



Ann Arbor YMCA

Summer Day Camps 2010

Job Brochure

Hello and thank you for taking an interest in summer day camps at the Ann Arbor YMCA. Each year we provide quality camping experiences to hundreds of children from the Ann Arbor area and beyond. Like any of our programs it is the staff who are directly involved with the campers on a daily basis that make camp the special experience it is for so many children year after year. With the summer of 2010 now approaching we are looking for hungry, committed and enthusiastic staff that will make this summer even better. We hope that you will find a camp that suits your interests within this brochure.

Thank you.

Steve Petty
Sports Program Director

Josh Humbel
Youth & Teens Director



We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

Sun & Fun

Sun & Fun Full Day Co-Director

This program has something for everyone! During the course of a week, campers will participate in large and small group games, sports, arts and crafts, activity choice, free time, snacks, swimming, dramatic play and nature. Camp is located at the Ann Arbor YMCA. The director would be responsible for the daily schedule of activities as well as the supervision of all participants and staff. The ultimate accountability on what happens in the camp falls on the shoulders of the director. We are looking for someone with planning/organization skills and creative ideas for daily activities. Administrative experience is also desired from applicants. As a Day Camp, it is important that the program is unique from simple supervision and possesses something new, fun and exciting for the kids each day.

Sun & Fun Half Day Co-Director

This program is similar in content to Sun & Fun Full Day, but is held twice a day. The morning and afternoon sessions of Sun & Fun Half Day offer flexibility to families wanting a full day of care, but with different camps. The director of this program will plan for two different groups with activities changing from group to group and day to day. The director would be responsible for the daily schedule of activities as well as the supervision of all participants and staff. The ultimate accountability on what happens in the camp falls on the shoulders of the director. We are looking for someone with planning/organization skills and creative ideas for daily activities. Administrative experience is also desired from applicants. As a Day Camp, it is important that the program is unique from simple supervision and possesses something new fun and exciting for the kids each day.

Sun and Fun Counselor

As a regular counselor you will be asked to work with one of the camps listed above. Flexibility and willingness to move between camps is required of this job. As a counselor you will share the supervision responsibilities with other staff and help to facilitate all activities. We are looking for staff who are excited about working with kids, as it is the counselors, not the directors, who have the ability to make a camp amazing. When applying you may list the preferred camp you would like to work with, but understand you may be moved around based on need.

Whiz Kids

Whiz Kids Director

Whiz Kids is a half day camp that runs from 8:30am – 12:30pm. This camp operates on a pre determined schedule of themes from session to session. The director will plan activities based on those themes that can be taken home. The idea of this camp is to educate campers on the themes through hands on activities and crafts. The director should be able to plan, organize, and implement activities. The ability and experience to supervise staff and large numbers of children is required. As the director, the ultimate responsibility of what happens in the program falls on them. As a Day Camp, it is important that the program is unique from simple supervision and possesses something new, fun and exciting for the kids each day.

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Teen Adventure

Teen Adventure Director

Teen Adventure Camp is by far the most high risk camp at the YMCA. As a traveling camp, it is paramount that the director be of the utmost maturity. Policies and procedures are crucial and the director must be willing to follow each down to the finest detail. With that said, Teen Adventure can be one of the most rewarding camps as you will have the opportunity to travel and experience new things each day. Trips will be decided before the summer and include things like baseball games, amusement parks, parks, and other great places. The director would be responsible for the daily schedule of activities as well as the supervision of all participants and staff. The ultimate accountability on what happens in the camp falls on the shoulders of the director. Camp runs from 8:30am-4:30pm each day.

Teen Adventure Counselor

It is the job of the Teen Adventure counselor to assist in supervision and daily operation of each day. Under the supervision of the Teen Adventure Director, the counselor plays an important role in making each trip great.

Counselor in Training (C.I.T.)

C.I.T. Director

The C.I.T. program is new to Day Camps this year. Participants ages 15-17 are taken through an application process before being selected to take part in this program. Once in session, participants will be trained as staff members and taken through multiple leadership and team building exercises. The two week program culminates in job shadowing with other counselors in our various Day Camps. This camp only runs for two weeks out of the summer, but placement in other camps to make a fulltime summer schedule is possible.

