

# WYONEGONIC CAMPS

## Wilderness Trip Leader

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Camp Directors; Trip Coordinator, Unit Director

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Minimum age of 21 years
- Driver's license with a clean record
- Preferred prior experience: Previous outdoor experience leading groups (preferably children) on multi-day trips; Leave No Trace knowledge; paddling canoes or kayaks; orienteering and map skills; hiking and backpacking; food preparation and outdoor cooking, wilderness first aid.
- Current Certification or training provided on site in June: American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard Training; American Canoe Association Flatwater Canoe Instructor; Wilderness First Aid with CPR/AED; Maine State Trip Leader; Leave No Trace Trainer

**GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Actively participate in pre-camp staff orientation
- Serve as the *primary in loco parentis* adult for single and multi-day canoe and hiking trips
- Provide program support to Unit when in camp and not leading a trip
- Position includes chaperone duties with campers on opening, changeover and closing days

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times, both when on duty and during time off
- Have a genuine interest in working with youth
- Live in residency with very little privacy
- On Trips:
  - Act as primary decision maker and responsible for group safety
  - Provide a small group experience that offers challenge and adventure, appreciation for the out-of-doors and opportunity to share responsibility
  - Organize appropriate group gear, provisions, and food, and ensure that campers have appropriate personal gear, on both departure and return to camp
  - Drive van and/or trailer or coordinate with assigned driver for transportation needs
  - Navigate trails or waterways with camper involvement and instruction
  - Practice and instruct Leave No Trace wilderness ethics
- In Camp:
  - Promote upcoming trips and work with Program Director for camper trip assignments
  - Maintain camper database on interest, signup and trip assignments, evaluation and history
  - Maintain cleanliness and organization in Trip Shack
  - Assist cabin counselors with Overnight Trip pack out
  - Be a member of the staff team within an assigned age unit
  - Teach up to five periods per day in assigned program area
  - Provide support for Evening Programs, Sunday program and special events
  - Provide written evaluations for Trip Coordinator on assigned trips

**GENERAL EXPECTATIONS:**

- Acknowledge and abide by *the Personnel Policies and Practices* provided in the agreement packet
- Acknowledge that the campers need for health, safety and happiness come first
- Abide by all Maine State Laws
- Review information in the staff section of Wyonegonic Website and Staff Handbook thoroughly.
- All staff are on duty 24/7 when in residence and when leading Trips

**This is a challenging position; a Trip Leader will have two different supervisors. The Trip Leader will have to balance in-camp responsibilities with time off. We are a community that strives for excellence in all that we do. We have staff from around the world with an array of talents. Outstanding staff makes camp a success for all.**