

COUNSELOR JOB DESCRIPTION

ABOUT THIS POSITION

Camp Red Leaf is a residential camp located in Ingleside, IL serving youth and adults ages 9-99 with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. Our programs operate year-round including our 8-week summer camp and our respite season which takes place 1-2 weekends per month September – April. Summer sessions run from Sunday afternoon 2pm to Friday afternoon 12pm. During any given summer week session, we can host between 15-65 campers. Selected weekends may include hosting campers from other organizations such as the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago and Misericordia Group Home. Our campers will enjoy activities throughout the 180 acres of land which includes a beautiful private lake, high/low ropes course, outdoor stage, 10-foot outdoor pool, several fire pits and so much more.

Campers arrive at 2pm Sunday afternoon and are picked up at 12pm on Friday. Counselors are expected to be at camp at least 2 hours before drop off on Sunday and routinely help clean the building after pick up on Friday. For the duration of camp, counselors live in the lodge with campers and share meals together as a camp. Counselors accompany campers to the different programs that are available (such as arts and crafts, sports, nature, music, outdoor cooking, and all group activities) and assist campers in those various activities. They promote and encourage all camper's involvement in activities, and always lead by example, by being a role model, energetic, enthusiastic, understanding and flexible in their approach to working with their campers.

Counselors are responsible for assisting campers to whatever degree necessary while attending Camp Red Leaf, including those of daily living, if needed (showering, dressing, bathing, eating, etc.). Some of our campers require one on one care including personal care (Changing clothes, aid in the shower, changing diapers/helping use the bathroom, etc.), feeding/cutting food, helping campers get involved/participate in activities (Arts and Crafts, Sports, Dancing, Games, etc.) and cultivating relationships. Many of our campers are fully capable of their own personal care and are in cabin groups of about 8 other campers with 2-4 staff assisting them for the week. Counselors are also responsible for all campers' belongings. Most importantly, the counselor is responsible for the supervision, care and safety of the campers.

Camp means so much to our campers and their families and it is a great opportunity for workers and campers alike. If you are interested in learning more about this employment opportunity, please email Director Angela McNeal at angela@campnageelamidwest.org or call the Camp Red Leaf office (847)740-5010.

Check out and like our Facebook page (Camp Red Leaf) for more information and to see photos of some of the awesome things we do here!

COUNSELOR QUALIFICATIONS & DUTIES

QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or general education degree (GED) required
- Must be 18 years or older
- Pursuing or possessing a degree in education, recreation, social work, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, psychology or related field preferred
- 1 year of experience supervising and working with children or elderly adults
- Experience working with children, teens, and adults with special needs preferred
- Proven ability to maintain a safe environment for others in adherence with provided protocol and standards
- Willingness to plan, organize, assist with or lead activities for a group of people
- General mobility including, but not limited, to walking, kneeling, lifting, and standing
- Ability to lift and/or move up to 50 pounds
- Ability to pass a background check

DUTIES

- Ensure campers are supervised and safe at all times
- Assist campers with all daily living, hygiene, and toileting needs (including but not limited to toileting, showering, dressing, bathing, eating, etc)
- Utilize appropriate behavior management techniques
- Perform all responsibilities in a manner that guarantees the safety of campers
- Facilitate and encourage active participation with campers during activities
- Interact with parents, campers, and guest in a professional and polite manner
- Assist the campers in increasing independence, experiencing community membership, increasing social skills, building peer relationships and increasing self confidence