Day Camp Junior Counselor Position

Goal of Position: To assist camp counselors with the activities, crafts, and games within their camp group to foster a positive, inclusive, and engaging experience for all campers.

Sample of Activities

- Lead games during check-in in the morning and check out in the afternoon
- Lead songs on the tractor cart and when walking between sites
- Assist campers with activities as part of learning experiences and site visits
- Reinforce expectations and rules with campers as needed
- Be a listening ear and keep Counselor informed
- Walk campers to restrooms, handwashing, and water bottle refilling locations
- Assist counselors in planning and gathering materials in the morning
- Assist in cleaning up during and after activities, such as washing dishes, wiping off tables, picking up scraps from the floor, putting crayons/markers back in boxes, etc. and reminding campers to assist in clean-up.

Other Responsibilities

- Uphold the Mission Statement, Vision Statement, the Museum Code of Conduct which includes the Character Counts Program, Day Camp Program Statement, and Volunteer Program Statement in actions, behaviors, and speech when at Living History Farms
- Be a role-model for all campers and support your counselor in their expectations for campers
- Ask for assistance, help, or guidance as needed from your counselor or the Day Camp Assistant

Time Commitment

- You will be scheduled to volunteer Monday-Friday, 8:40 am - 4:00 pm.
- Junior Counselors are encouraged to volunteer 2 weeks of the summer, while more experienced Junior Counselors may volunteer more than 2 weeks.
- Junior Counselors will be notified of their scheduled weeks after interviews and applications have occurred. Placement of junior counselors with specific groups will be made based on prior experiences and interview results.
- Junior Counselors will not be intentionally placed with friends
- It is rare, but occasionally, camps are cancelled due to low registration. When this occurs, the JC’s are also cancelled or moved to a different position within that week, when possible.

Qualifications

- You must enjoy working with children and adults, be flexible to changes, energetic, and have a desire to share in the camper’s excitement.
- You are exposed to all kinds of weather, as a majority of the activities are outside. You should have the ability to move or lift items as needed for camp. You’ll be walking distances as you engage in activities around our property.

Age Requirements

- The minimum age is 14 before the week of camp in which you will be volunteering.