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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

For Camp Social Worker at a Multicultural Residential Summer Camp with separate girls-only and blended sessions for children Ages 7 - 15!

June 26 – August 6, 2022 (for 1-6 weeks during that period)

Camp Kupugani is a multicultural residential summer camp focusing on diversity and communication skills in a fun atmosphere. We unite children of diverse backgrounds, and provide them with essential skills to empower themselves and build community in an increasingly diverse society. Children from ages seven to fifteen participate in a two-, four- or six-week session of our unique summer camp. While typical summer camps are relatively homogeneous and do not challenge campers to stray from their comfort zones, ours focuses on addressing issues of difference and on building self-esteem and community. The children enjoy a fun, challenging camp experience, including activities like rock climbing, river walking, canoeing, playing under waterfalls, and night hikes under the stars, and special team building activities and games so that fun and personal growth coincide.

We seek a warm, experienced person passionate about our vision. The Camp Social Worker will participate in an orientation with a camp admin, followed by our multicultural residential summer camp program in Leaf River, IL (less than two hours west of Chicago).

Responsibilities include:

- Supporting mental, emotional, and social well-being of campers and staff.
- Helping campers and staff resolve conflicts appropriately.
- Supporting and guiding staff if dealing with camper behavior challenges.
- Keeping camp director and camp admins informed of any issues.
- Assisting camp director in making phone calls to parents as necessary.
- Maintaining appropriate logs and records.
- Being an active presence on-site at camp as a part of the community.
- Additional responsibilities as required.

Qualifications:

- The Camp Social Worker should relate well to groups of young people and enjoy outdoor activity, fresh air, and beautiful scenery!

- Graduate Degree in Social Work, Psychology, Counseling or related field; **or** Bachelor's Degree in Social Work; **or** Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and demonstrated practical experience with children
- Good physical and emotional stability and health
- Empathy, patience, and strong work ethic
- Excellent listening and communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work cooperatively, and to accept guidance and feedback
- Ability to work in an informal manner without a typical clinical life-style
- Ability to share living quarters with other staff

Compensation:

The preferred compensation is—for each two weeks' service—a full tuition waiver exchange (\$2295 value) for a child ages 7-15 whom the social worker would like to have at camp. Alternatively, pay is \$1000 per two-week session, from June 26 – July 9 (blended camp), July 10 – July 23 (blended camp), or July 24 – August 6 (girls camp); it is also possible to do a one-week stay as social worker. Room and board is provided, plus worker's compensation and liability insurance. The social worker's accommodation is in the Director's Residence. (If space is available, and the social worker wishes to have an additional child attend, we will regard the application giving some due consideration of camper tuition against salary. Need-based scholarship assistance is also available (to all campers).)

To apply:

You can apply online at <https://www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingsessions.aspx?idCamp=1012&campCode=AIF&lnkSubCategory1=Staff+Application>, e-mail Kevin Gordon at kupugani@gmail.com, or call Kevin at 815-713-4110 to get an application and reference forms.

Location: A beautiful summer home

Nestled within 120 acres of lush forests, Camp Kupugani multicultural summer camp resides at beautiful Camp White Eagle alongside the Leaf River in northwestern Illinois. A mere two-hour drive from Chicago, this intimate setting makes for an ideal environment to develop life-skills, meet new friends and enjoy an active outdoor environment. The Camp comprises nature's finest, including woods, trails, a swimming pool, rock climbing walls, game fields, and a 5-acre lake for swimming, a waterfall, water games, and almost a mile of canoeing through the property. Since 1951, Camp White Eagle: certified by the American Camping association, has provided for children a secure summer camp environment that encourages the discovery of self and a sense of wonder in the natural world.

The Camp Kupugani Mission

“Kupugani” is a Zulu concept meaning “to raise oneself up.” The fundamental point of Camp Kupugani is—in a residential camp setting—to expose children of varied backgrounds and ethnicities to each other. Living, playing, and working together are the best teachers of instilling bonds of friendship and trust. They represent an important step towards breaking down societal barriers that prevent positive interaction. Camp Kupugani provides a safe atmosphere where children are individually empowered via enhancing their communication skills and engaging in community building. By way of carefully selected program activities, we bestow upon them the tools to maximize their potential, free of the sometimes-limiting restrictions of school and predisposed social patterns. At Camp Kupugani, kids have fun while changing their world.

For more information, feel free to visit our website at www.campkupugani.com, e-mail Kevin Gordon at kupugani@gmail.com or call Kevin at 815-713-4110.