

Wyonegonic Camps

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Assistant Counselor Program (AC)

Candidates are entering their senior year of high school or are high school graduates. Candidates should have a background in camp activities; be interested in working directly with campers in the unit and be ready to assist staff in teaching camp activities. **ACs receive a weekly \$75 stipend that corresponds to each day off during the summer. The stipend acts as a thank you for their assistance.**

DATES:

Arrival: June 19 which includes participating in staff training prior to opening day.

Departure: August 11 (includes one day of post-camp meetings). Those who need chaperoned service to Boston or Portland airport will depart on August 10 with campers.

OBJECTIVE OF THE AC PROGRAM is to develop leadership skills in a collaborative environment:

- To continue developing individual and group leadership skills.
- To practice and gain confidence in teaching techniques.
- To learn the responsibilities and best practices of being a cabin counselor.
- To participate in staff pre-camp orientation and training.
- To learn to evaluate self, others and program.
- To gain experience in planning and executing special all-camp programs and events.
- To observe staff mentors in counseling and instruction.
- To gain exposure and experience with different ages of campers from 8-15.
- To practice critical self-evaluation skills and how to receive and act upon feedback from mentors.
- To gain experience working on a team.
- To develop knowledge and experience with various aspects of camp operations, facility and program.
- To prepare for future camp counselor, mentoring, instructor or leadership roles.

PROGRAM involves assisting in camp activities and units under the supervision of the Unit Directors and Program Directors. ACs meet regularly and are mentored by the AC Director and Staff Recruitment/Experience Director.

- ACs assist in camper cabins and units
- ACs assist on trips
- ACs assist in daily teaching of camp activities. ACs will be assigned to camp activities by the Program Director and have an opportunity for choice and variety as well as consistency with teaching in areas of particular interest.
- ACs assist with unit events and EPs
- ACs meet as a group with the AC Director several times per week
- ACs plan and direct as a group:
 - All Camp Campfire
 - Evening Programs
 - Traditional Camp Events
 - Sunday Grove Service
- AC meeting curriculum includes topics such as;
 - Leadership qualities
 - Behavioral characteristics of campers
 - Philosophy of camping
 - American Camp Association Standards
 - Health and Safety practices
- ACs meet one on one in a “bench talk” with the AC Director twice per session to go over goals, feedback and discuss growth opportunities.

Additional Program Possibilities (TBD):

- Visiting another camp in Maine
- Community service project in or out of camp
- Professional development session with camp industry expert