

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

# SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR

Discover the warmth of our hospitality at Camp Caroline. Located in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies, we are one of Alberta's premier year-round Christian camp and retreat centers.

We strive to create getaways with greater purpose that encourage life-changing experiences, therefore our skilled staff are carefully selected with our campers and guests in mind. Camp Caroline staff are recruited not only for their ability to perform their duties, but also for their trustworthy character and commitment to serving campers and guests with an exceptional standard of care.

**Summer Camps have always been a critical piece of the ministry at Camp Caroline. Something significant happens in the lives of children and adults when they have the chance to step away for a week and have a life-giving experience in an exciting new setting. You will play a critical role as a staff member in our mission to foster first steps, next steps, and servant leadership in the lives of our campers and guests. As a Summer Camp Counselor, you will be responsible to help provide unforgettable, high impact experiences and holistic camper care while creating a sense of wonder and adventure for each individual camper.**

**Department:** Ministries

**Reports To:** Counselling Team Leaders and Director of Summer Camps

**Term:** 10 weeks, fulltime

**Start Date:** June 20, 2022

**End Date:** August 29, 2022

**Compensation:** \$300 / week

### Requirements:

- A personal profession of faith in Jesus for salvation and witness of obediently following him
- A member or adherent in an evangelical church
- Agreement with the mission, vision, core values, and core commitments of Camp Caroline
- Demonstrated ability to maintain healthy working relationships with a team
- Demonstrated ability to organize and plan well
- Demonstrated ability to initiate and follow through on projects with excellence
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to handle sensitive and/or confidential situations with respect
- Minimum 18 years of age
- Availability to work regular and irregular hours
- Good health and stamina
- Completion of reference and background checks

### General Responsibilities:

- Uphold the mission, vision, core values, and core commitments of Camp Caroline with the highest standard of excellence



- Uphold Camp Caroline policies and adhere to policies, best practices, and principles related to standards of service care as established by recognized authorities
- Assist in nurturing the spiritual atmosphere of Camp Caroline for campers, guests, and staff
- Develop a welcoming atmosphere and safe environment for campers, guests, and staff
- Anticipate and attend to camper and guest's service needs

### **Counseling Responsibilities:**

- **Main Purpose:** To lead campers in the faith journey of becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ, accepting each one at whatever place they may be at spiritually, and helping them grow closer to Jesus Christ through encouraging them in:
  - First Steps – Beginning a life-long journey with Jesus
  - Next Steps – Following Jesus faithfully
  - Servant Leadership – Exemplifying Jesus' love and concern for others
- Live with and lead your campers 24 hours a day
- Be available to give selflessly, patiently, and lovingly to your campers spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional needs
- Promote unity among your cabin members
- Anticipate camper needs for Sunday registration and Friday sign-out
- Organize your campers to clean your cabin each day
- Attend and participate in all teaching and worship sessions, activities, and events, with your campers unless scheduled otherwise
- Actively pursue relationship by spending time with your campers during their free time
- Support, encourage, and engage Activity Leaders as you participate with your cabin at activities
- Instruct certain activity sessions in collaboration with other counselors
- Lead activity devotions in collaboration with other counselors
- Fully participate in outings, leading campers and assisting outtripping staff to the best of your ability
- Lead by example to motivate and encourage campers to be involved in all activities
- Work with other staff to maintain a positive, impactful atmosphere at all activities and events
- Lead cabin times with discernment and grace, showing God's love to your campers in all things
- Ensure a safe environment for your campers by being in your cabin at camper lights out and remaining in your cabin with campers for the duration of the night
- Report problems with campers to the Counseling Team Leader or Director of Summer Camps
- Support, train, disciple, and give leadership opportunities to Leads assigned to your cabin
- Complete weekly Camper Reports and camper Christmas cards

### **Summer Camp Responsibilities:**

- Participate fully in summer staff training, events, and chapels
- Regularly look for ways to extend hospitality and care to campers and guests
- Work consistently to keep Camp Caroline clean and guest ready
- Participate in all summer camp events, and assist with them as required
- Give leadership and/or help in the children's or youth program during family camps
- Participate in the "Adopt a Family" program during family camps
- Assist with drama and worship teams as desired
- Assist in Sunday camper registration and Friday camper pick-up as assigned
- Attend and participate in all Worship Times, Evening Events, and Campfires
- Work with other staff to foster an effective atmosphere at all summer events and activities



**Time Management Expectation:**

- Helping lead your cabin at activity areas – 30%
- Leading faith discussions – 15%
- Supervising your cabin at sessions/events/meals – 30%
- Camper care – 20%
- Staff meetings – 5%

**Key Working Relationships:**

- Counseling Team Leaders
- Director of Summer Camps
- Summer Leadership Team
- Summer Staff
- Volunteer Staff