

Position: Summer Youth Activity Program Counselor

Pay Rate: Commensurate with experience

Supervisor: Assistant Director, Summer Youth Activity Program

Job Description:

The goal for Summer Youth Activity Program (SYAP) Counselors is to provide all of the individuals who are involved with SYAP a unique, valuable and fun experience. Counselors are expected to anticipate potential problems, contribute as a team member alongside fellow counselors, and endeavor to create a culture that reflects the overarching values, beliefs, and ethics of those associated with SYAP. This position requires critical thinking skills, and the ability to work independently.

Counselors are expected to be available from 8:00AM-4:00 PM, M-F on the dates listed:

Training: May 31 – June 2

Session I: June 8 – 17

Session II: June 20 – July 1

Session III: July 11 – 22

Session IV: July 25 – August 5

Specific Responsibilities:

- Serve as a representative of the University, displaying courtesy, tact, consideration, and discretion in all interactions with other members of the Rice Community.
- Supervise the children throughout the day. This includes being responsible for the calm transition from activity to activity (especially through the lobby and locker room).
- Assist the other Counselors and Instructors with the supervision and organization of all Breaks and Lunch times.
- Assist the Instructor with all class activities.
- Assist in maintaining a safe environment for children.
- Help maintain a high standard of conduct for the children (including help with behavior modification strategies, disciplinary action)
- Perform other summer duties as assigned by the Director.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must have experience with and enthusiasm for working with children.
- Must have general knowledge of physical activities and sports.
- Must be able to think independently and make decisions for everyday and emergency situations.
- Ability to communicate and work with a variety of age and skill levels
- Must have a positive attitude and interact well with SYAP participants, parents, and co-workers.
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience and self-control
- Must have the ability to complete Basic First Aid, CPR and AED (training provided).