENVIRONMENT & PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Ability to plan, lead and participate in a range of activities in a variety of outdoor/indoor settings.

SELF-MOTIVATION & INNOVATION:

To be able to accomplish the goals set forth in this job description, the incumbent will need to possess a *will to succeed*. "What can I do to advance the Y and help it become more successful?" should be the mind-set. The heart of the position will be the ability to look past "what is" and to see "what can/should be". A high level of self-motivation and innovation/creativity is required to be successful at this position.

SIGNATURE:

I have reviewed and understand this job description.

Employee's name

Employee's signature

Today's date: _____