

CAMP COUNSELOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Personal Qualifications

- Respect for people with autism spectrum disorders and all ability levels
- Sense of responsibility
- Exhibit positive team member traits
- Flexibility / patience
- Use of good communication skills that exhibit professionalism
- Enjoy nature and a camp atmosphere
- Demonstrate understanding, supportiveness, interest, cooperation and enthusiasm

General Requisites

Orientation

- Attend pre-camp orientation training – arrive on time
- Review camper information for all campers in assigned group
- Participate in all camp trainings

Camp Session

- Interact positively and respectfully with staff, parents and campers at all times
- Work directly with campers in a small group under the supervision of a Program Staff
- Assist campers with dressing, feeding, toileting and personal hygiene as needed
- Actively participate with campers in daily activities
- Implement Pro-Active strategies and individualized camper programming
- Participate with campers in swim program, as available (swimming expertise not necessary)
- Possess a level of fitness to endure the rigors of camp
- Assist with completing Campers Daily Journals using positive accounts
- Attend meetings with camp director(s) & Program Staff
- Follow Camp Schedule – be on time
- Follow Autism Society of Minnesota personnel policy: Camp staff must remain on the camp property during the entire time that campers are in residence. Camp staff may leave the camp property only if he/she is conducting camp business approved by the camp director(s).
- Follow camp facility's policies
- Attend all meals and interact with both staff and campers
- Communicate to Program and Activity Staff your whereabouts at all times
- Demonstrate awareness of group needs and a willingness to help others

Post Camp

- Assist with cabin clean up
- Complete all camp evaluations and turn in to camp director(s) via mail
- Assist with clean up and storage of camp supplies
- Check out with camp director(s) prior to leaving camp

STAFF PACKING LIST

Comfortable shoes
Closed toe shoes for horseback riding
Comfortable clothing (outdoors) for entire week (laundry facilities are not available for staff)
Rain gear (jacket)
Sheets & blankets (twin size) or Sleeping bag
Pillow
Fitted twin sheet to cover mattress (even if you're bringing a sleeping bag)
Swimsuit and Beach towel
Bath towels, hand towel and wash cloth
Personal toiletries (Please, no perfumes or colognes)
Hand soap, shampoo, etc.
Your favorite snacks, all labeled with your name, in a sealed container
Your favorite non-alcoholic drinks, all labeled with your name
Sunscreen/Hat/Sunglasses
Camera/extra film
Extra batteries for camera or other electronic equipment
Good reading
Water bottle
Backpack (to carry your and your camper's things)
Alarm clock & watch
Calling card/phone card (there is only one pay phone for staff use at camp)
Cell phone (only to be used while off duty)
Ear plugs (in case your neighbor snores)
Travel mug/Cup with lid for hot beverages
Laundry bag
Spending \$\$\$ for camp store
Pens/Pencils & notebook paper
Flashlight with extra batteries
A sense of humor!
Natural bug spray
Baby oil gel (to prevent Swimmer's Itch)
Benadryl & anti-itch cream (to take the itch away if you get Swimmer's Itch)

*****There are no locked doors at camp. We suggest that you do not bring any expensive or sentimental items as AuSM is not responsible for any lost or damaged items.***

Have questions?

Call camp office at (651)647-1083 x16 or email to camp@ausm.org.