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Camp Counselor Summer Position *Job Description*

Overview

The Sea Turtle Camp Counselor is a dynamic, service-oriented professional passionate about marine science, teaching, and inspiring youth. As part of a team, you will provide hands-on marine science instruction and 24-hour care to 12 academically motivated teens who have completed an application process to attend. Campers will engage in experiential learning and gain exposure to marine stewardship and conservation. This role requires teamwork, leadership, and collaboration with the Unit Leader, Program Director, Site Director, and other Sea Turtle Camp staff, including volunteers at the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital.

Key Responsibilities

- ❖ **Daily Supervision:** Provide 24-hour supervision of campers in bunkrooms and during activities.
- ❖ **Instructional Leadership:** Implement and present marine science curriculum, facilitating sunrise/sunset nest walks and other educational activities.
- ❖ **Camper Support:** Build relationships with campers, ensuring they feel welcome, safe, and engaged. Handle behavior management, dietary preferences, and medication administration as needed.
- ❖ **Team Collaboration:** Attend daily team meetings to review camper issues, logistics, and scheduling.
- ❖ **Logistics and Setup:** Assist with the preparation and breakdown of camp facilities, including transportation logistics in 15-passenger vans.
- ❖ **Open Communication:** Foster professional communication with team members, campers, parents, and Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital volunteers.
- ❖ **Safety and Risk Management:** Uphold safety protocols, follow emergency procedures, and maintain high safety standards during all activities.
- ❖ **Evaluation and Reporting:** Complete pre- and post-camp session tasks, including reading camp binders, cleaning up facilities, and inventorying supplies.

Minimum Qualifications

- ❖ Bachelor's degree in marine biology, environmental science, or related field (or in progress).
- ❖ Must be at least 21 years old.
- ❖ Current certifications or ability to obtain: Lifeguarding, CPR, and First Aid.
- ❖ Physically fit, capable of lifting 50 lbs, and able to work long hours while maintaining stamina.
- ❖ Clean driving record and ability to pass a government background check.
- ❖ Experience in marine science, environmental education, summer camps, or related fields.

Desired Skills & Traits

- ❖ **Education & Certifications:**
 - Master's degree in marine biology, environmental science, or related field.
 - Wilderness First Aid Certification or experience with sea turtles.
- ❖ **Personal Attributes:**
 - Enthusiastic team player with a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and dedication to camper success.

- Organized and detail-oriented with exceptional communication and problem-solving skills.
- Innovative thinker who can troubleshoot effectively and remain calm under pressure.
- ❖ **Passion for Learning:** Interest in health, wellness, and marine conservation.

Compensation & Perks

- ❖ Stipend: \$350–\$400 per week (based on experience).
- ❖ Accommodations: Ocean-view housing and most meals (valued at \$2,000).
- ❖ Training: Comprehensive on-site training in policies, activities, and camp procedures.
- ❖ Opportunity for professional growth in marine science education and leadership.

About Sea Turtle Camp

Sea Turtle Camp immerses youth in marine biology through experiential education, empowering campers to take ownership of their environment. Our mission is to cultivate love and respect for the ocean by building confidence, developing character, and inspiring coastal conservation through Safety, Fun, and Learning.

Contact

For inquiries, contact our Program Director at coordinator@seaturtlecamp.com.