



Position Description

Title: Camp Leader, Camp VIP
Classification: Non-Exempt
Work Schedule: 32.50 hours per week, 8:30AM-3:15PM
Start Date: June 17- August 23, 2019
Report to: Program Coordinator
Work Site: The Bridge Center, 470 Pine Street Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Position Purpose:

The Bridge Center is looking for an experienced, patient, outgoing, and professional individual to serve as the VIP Camp Leader. VIP is a weekly camp for teens and adults ages 14-18 with high functioning disabilities. Campers in VIP are interested in developing self-confidence and leadership skills to better strengthen their readiness for volunteer and/or work positions. VIP campers will have the opportunity to engage in a supervised and structured camp experiences where they will assist counselors in leading camp activities and volunteering in varied capacities around The Bridge Center. Campers will also get to have fun at the pool, at the pond, playing games and more as they strengthen group dynamics. On Thursdays, VIP campers that have exhibited appropriate and responsible behaviors will enjoy a field trip off campus to a local organization where they will learn about volunteer opportunities. The Camp Leader is responsible in planning all off-campus trips. Campers are provided support depending on their individual needs and are supported by our staff in a 1:3 or 1:4 camper to counselor ratio. The Camp Leader must commit to working **ALL** 10 weeks (training week + nine weeks of summer camp).

Primary Duties & Responsibilities

*The following duties **ARE NOT** intended to serve as a comprehensive list of all duties performed by all employees in this classification, only a representative summary of the primary duties and responsibilities. Incumbent(s) may be required to perform all duties listed and may be required to perform additional, position-specific duties.*

- Oversee day-to-day operations of Camp VIP
- Ability and desire to work with individuals with disabilities in an outdoor setting where “campers come first”
- Ability and desire to work with persons of all ages, ability levels, and backgrounds in a dynamic outdoor environment which values growth and change of self and others
- Plan curriculum and daily schedules for VIP in collaboration with the Program Coordinator
- Conduct training specific to VIP during staff training week and throughout the summer
- Oversee new camper assessments and proper camper placements (in collaboration the Program Director)
- Create weekly staff schedules ensuring adequate coverage for the highest level of safety
- Provide daily leadership for staff (i.e. positive attitude, high energy, enthusiastic, effective problem solving skills, etc)



- Oversee crisis intervention to ensure the highest level of safety for campers and staff
- Develop rapport and effective consistent communication with parents and families
- Conduct mid-summer and end of summer staff evaluations
- Willing to ride the Boston Bus during high enrollment weeks, if necessary
- Supervise extended day from 3-5pm one-two times per week, if needed
- Plan morning meetings with staff and campers
- Collaborate with Program Coordinator to ensure group schedules
- Create VIP Pick up/Drop off signs for parents and documentation sheet
- Plan all weekly community outings and schedule bus pick up/ drop off
- Camp Leader must commit to working **ALL** 10 weeks (training week + nine weeks of summer camp)

Supervision

This individual will work under and report directly to the Program Coordinator and will be responsible for the supervision of all VIP Staff (counselors).

Job Environment

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate. The work environments may include a business office, outdoor and indoor recreation venues. Campers will participate in sports, archery, low ropes/team challenge, music, arts and crafts, cooking, movement arts, boating, fishing, daily swim time, and if appropriate, weekly therapeutic horseback riding lessons. The Camp Leader will be expected to actively participate in all program areas.

Physical Requirements

Moderate physical effort generally required in performing duties under typical office conditions. Some physical effort required when performing duties in the field. This person must demonstrate the ability to, maintain a high level of energy, be comfortable performing multi-faceted projects in conjunction with day-to-day activities and the ability to lift and carry (short distances; up to 15') up to 80 pound occasionally. Requires the ability to physically maneuver over and/or upon terrain, surfaces or physical structures

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience

1. Pursuing or obtain a Bachelor's Degree or higher in Special Education, Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Pathology, Recreation Therapy, Social Work, or a related field
2. 2-4 years' experience working directly with people with disabilities required
3. Prior experience working at a summer camp is preferred



Special Requirements

1. Demonstrated experience in developing and implementing recreation/leisure activities for people with disabilities.
2. Must be able to commit to **ALL** 10 weeks, June 17- August 23, 2019
3. Must have a valid driver's license
4. Must be 21+ years of age
4. Must complete and pass CORI/SORI/NSOPW
5. CPR and first aid certified (recertification available during staff training)
6. CPI or equivalent certification in de-escalation and crisis prevention techniques

Salary

Pay scale of \$16.00-18.00 per hour based on prior experience.

Interested candidates should submit the following:

- Job application (<https://bridgecenter.campintouch.com/ui/forms/application/staff/App>)
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation

Please mail/email/fax to:

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Position open until filled