

Girls Quest Camp Oh-Neh-Tah

AQUATICS STAFFER

Job Description

Girls Quest operates Camp Oh-Neh-Tah, nestled on the edge of the northern Catskills, less than a three (3) hour drive from New York City. Situated on 400+ acres, staff and campers have an experience of a lifetime through outdoor and educational activities, and interacting with a diverse and strong community. Building on an 80 year legacy of serving underserved girls from NYC and Greene County, Camp Oh-Neh-Tah will offer a one (1) week session for 50 campers with 30 staff in 2019. Staff commitment is 12-16 days. For more information about Girls Quest and our program, please visit our website at www.girlsquest.org.

JOB SUMMARY

Aquatics Staffers instruct campers in daily swim lessons as well as guard them. They also teach campers and guard them in all boating programs. They enforce a strict waterfront safety policy. Aquatics Staffers must hold current Lifeguard certification in waterfront areas. The waterfront at Camp Oh-Neh-Tah is the most active and popular area of camp. Aquatics Staffers oversee Instructional and Free Swim periods along with boating which are scheduled daily. They also oversee additional early morning and evening dips, and evening staff swims. Aquatics Staffers may be housed with the camper population and are a part of daily camp life. Although they have close contact with their own cabin group of 10 campers, along with at least one additional General Counselor, who is the primary care giver, they work with the entire camper population. Alternative housing is also available.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Create a meaningful swimming/boating experience for all campers with safety and experience in mind
- Design and implement lesson plans for the various swimming skills of campers
- Supervise all activities at the waterfront
- Prepare reports and evaluations as necessary
- Take responsibility for the organization, cleanliness and safety of the waterfront area
- Keep an on-going inventory of equipment and inform Aquatics Director and/or Program Director of needs
- Communicate with the Program Director any concerns regarding the program, staff or campers
- Assist with daily cabin activities, rest periods, meals, community service, overnights, etc.
- Along with General Counselor, supervise the health and safety regulations for members of the cabin group
- Be willing to step out of your personal comfort zone or box
- Attend and participate in all continued training and staff meetings
- Be adaptive and respectful of all camp participants and the camp environment
- Maintain open communication with all staff
- Help maintain camp spirit

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALL STAFF

- Desire to work and live in the outdoors for two (2) weeks in upstate New York
- Maturity, good moral character, and integrity
- Understanding and liking of children; knowledge of behavioral issues a plus
- Patience and sensitivity to the needs of children
- Willingness to work as a team player for the benefit of the girls entrusted to our care
- Willingness to forgo significant use of technology except during unscheduled times
- Acceptable Health Exam and current Immunization Record
- Attend mandatory Training Session at camp prior to campers' arrival

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate
- Must have current ARC Lifeguarding /Waterfront mode Certification, along with ARC CPR Pro and ARC Waterfront 1st Aid Certifications

SUMMER 2019 SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 7—Arrive at camp by 12:00 Noon to begin waterfront opening and training

Sunday, August 11—Full Staff Training Begins at 12:00 Noon

Thursday, August 15—Campers Arrive

Thursday, August 22—Campers Depart. Camp Closing Begins

Friday, August 23—Staff Depart in the Morning

NOTE: Sleeping cabins are rustic, but have electricity and are adjacent to sanitation facilities. Laundry facilities available. Bedding provided, but bring your sleeping bag. Abundant wild life.

TO APPLY

Complete [Camp Staff Application 2019](#) and provide Resume and three (3) Letters of Recommendation. Send to: Constance Stine, Camp Director, Camp Oh-Neh-Tah, 7636 E. Oasis, Mesa, AZ 85207, or Email:

campdirector@girlsquest.org **NOTE:** Background checks will be conducted.