

TRIP SPECIALIST

RESPONSIBLE TO: Program Team Leaders

RESPONSIBILITY: To achieve camp goals with major responsibility to plan and lead out of camp wilderness trips and maintain trip equipment. Assist director in other areas of camp organization as requested.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be 21 years or older
- Must have current Wilderness First Aid, CPR, and LG certification
- Must have skills and experience in wilderness canoeing and backpacking
- Must have spiritual and emotional maturity
- Must have experience working with children
- Must agree with Spiritual Standard and Statement of Faith

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Develop and deliver a tripping program that is appropriate for the age and ability of the campers
 - a. Evaluate abilities of campers and staff related to the proposed trip.
 - b. Evaluate the success of the tripping program.
 - c. Teach the skills necessary for a fun and safe trip before leaving the camp site, including personal and group health and safety, outdoor cooking and camping, comfortable travel methods, maintenance and care of equipment, emergency procedures, environmental practices, etc.
 - d. Meet with the camp nurse before and after trips to monitor camper health during and following trips.
 - e. Teach campers various outdoor skills both during time in camp and while on the trip.
 - f. Plan itineraries and file with the camp director or supervisor before leaving for each trip.
 - g. With the assistance of campers and staff, pack and load into vehicles all necessary camping and safety equipment, food, and water for the trip.
 - h. Plan for and lead (or coordinate with trip assistant to lead) Bible explorations with trip campers.
2. Assist in the direction, supervision, and organization of campers in the tripping group in order to meet the intended camper outcomes.
 - a. Apply basic youth development principles in working with campers through communication, relationship development, respect for diversity, involvement and empowerment of youth.
 - b. Assure campers are properly supervised at all times.
 - c. Be aware of and implement safety guidelines, ensuring that camp staff and campers follow them.
 - d. Train other staff in their responsibilities on trips.
 - e. Be prepared to enact written emergency procedures in the event of accident or illness.
3. Assist in the management and care of the physical facilities and equipment in the tripping area
 - a. Maintain the tripping equipment (tents, stoves, packs, cooking equipment, etc.).
 - b. Ensure the security of the tripping equipment when not in use.
 - c. Conduct a check of equipment immediately before and after each use, for safety, cleanliness, and good repair.

PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF THE JOB

- Ability to communicate and work with groups participating (age and skill levels) and provide necessary instruction to campers and staff.
- Ability to observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques.
- Ability to observe staff behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate management techniques.
- Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the activity.

- Physical ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid. Must be able to assist campers in an emergency (fire, evacuation, illness, or injury) and possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers.
- Ability to lift and carry canoes (2-person lifting), backpack weighted to accepted percentage of body weight.
- Ability to perform job responsibilities during daylight and nighttime hours.
- Physical ability to prepare for, participate in, and lead campers in tripping activities.

OTHER JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Participate in training during pre-camp and in-service training during camp
- Assist in other camp duties as requested by team leader or director
- Participate in formal and informal performance appraisal given by your team leader
- Participate in team and all-staff prayer meetings
- Contribute to a positive spirit of cooperation with other staff members