Camp Birkett

Leadership Director

Acting in partnership with the Director, the Leadership Director has many roles. The main role for this director is to organize and facilitate all programming in regards to the Jr. LIT and Sr. LIT programs. These programs are designed for young people 13 and up to have a chance to learn the skills involved with being a camp counselor. Leadership, team work, and work skills are all taught as the LIT's move through a progressive program. To learn more about the LIT program please review the Day Camp brochure. In addition to running these programs, the Leadership Director will assist the Director in administrative duties and act as a second in charge of camp operations. We are looking for someone with past administrative, organizational, and planning skills. Those who have worked with teens in the past are desired.

Waterfront Director

The Waterfront Director is responsible for all activities taking place on the waterfront. This position has a high level of responsibility involved and requires a person who has experience in aquatics. A high level of lifeguard certification and first aid is required. The Waterfront Director will also be responsible for the planning and scheduling of events and activities on the waterfront.

Boating/Swimming Counselor

In accordance with the Waterfront Director, the Boating and Swimming Counselor will conduct activities such as sailing, canoeing, and other waterfront specialties. The Boating and Swimming Counselor should have experience in both sailing and canoeing and requires a life guarding certification.

Arts and Crafts Counselor

The Arts and Crafts Counselor will be in charge of organizing, planning, and facilitating the daily A&C sessions. Applicants should have experience in creative arts and be able to plan new ideas each day.

Archery Counselor

The Archery Counselor is responsible for the daily operation of the Archery Range. Applicants should have some experience in archery, or be willing to undergo training in archery. As the lead instructor, the Archery Counselor will teach campers on all of the aspects of archery, from safety to marksmanship. A responsible and motivated person is required.

Sport Counselor

The sports counselor will facilitate daily sessions on team sports. Applicants should be in good shape and able to participate in high energy games/sports. Experience in athletics is desired. The ability to plan fun and safe activities each day is required. Overly competitive applicants need not apply.

Nature Counselor

The Nature Counselor will create and facilitate activities based around outdoor and nature education. Experience in outdoor education is required. The ability to creatively plan activities and learning sessions is required. Knowledge of native plants, animals, and other wildlife is desired.

Counselor

Regular counselors will be asked to perform multiple tasks from day to day. The primary function of a counselor is to supervise, interact with, and entertain the campers. Counselors may also be asked to assist the specialty staff in facilitating activities. Applicants must have some background working with youth in order to qualify for this position. Responsible, energetic, and fun counselors are desired.

Birkett Evening

Program Leader

Every evening Camp Birkett switches from the regular camp day, with almost 100 kids, to evening camps, with 10-20 kids. Evening camps at Birkett run from 4:30-8:30. Themes include Orienteering, Mountain Biking and Fishing. The program lead should at least be comfortable learning how to deliver these themes if not completely proficient at them. While not a full time position, the Program Lead can pair this role with others to increase hours. Another major part of the position is the transportation of participants. Individuals over 21 with a clean driving record required.

Baseball Bonanza Program Lead

Ideally paired with the Birkett Evening position, the Program Lead will be in charge of planning and running this great camp. Over the course of a camp week this camp will travel to 5 evening baseball games (Tigers, Lugnuts and Mudhens). The camp runs from 4:30-whenver the game ends! Individuals over 21 with a clean driving record required.

YVC

Counselor

Youth Volunteer Corps counselors will be responsible for leading groups of youth through various projects during the summer. YVC counselors will report directly to the YVC Coordinator and assist them in the application of YVC activities. A background in volunteerism and a desire to pass along the values of volunteering are desired.

Sports & Specialty Camps

Sports & Specialty Camp Counselors – General Information

Throughout the summer we hold a variety of Sports & Specialty Camps at various locations throughout Ann Arbor & Ypsilanti. Each camp does not run every week of the summer so applicants who have experience in multiple fields or who are prepared to move between different camps will be preferred. These camps are ideal for staff looking for a 25-30 hour per week schedule.

