

Specialist Job Description

This position is a seasonal employee who reports directly to the Camp Director. The main responsibility of this position is to plan and implement specialty camp programming or specialty activities in traditional camp.

There are two kinds of positions:

Specialty Camp Specialist

Plans and teaches a week-long (Mon-Fri) specialty camp (4-5 hours programming/day). One or two counselors work with the specialist to supervise campers and promote group unity. Counselors accompany camp group to swimming, lunch, and free time while specialist teaches a different camp group or has planning time.

Art camp: July 2-6 (2nd-3rd graders), July 16-20 (4th-5th graders) and July 30-Aug 3 (4th – 5th graders)

Cooking camp: June 18-22 (4th – 5th graders), July 9-13 (2nd-3rd graders), July 16-20 (2nd-3rd graders) July 23-27 (4th-5th graders) and July 30-Aug 3 (2nd-3rd graders)

Traditional Camp Specialist

Teaches specialty to each traditional camp group (kindergarten-5th grade) one or more times per week for 30-45 minutes. Specialty areas include: Arts and Crafts, Cooking, Nature, Sports, Music, Judaics, etc. The camp season is June 18-Aug 10. Opportunities may also be available during Last Blast weeks Aug 13-Aug 24.

Qualifications

- A minimum of an undergraduate degree and experience in a camp/youth environment.
- Extensive knowledge of specialty area.
- Experience developing, organizing and carrying out youth programming that is developmentally appropriate for ages 5-12.
- Must have enthusiasm, be adaptable, dependable, and possess an excellent work ethic.
- CPR and first aid certifications preferred.
- Knowledge in Jewish programming is a plus.

Responsibilities

- Develop lesson plans for all programming for specialty area.
- Purchase supplies and maintain receipts within assigned budget
- Teach specialty to groups of 12-16 campers ages 5-12
- Protect the health, safety and welfare of all campers.
- Facilitate group unity by promoting camper friendships and resolving conflict fairly.
- Maintain positive relationships with campers by showing sensitivity to campers' emotional needs and problem solving any camper issues effectively.
- Work with counselors to implement positive behavior-management techniques.
- Work with Inclusion Facilitator in integrating campers with special needs into the camp group.
- Be a role model for campers by following all policies and demonstrating enthusiasm, sense of humor, and self-control.
- Help maintain space and supplies.
- Other duties as assigned.

Camp Shelanu is a program of the Levin Jewish Community Center. As a Jewish day camp, Camp Shelanu is based on Jewish values and includes learning about Jewish culture and traditions. However, there is no religious instruction or discussion of theology at camp. All JCC programs are open to anyone who wishes to participate, regardless of religious affiliation or background. Camp Shelanu takes place at the Levin JCC at 1937 W Cornwallis Rd, Durham NC, 27705. Staff enjoy use of the facility on days they work, including access to gym, fitness center, and 2 outdoor pools.

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