# Adventure Team Specialist Job Description

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<u>Job Title:</u> Adventure Team Specialist for Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center <u>Reports to:</u> Adventure Team Coordinator for Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center

**Department:** Outdoor Ministries

<u>Salary:</u> \$2000 stipend <u>Housing:</u> Included

Dates of Contract: June 20-August 25, 2024

#### **Position Purpose:**

Work as a team to provide a safe and fun Adventure Program for campers, volunteers, and staff. Plan, teach, coordinate and carry out activities during field games, low ropes, and high ropes, while guiding campers in personal growth and faith formation. Provide program support for night activities as scheduled.

### **Essential Job Functions:**

- 1. Assure safe operation of the Adventure Program
  - Become familiar with Local Operating Procedure manuals.
  - ♦ See to the safety of all participants:
    - Fit participants with appropriate safety equipment.
    - Instruct participants in safe operation of all equipment.
    - Enforce rules of the Challenge Course.
  - ♦ Monitor and report any safety concerns to coordinator
  - Inspect equipment daily and report required repairs as needed.
- 2. Deliver a fun and challenging Adventure Program experience
  - ◆ Deliver fun, engaging activities that promote camper growth.
  - ♦ Encourage safe stretching of boundaries.
  - ♦ Celebrate participant successes.
  - ♦ Assist in creating daily activity schedules for assigned programs.
  - ♦ Maintain a high level of enthusiasm.
  - ♦ Help create a magical experience for every camper.
- 3. Train in Challenge Course skills
  - Attend annual ropes course training (minimum of 24 hours)
  - ♦ Participate in regular in-service training
  - ♦ Maintain conditioning required to constantly supervise campers and respond to emergency situations

### Other Job Duties:

- ◆ Participate enthusiastically in all camp activities, planning, and leading those as assigned.
- Participate as a member of the camp staff team to deliver and supervise evening. programs, special events, overnight, and other all-camp activities and camp functions.

- Assist in the planning of any special events on or near the ropes course.
- ♦ Other duties as assigned.

## Relationships:

The A-Team Staff will work closely with the A-Team Coordinator and fellow team members to ensure the delivery of a safe and high-quality Adventure Program experience. A-Team Staff will support the work of volunteer deans and counselors in creating a safe, fun environment that allows campers to grow.

## **Equipment Used:**

- ♦ Field games props
- ♦ Low Ropes elements
- ♦ High Ropes belay equipment, including but not limited to carabiners, ropes, belay devices, harnesses, helmets, rescue equipment, maintenance equipment

## Qualifications:

- ♦ Age 18 or older.
- Experience and knowledge of Challenge Course activities preferred.
- ♦ Experience leading programs and activities with young people.
- ♦ First Aid/CPR certification, or ability to obtain.

# Physical Aspects of the Job:

- Ability to work for long periods of time without sitting.
- Ability to work outside in variable weather conditions.
- ♦ Ability to observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques.
- ♦ Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the activity.
- ♦ 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.