

CAMP WHITE EAGLE

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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR PROGRAM STAFF

At a Residential Summer Camp Serving Diverse Groups

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We are looking for a diverse, multicultural group of dynamic, creative, warm, exuberant, experienced people with strong leadership ability who are passionate about our vision. Staff will participate in a 2-week staff training followed by 8-10 weeks of groups in a residential summer camp program in Leaf River, IL (less than two hours west of Chicago).

Camp White Eagle, just two hours west of Chicago, Illinois, has a 65-year tradition of safely nurturing and developing campers. Located in the rolling hills and woods of Northwestern Illinois, it comprises beautiful woods, trails, a swimming pool, two all natural rock climbing walls, game fields, and a 5-acre lake for swimming, water games, and almost a mile of canoeing through the property. With 120 acres of forests, wildlife, and wildflowers galore, it offers fresh air, natural water, the robust smell of pure woods and a twinkling night sky. Our camp is certified by the American Camp Association. Camp White Eagle offers a variety of programs. Camp Kupugani multicultural camp offers two- and four-week sessions for girls only, a two-week session for boys only, and a two-week blended session. Campers range in age from 7 to 15 and come from diverse backgrounds. For our Team Building Program, our staff members—by guiding and facilitating a group's movement through an engaging course of structured activities—help organizations of all kinds form solid bonds. Through our Rental Camp program, our staff teams with an incoming group's director to plan different activities to assure that the campers have a safe, enjoyable, and productive stay at camp.

RESIDENT PROGRAM STAFF JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Description

Camp White Eagle (CWE) staff members perform a variety of roles. A CWE staff member functions primarily as a skill instructor of program areas and teambuilding processes during the day and an on duty monitor in the evenings. Dealing with a variety of groups and programs, other CWE staff duties include:

- ✦ Function as a skill instructor of program areas (canoeing, frisbee golf, biking, archery, riflery, crafts, adventure challenge, swimming, rock climbing, etc.) and team building processes.
(**Please Note:** We will teach you the procedures of each activity during staff training)
- ✦ Lead & setup various evening programs (campfires, night hikes, overnight camp outs, etc.)
- ✦ General upkeep of all of the program equipment
- ✦ Overseeing counselors, campers, and group members both in and out of the villages
- ✦ Performing camp maintenance functions as needed
- ✦ Assisting in the food service area (helping the kitchen staff prepare, serve, and clean up) as scheduled
- ✦ Occasionally functioning as a cabin counselor, staying in the cabins with the campers when required
- ✦ Performing other duties as assigned by the Camp Directors

Qualifications

- At least 17 years old, with prior counselor experience (i.e., working with school groups, at other camps, coaching of a sport or skill); **or** At least 20 years of age with appropriate college-level course work
- Demonstrated interest in working with a variety of camper population—both male and female—of various ages and backgrounds including: youth, adolescents, and adults.

- Demonstrated leadership skills when working with youth, adolescents, and adults.
- Have current First Aid and CPR certifications **or** be willing to take a course to be certified before the summer.
- Have a Lifeguard Certification.
- Emotional resiliency.
- Ability and will to work and live closely with other team members.
- Possession and practice of critical thinking skills
- Demonstrated strong counseling skills.

Residence During the Summer Season

All staff members must stay in camp while groups are present.

We promise all of our groups 24-hour supervision by our staff and counselors. Each week you will have time off when you can leave the camp or just take time to relax or do errands.

What if you cannot be at camp for a certain date?

We have a very busy summer this year so we need everybody to be present. If you have any conflicts with the schedule, please talk to the camp director prior to the summer session.

Housing

CWE Staff members are housed in the Staff Cabin, which is located in central camp. The cabin houses up to 12 people comfortably with kitchen facilities (in case you want to keep snacks and drinks in your cabin), male and female bathroom facilities (shower, sink, toilet, etc.), a lounging area, 2 rooms (males in one and females in the other) which each contain 3 bunk beds. A washer and dryer are also available for staff use throughout the summer.

Pay

CWE Staff members receive a competitive salary. To determine your exact salary, please complete an application. We can then speak with you about your certifications, specific camping experience, and education in the field.

A Little About the Groups

During the summer, CWE provides services for groups of all ages and backgrounds. Some of the groups that we have had in the past are:

- School groups
- Sports teams
- Religious groups (Christian, Muslim, etc.)
- Youth groups
- 4-H groups
- College groups
- Business groups (various businesses come out to do teambuilding and cooperate training)
- Family groups including weddings and reunions

General Program: CWE provides the recreational and teambuilding activities, and the group provides its own specialized educational sessions or classes. Each group's schedule and program varies, but the general routine is:

During the day...

A combination of recreational activities (canoeing, biking, archery, riflery, nature, swimming, challenge, climbing, arts & crafts, etc.) and teambuilding activities (games, trust activities, problem solvers, etc.) with the group's specialized educational classes or sessions.

During the evenings...

CWE provides activities such as recreational games, campfires, night hikes, overnight camp outs, and solos for the group.

Group sizes and length of stay

During the summer season, groups vary in both size and length of stay. The majority of our rental groups comprise from 80 - 120 people. Weekend groups and business groups range from 15 - 80. We have at least one group in camp every week from early June – early September. Earlier in the summer, we have a few groups that will be here for 1- 4 days.