



Eden Village Camp

Camper Care Team Member

Job Description

Great for MSW Candidate, School Guidance Counselor, School Psychologist, Psychology or Education Graduate Student, Recent MSW Graduate

Summary: Eden Village is, in short - not your typical summer camp. We are the area's premier, organic, farm-to-table camp, where we teach children that kindness is cool and amazing events happen daily. Young people in grades 3-11 come from across the United States to live our thriving model of inspired, sustainable community living, all grounded in social justice and a vibrant Jewish spiritual life. We're a nonprofit that supports each camper in developing outdoor and leadership skills, and awakening a sense of positive Jewish identity, purpose, and joy. The experience includes gourmet organic food & farming, animal care, wilderness adventure, natural science, a zero-waste goal, pool & lake, climbing, music, arts, sports, service projects, exceptional staff... all in a kind, diverse and vibrant community. We're committed to sustainable, earth-based, creative, holistic living.

Description: Our Camper Care Team Member serves as social worker and mental health support team member, managing the mental, social, and behavioral concerns and issues that may occur with campers and/or staff. S/he helps other staffers in working with campers who are having difficulties adjusting to camp, works directly with campers, and partners with parents and campers' therapists as necessary. S/he is a key member of the mental health team and helps set the culture of all camp.

Functions:

- Helps create a safe and comfortable residential community,
- Provides direct service support to individual campers, including reviewing personal information provided by parents, and creating an Individual Camper Plan that will meet the required accommodations of campers with challenging needs and behaviors,
- Is consistently available to campers and staff and actively focused on the needs of the camp community,
- Provides recommendations to the camp staff regarding camper wellness and building relationships with campers, both one-on-one and in brief group trainings. Topics may include conflict resolution, guidance of challenging behaviors, working with children with various diagnoses (e.g. ADHD, spectrum disorders, sensory integration challenges, OT issues, anxiety, depression), mentoring children of various ages in differing stages of development,
- Maintains and documents records of camper wellness, including serving as a point of contact for communication with families,
- Participates in all aspects of camp, including meals, so as to understand each bunk's dynamics and be part of the fabric of the community,
- Participates in regular staff and leadership meetings to discuss progress of campers and bunk dynamics,
- Calls first- and second-time campers' families midway through each session to update and check in,
- May write a brief blog post once or twice per session,
- May accompany camper/staff to the ER in case of a psychiatric emergency,

- Informs leadership of all serious situations involving violence, abuse, bullying or personnel issues,
- Intervenes in any situation that will help to improve the quality of the relationships and experiences of campers and staff,
- Accepts other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Director of Parent Engagement, Camp Director, and Coordinator of Camper Care.

Requirements:

Minimum 2 years experience or high-level training working with individuals with mental health concerns, preferably knowledgeable of young people's concerns, issues, and challenges; social work, guidance, therapy, clinical psychology or other relevant training, degree or certification preferred. Willing to share and make joint decisions, focused and able to work independently. Prior camp experience preferred. Willingness to place the needs of the children and camp above personal desires. Good health and stamina necessary to work in the camp setting. Acceptance of irregular work hours.

Position runs June 20, 2021 - August 23, 2021

Working as a member of the Eden Village staff is a unique, exciting and demanding opportunity. Creating the Eden community requires hard work, long hours, and significant commitment. Staff must maintain a high level of energy, patience, professionalism, and compassion from early morning wake-up to evening staff meetings. This intense work schedule requires stamina and dedication. The result is an incredibly rewarding job transforming the lives of kids and teens, and often each other, too.

Eden Village Camp is an innovative non-profit Jewish environmental sleepaway camp just 50 miles from NYC, focusing on organic farming & food, wilderness connection, and creative arts. Our 3rd-11th grade campers and apprentices develop leadership, community-living, and outdoor skills, explore a vibrant food culture, and awaken their sense of purpose, joy, and positive Jewish identity.

Learn more by emailing aliza@edenvillagecamp.org.