Director Positions

Specialty Camps Director

The Specialty Camps Director will oversee programming for our Specialty camp offering, including Prodigy (Science exploration), Mad Scientists (Science games & experiments), Survival (Outdoor Adventures) and An Amazing Race (Scavenger hunts and games). Each camp requires an organized structure to keep it entertaining throughout the week and to challenge campers physically & mentally. The director should be creative and able to plan, organize, and implement activities. The ability and experience to supervise staff and groups of around 14 children is required. As the director, the ultimate responsibility of what happens in the program falls on them. Applicants must be 21 and over with the ability to attain a chauffeurs license. Specialty camps run for 10 weeks of the summer and the Director should expect to work around 30 hours per week. It is expected that the Director would begin planning camp curriculum's 4-6 weeks before the start of the summer.

Specialty Camps

Prodigy/Mad Scientist Camp Counselor

These extremely popular science based camps allow campers to experiment every day with different projects. Activities have ranged from rocket building to making flashlights. The right applicant will have a passion for science and a desire to share their skills with children. Some activities require extra attention when supervising children so applicants should be responsible and able to follow policies and procedures to the finest detail. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun, energetic and enjoy interacting with children.

Survival Camp Counselor

Campers will have fun learning about the basics of outdoor living, camping and team building skills. They will develop character skills and teamwork through activities and games including: fishing, building shelters, campfire building, orienteering and more. Much of this camp takes place away from the YMCA facility so survival camp counselors should be responsible and of the utmost

maturity. It is essential that counselors are willing to follow policies and procedures to the finest detail. Counselors should have an interest in outdoor living and be able to plan safe, creative and fun activities throughout the week. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun, energetic and enjoy interacting with children.

Youth Theater Camp Counselor

This two-week theater camp will concentrate on character development, voice projection, stage presence, and other theater basics. As well as playing theater based games, the troupe will write a short one-act play which they will rehearse and perform on the last day of camp. Counselors should have experience in theater and performance, and should be able to plan fun and exciting activities that will develop campers' interest in theater. The ideal candidate would have dance/theater experience and be able to work between both camps. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun, energetic and enjoy interacting with children.

Dance: Making a Musical Counselor

Not unlike our Theater offering, Dance is for the camper with an interest in stage performance. With a focus on movement, choreography and singing Dance requires a staff member with passion and experience in the field. Counselors will be responsible for writing, organizing and choreographing all performances. The ideal candidate would have dance/theater experience and be able to work between both camps. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun, energetic and enjoy interacting with children.

Design Star Counselor

Campers will spend a week designing and making his/her favorite item of clothing as they work towards our Parent Show on the final day of camp. Sewing machines will not be used but campers will be able to create designs, patterns and beading using Velcro and fabric glues. This camp will also include some traditional camp activities such as games and arts & craft projects. Counselors should be comfortable participating and leading above activities. We are looking for creative, energetic and crafty staff for this camp.

An Amazing Race Counselor

An Amazing Race offers campers the opportunity to solve problems, work as a team and develop critical thinking. Activities include group games, team building and scavenger hunts designed to test their physical and mental limits. Counselors should be creative, fun and ready for a new challenge. Counselors will be asked to prepare the challenge from beginning to end and will be vital in making it a success. Much of this camp takes place away from the YMCA facility so Survival Camp counselors should be responsible and of the utmost maturity. It

is essential that counselors are willing to follow policies and procedures to the finest detail. It may be necessary for counselors to gain a Chauffeurs License and be over the age of 21.

Horseback Riding

This week long camp is offered 3 times during the summer & is held at a nearby USA Pony Club school. Campers will spend time between grooming & riding horses as well as doing non-related games and activities as directed by the counselors. Because of this it is important that counselors are creative and able to plan fun, safe and creative activities throughout the week. We are looking for individuals with horse riding experience particularly those who have experience riding English style. Riding lessons will be primarily directed by the counselors. It may be necessary for counselors to gain a Chauffeurs License and be over the age of 21.

Sports Camps

Active Girls/You Go Girl Counselor

Active Girls and You Go Girl are a great opportunities for girls to experience the benefits of physical activity in a safe, caring and fun atmosphere! Active Girls focuses on beginning a young girl's exposure to physical activity, while You Go Girl builds on older girl's interest with more involved/focused fitness activities. Counselors should be positive role models who are able to instill a sense of excitement and self-confidence. Counselors will be responsible for the supervision of campers throughout their day at camp. There is a lot of creative license to plan activities for this camp so we look for candidates that enjoy this kind of challenge. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun, energetic and enjoy interacting with children. The ability to plan safe, fun & creative activities is essential.

