



HORSE CAMP COUNSELORS

Title: Horse Camp Counselor
Classification: Hourly Employee
Work Schedule: 33.75 hours per week, 8:30AM-3:15PM
Start Date: June 18-August 24, 2018
Report to: Horse Camp Director, Riding Center Director
Work Site: The Bridge Center, 470 Pine Street Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Horse Camp Counselors provide daily direct support for campers with disabilities and are responsible for ensuring that our campers have a safe, fun and rewarding time while participating in weekly recreation horse programs at The Bridge Center. Counselors lead camper through their daily activity schedule while encouraging and empowering them to participate in activities such as sports, cooking, music, field games and horseback riding.

Primary Duties & Responsibilities

- Ability and desire to work with individuals with disabilities in an outdoor setting where “campers come first”
- Provide daily support to one or multiple campers with disabilities including activities of daily living and facilitating friendships
- Actively participate in camp activities including fishing, swimming, sports, art, cooking, and music horseback riding and more
- Serve as an early drop off, extended day or school bus monitor when needed
- Problem solve behaviors, social struggles, and other individualized needs with support of Camp Director
- Responsible for utilizing visual schedules, communication boards, positive behavior plans and other camper specific tools throughout the day, under the guidance of the Horse Camp Director
- Consistently communicate with counselors, instructors, and parents regarding camper’s daily experiences
- Enforce rules, regulations, and policies to assure safety of all campers in attendance
- Build relationships with campers to foster friendly, supportive and nurturing group dynamics
- Act as a social role model for all campers and staff

Equine Specific Responsibilities

- Facilitate barn and equine related activities in a safe, supportive, and engaging environment
- Assist instructors with horse camper riding lessons daily
- Conduct unmounted lesson program for recreation campers with support of Horse Camp Director and Riding Center Director

**The essential functions or duties listed are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position. All employees are employees at will.*



RECOMMENDED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience

1. Associate/Bachelor Degree (or pursuit of a degree) in the fields of Education, Therapeutic Recreation, Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, Recreation or similar fields, preferred
2. Experience working directly with people with disabilities, preferred
3. Experience working with equines

Special Requirements

1. Must be 16+ 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, training provided during staff training week

Compensation

\$11-\$12/hour based on experience

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Position open until filled