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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit youth development organization, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, The Fund continues to provide safe, fun, engaging and enriching experiences for New York City youth to keep the magic of summer alive through virtual and outdoor programs. Fresh Air children also participate in year-round leadership and educational programs. For more information, visit www.FreshAir.org.

Position Description

Program Directors help in the overall management of camp by supervising staff, planning activity schedules, and running various programs throughout camp. Program directors design and deliver program activities that are safe, fun, and appropriate to the campers' age and abilities. Program directors coordinate the camp schedule with other FAF camps as well as the NYC office and volunteer groups and visitors to camp. These positions are for applicants who have prior experience working at a camp and are looking for an opportunity to learn more about the inner workings of a camp program.

The Program Director reports to either the Camp Director or Assistant Director

Responsibilities

1. Plan and execute the overall activities and daily schedule for camp.
2. Assist the Camp Director in planning and carrying out pre-camp and in-service staff trainings.
3. With input and assistance from the staff, plan the overall activities for the camp.
4. In conjunction with Director of Specialists, assist with the supervision and evaluation of Program Staff.
5. Be prepared to assume the role of any of the activity counselors in the event of their absence.
6. Oversee the ordering of all program supplies.
7. Coordinate with Sharpe and other camps regarding shared resources.
8. Work with corporate volunteer groups and help coordinate volunteer activities.
9. Address stressful situations appropriately in a fast-paced, interactive environment.
10. Demonstrate a caring, supportive, and professional demeanor, including avoiding fraternizing with general staff while on/off duty.
11. Maintain proper records as required by the Camp Director.
12. Understand that campers come first, and decisions should be made in the best interest of the campers.
13. Assume responsibility for the safety and well-being of campers.
14. Explain and enforce the policies, traditions, and rules of camp.
15. Be an active member of the camp community by participating in camp programming including camp-wide events, overnights, hikes, swimming, activities, and village meetings. This includes

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but is not limited to: going on hikes in the woods on camp property and going in the water during swimming activities. At times, lifting heavy objects may be necessary.

16. Demonstrate a caring, supportive, and professional demeanor, including avoiding fraternizing with general staff while on/off duty.
17. Strive to work in a cooperative manner with fellow staff to achieve goals of the program.
18. Invest time with campers and staff to meet their needs, challenge their capabilities, and serve as a role model during their time at camp.
19. Understand that the position involves living in cabins with little to no privacy and eating all meals with campers in a large, noisy dining room. Time off during each encampment will be arranged by a supervisor.
20. Assume responsibility for the use and care of camp equipment and facilities.
21. Be totally familiar with emergency procedures and follow them when necessary.
22. Additional responsibilities as needed and assigned.

Qualifications

1. Must be at least 18 years of age by the start of camp.
2. At least three years of college or equivalent is preferred. College graduates are strongly preferred.
3. Should have extensive experience as a general counselor or staff member in a residential camp setting. Some administrative and/or supervisory experience preferred.
4. Must be able to supervise in a fair and diplomatic manner.
5. Passionate about working with children.
6. Interested in working and living in the outdoors for the summer.
7. Emotionally mature with a willingness to work as a team player.
8. Flexible and willing to accept challenges and step outside comfort zone.
9. Able to maintain a positive attitude.
10. Must be able to sit, stand, walk, reach with hands and arms, climb or balance, stoop or kneel, talk or hear.
11. Able to regularly lift and/or move equipment and supplies weighing 20+ pounds.
12. Comfortable with being exposed to wet, humid, and hot/very hot conditions.
13. Driver's license preferred.
14. Available for the entire duration of the summer program.

Employment Period: June 13, 2022 – August 3, 2022

Compensation: Salaries are \$3,000 – \$3,500 and are commensurate with experience

Benefits: None

Application Instructions

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To apply, please submit an application at: <https://freshairfund.workbrightats.com/jobs/>. We are hiring on a rolling basis and encourage interested applicants to apply as early as possible. No calls or recruiters, please.

The Fresh Air Fund is proud to be an equal opportunity employer, committed to inclusive hiring, and dedicated to diversity in its work and on its staff. We strongly encourage candidates of all identities, experiences, orientations, and communities to apply.