

Respite Worker

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. Respite weekends run from Friday night 7pm to Sunday afternoon 2pm. During any given respite weekend session, we can host between 5-25 campers. Selected weekends may include day trip excursions, special guest entertainment in addition to our annual water park overnight adventure! Our campers will enjoy activities throughout the 180 acres of land which includes a beautiful private lake, high/low ropes course, outdoor stage, several fire pits and so much more.

Our 2021-2022 Respite Schedule

- Session 1: September 24-26, 2021
- Session 2: October 8-10, 2021
- Session 3: October 29-31, 2021
- Session 4: November 5-7, 2021
- Session 5: December 17-19, 2021
- Session 6: January 14-17, 2022
- Session 7: January 28-30, 2022
- Session 8: February 4-6, 2022
- Session 9: February 25-27, 2022
- Session 10: March 25-27, 2022
- Session 11: April 22-24, 2022

Campers arrive at 7pm Friday night and are picked up at 2pm on Sunday. Respite workers are expected to be at camp at least 30 mins before drop off on Friday and help clean the building after pick up on Sunday. Respite workers spend the weekend living in the lodge with campers and staff where meals are also provided. Respite workers accompany campers to the different programs that are available (such as arts and crafts, sports, nature, music, 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 work and campers.

Respite workers 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 3-5 respite staff assisting them for the weekend. Staff are also responsible for all campers' belongings. Most importantly, the counselor is responsible for the supervision, care and safety of the campers.

Respite weekends mean so much to our campers and their families and they honestly are so much fun 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.

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QUALIFICATIONS & DUTIES

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- 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
- Prepare and lead (if necessary) a variety of activities that are age/camper appropriate
- Perform all responsibilities in a manner that guarantees the safety of campers
- Actively participate with your camper(s) in a variety of activities
- 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