

## **Camper Support Specialist**

Join fellow professionals and young leaders to enrich the lives of youth with 50 acres of woods and significant waterfront on Echo Lake as your office!

Camp Beech Cliff is seeking a senior level administrative seasonal staff for our traditional summer day camp.

- Time Commitment:
  - o On-Site 40 Hours/week from at least June 5<sup>th</sup> August 26<sup>th</sup>
  - o 100Hours pre/post camp work that can be undertaken remotely
- Housing Included
- Salary: \$25-\$30/hr. DOE

Minimum qualifications: At least 23 years old, Current LSW, MSW candidate, or MSW

- Experience working with youth aged 5-15 in a professional mental health setting
- Desire and ability to work with children and adults in camp setting
- Enthusiasm, flexibility, clear communication skills, patience, self-regulation and welldeveloped counseling skills
- Ability to work closely with Camp Director
- Ability to work independently and with a team
- Ability to represent and act as liaison for camp with parents and community members
- Understanding and sensitive to the challenges faced by youth from various socioeconomic backgrounds
- Skilled in building interpersonal skills, including the ability to influence positive decision-making, listen, manage conflict, and practice sensitivity and compassion
- Certified in CPR and Standard First Aid, Wilderness First Aid (WFA), or are willing to obtain

## Camper Support Specialist responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Work collaboratively and communicate with camper families, the camp management, and Administrative Team to meet the best interests of the camper both before and during the summer camp season
- Deliver training to staff on areas such as mental health and positive behavior management, as well as appropriate responses to situations that may occur at camp
- Provide on-going coaching and support to camp staff as it relates to meeting camper mental, behavioral, social and emotional needs
- Ensure proper response, follow-through and debrief on situations arising with campers
- Make referrals to support services in home communities of the campers
- Establish relationships with youth that reflect respect, trust, and empathy
- Model healthy choices and emotional maturity

**Considerations:** Applicants should realize that camp work is challenging, demanding, and requires a great deal of patience and understanding. Personal lifestyle sacrifices will have to be made including disconnecting from daily use of digital technology during the camp day. Sensitive and dynamic leadership is necessary to provide support to both campers and staff. All staff must adhere to the health and safety laws set forth by the State of Maine Dept of Human Services Youth Camps Division, and standards for accreditation with the American Camping Association. Possible Housing.

Commitment: Pre-Camp season (Mid May – early June): 20 hrs/wk, (approximately 100 hours of pre-camp work communicating with parents and families as preparation for their child's time at camp). Camp Season (early-June – end of August) 40 hrs/wk., and some post-season hours to de-brief and compile reports regarding camper services. \$25-\$30/hr. (DOE) plus Housing. <a href="www.campbeechcliff.org">www.campbeechcliff.org</a> or contact <a href="matt@campbeechcliff.org">matt@campbeechcliff.org</a>. (ACA accredited Camp)