Basketball Camp Counselor

Basketball Camp Counselors will facilitate activities within the basketball camp so the ability to plan safe, creative & fun activities is essential. Counselors will be responsible for the supervision of campers throughout their day at camp. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun, energetic and enjoy interacting with children. Applicants should be in good shape and able to participate in high energy games/sports. Experience in athletics is desired. Overly competitive applicants need not apply.

Baseball Camp Counselor

Baseball Camp Counselors will facilitate activities within the baseball camp so the ability to plan safe, creative & fun activities is essential. Counselors will be responsible for the supervision of campers throughout their day at camp. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun, energetic and enjoy interacting

with children. Applicants should be in good shape and able to participate in high energy games/sports. Experience in athletics is desired. Overly competitive applicants need not apply.

Bowling Camp Counselor

The bowling camp takes place away from the YMCA facility so bowling camp counselors should be responsible and of the utmost maturity. It is essential that counselors are willing to follow policies and procedures to the finest detail. Experience in bowling is preferred but more important is the ability to plan and lead fun, creative activities based on the sport of bowling.

Cheer Camp Counselor

Each year this camp is extremely popular with younger girls. We are looking for individuals with some experience in dance or cheer techniques but the ability to plan safe, fun & creative activities is most important. Counselors will be responsible for the supervision of campers throughout their day at camp. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun, energetic and enjoy interacting with children.

Extreme Sports Counselor

This travel-based camp takes a tour through some of the more exciting and typically higher risk sports offered in our area. Activities may include Go Karting, Sailing, Rock Climbing, Laser Tag and more. Most activities take place away from the YMCA building so applicants should be responsible and of the utmost maturity. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun & energetic and enjoy interacting with children. While we will have multiple staff in this camp, the program leader must be 21 and willing to obtain a chauffeurs license.

Flag Football Counselor

Flag Football Camp Counselors will facilitate activities within the Flag Football camp so the ability to plan safe, creative & fun activities is essential. Counselors will be responsible for the supervision of campers throughout their day at camp. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun, energetic and enjoy interacting with children. Applicants should be in good shape and able to participate in high energy games/sports. Experience in athletics is desired. Overly competitive applicants need not apply.

Roller Hockey Camp Counselor

The roller hockey camp is a great opportunity for campers to learn the basics of hockey. This camp takes place away from the YMCA facility so roller hockey camp counselors should be responsible and of the utmost maturity. Hockey is a high risk sport so it is essential that counselors are willing to follow policies and procedures to the finest detail. Applicants must have experience in playing

hockey and experience in teaching or refereeing hockey is preferred. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun, energetic and enjoy interacting with children. The ability to plan safe, fun & creative activities is essential.

Soccer Camp Counselor

The soccer camp takes place away from the YMCA facility so soccer camp counselors should be responsible and of the utmost maturity. It is essential that counselors are willing to follow policies and procedures to the finest detail. Experience in soccer is essential as is the ability to plan and lead fun and creative activities. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun, energetic and enjoy interacting with children.

Team/International/All Star Sports Camp Counselor

The team, international and All-Star sports camps include a variety of different sports and activities from a variety of regions and countries. The sports camp counselors are expected to plan different activities each day. Some activities may take place away from the YMCA building so applicants should be responsible and of the utmost maturity. It is essential that counselors are willing to follow policies and procedures to the finest detail. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun & energetic and enjoy interacting with children.

Team Sports Camp Counselor (Ypsilanti)

Ypsilanti team sports camps will take place at various locations throughout the city and will include a variety of different sports and activities. Team sports camp counselors are expected to support the camp director in planning different activities each day. All camps take place away from the YMCA building so applicants should be responsible and of the utmost maturity. It is essential that counselors are willing to follow policies and procedures to the finest detail. We are looking for individuals that are responsible, fun & energetic and enjoy interacting with children.