



SHARPE RESERVATION ROPES COURSE STAFF

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 Summary

The Fresh Air Fund is hiring seasonal ropes course staff to facilitate our summer teambuilding and high ropes programs. The role requires the person to facilitate group games, team and community building activities, and belay on the high ropes course. The ideal candidate is energetic, comfortable with public speaking, heights, and safety conscious with previous experience working with youth.

Ropes Course Staff schedules will be determined by the Ropes Course Supervisor, and will spend approximately 6 hours at the Ropes Course each day. When not working at the challenge courses, staff will be involved in the program at the camp of residence. Time off is scheduled by the Ropes Course Supervisor.

This position is based at either Sharpe Reservation or Harriman State Park. The role will be in-person and will report to the Summer Ropes Course Manager.

Responsibilities

1. Help plan, facilitate, and evaluate all challenge course programs.
2. Ensure the safety of the campers in program area.
3. Help to maintain the High Ropes and Teams Courses in order to comply with all pertinent safety codes.
4. Submit all evaluations and records as required by the Ropes Course Manager.
5. Be completely familiar with emergency procedures and follow when necessary.
6. Be an active member of the camp community by participating in all camp programming including camp-wide events, overnights, hikes, activities and village meetings.
7. Understand that campers come first and decisions should be made in the best interest of the campers.
8. Explain and enforce the policies, traditions, and rules of camp.
9. Strive to work in a cooperative manner with fellow staff to achieve goals of the program.
10. Invest time with campers to meet their needs, challenge their capabilities, and serve as a role model during their time at camp.
11. Assume responsibility for the use and care of camp equipment and facilities.
12. Be totally familiar with emergency procedures and follow them when necessary.



13. Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

1. Must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Two years of college or equivalent.
3. Prior experience participating in and facilitating adventure programs including team building, high ropes, rock climbing, etc. preferred.
4. Must participate in Ropes Course training by a recognized and reputable organization, e.g., High 5 Adventure, Project Adventure, etc. Must have or obtain during orientation a current First Aid and Professional CPR Certification.
5. Good physical and emotional health. Must be able to supervise in a fair and diplomatic manner.
6. Preferred comfort with climbing and working at height.
7. Available for the entire duration of the summer program.
8. Interest in joining a youth development organization and supporting its mission and vision.

Employment Period: June 20, 2022 – August 3, 2022

Compensation: Salaries are \$2,200-\$2,500 and are commensurate with experience

Benefits: None

Application Instructions

To apply please, submit an application by clicking on the **Sharpe Reservation Staff Application** link 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.