

Summer Camp Counselor

Organizational Leadership, Customer Relations, Interpersonal Communication, Outdoor Recreation

Job Summary

Procter Summer Camp, a ministry of Procter Center in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, creates a place for children, youth, and families to grow in faith, sing, learn, play, and pray in the peaceful farmland of London, Ohio. We seek and serve Christ in all people with whom we interact at camp, aspiring to model joy, respect, and affirmation towards everyone, *no exceptions*.

About Our Program

We offer summer camps for children, youth, and families. Christian Formation is an important part of our program. We share stories and learn together; we sing and pray together every day. Campers and staff members of all (or no) faith background are welcome.

Position Purpose

Counselors are the primary caregivers for campers.

- Youth camps include campers in 1st - 12th grade. Counselors are responsible for two distinct areas, cabin life and programming. This includes planning, facilitating, coordinating and cleaning up from activities throughout the camp session, guiding campers in their personal growth, faith life and daily living skills.
- Family Camps are open to campers of all ages, counselors do not provide overnight care for children.
- Day Camp is for campers in grades 1 – 6 and runs Monday – Friday from 8am – 5:00pm

Essential Functions

- Build authentic relationships with campers by living as an example of Christ's love for them and providing spiritual leadership to those in their cabin.
- Create a safe and welcoming environment for the Procter community.
- Enthusiastically participate in all program areas: cabin life, meals, formation, worship, outdoor activities, small and large group activities, staff meetings.
- Work collaboratively with camp staff to plan and deliver a safe, inclusive, fun, and educational camp program.
- Provide, with a co-counselor, continual supervision, ensure safety, and foster a family atmosphere for 7-12 campers in your cabin, including overnights.
- Participate with our Chaplains in the Christian formation experience and worship.
- Take responsibility, on a rotation, for leading camp activities: morning and afternoon and evening activities, whether small group or whole camp.
- Nurture and interact with all campers, remaining attentive to the needs of campers in your cabin as well as throughout the community.
- Know the camp schedule and ensure that each member of your cabin or group is on time to daily activities.
- Model healthy relationships, facilitate skill building, create joy for a memorable camp experience.

Other Job Duties

- Take ownership of camp hospitality: water coolers, activity and lake set up/clean up, campfire set up.
- Positive role model to campers and staff by demonstrating a positive attitude, behavior, and leadership style.
- Support the Procter Food Service team as needed.
- Participate in written (mid-summer and end of season) and verbal evaluations as requested.

- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Counselors must be 18-years old and at least one year out of high school
- Priority will be given to applicants who have completed one year of college, or equivalent
- Must submit health form, proof of Safe Church training, and background check
- An interest in working with children in a camp setting and desire to be a positive influence on children
- Ability to relate effectively to diverse groups of people from all social and economic segments of the community

Knowledge, Skills & Abilities

- Summer camp experience, as a camper or counselor or experience working with children and youth
- Willingness to participate in a summer-long community and faith community

Physical Requirements

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle or feel; and reach with hands and arms. Prolonged standing, stooping, lifting, walking long distances daily, requires typical range of hearing and eyesight to record, prepare and communicate camper activities and programs, willing to participate in activities in and around water (lake and pond).

Above all, counselors are expected to strive for wellness: spiritual, physical, and emotional for, themselves, and then everyone they encounter.

Work Environment

Potential counselors should be prepared to enthusiastically live in a camp setting without a lot of privacy or down time. We live in Episcopal community and work irregular hours with daily exposure to the sun and heat.

Apply on Handshake or send resume and cover letter to camp@proctercenter.org.