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McGaw YMCA In Evanston Camp Echo Job Description

TITLE: Teen xTreme Counselor

REPORTS TO: Teen Camp Director

SUPERVISES: None

SPECIFIC DUTIES

- Responsible for the direction, leadership, safety, and well-being of 12-14 campers living in the Birches.
- Meets with the Head Cook at the start of each session to plan the menu for the session.
- Together with the other Teen xTreme Directors ...
 - Plans and implements a challenging, safe, fun, age-appropriate Teen xTreme program for the session.
 - Plans a daily schedule and activities that are consistent with the goals of the program.
 - Works with the Main Camp Director to schedule time in Main Camp activity areas, if appropriate.
 - Works with the ABC Director to facilitate appropriate group-building exercises for the group.
- Together with the other Teen xTreme Directors, leads an off-camp climbing trip, and other trips.
 - Works with the Teen Adventure Coordinator on pre-trip logistics and preparation as needed.
 - Verifies that the trip itinerary is accurate and that emergency and check-in procedures are in place.
 - Checks out food, gear, and van keys, and cash from the Teen Adventure Coordinator.
 - Shares the van driving duties with the other Teen xTreme Directors, if 21 or older.
 - Follows all applicable state laws and speed limits when driving camp vans.
 - Conducts all aspects of each trip from start to finish. Cooperates with outside outfitters and experts.
 - Turns in keys to the Teen Camp Director and checks in the van with the Property Manager.
 - After each trip, returns leftover cash and accurate expense records to the Teen Adventure Coordinator.
 - After each trip, returns clean gear, reports repair needs or problems, and accounts for gear not returned.
- At the end of each session, submits teen leadership evaluations to the Teen Camp Director.
- Reports maintenance needs to the Property Manager.
- Responsible for creating or updating a program notebook on the Teen xTreme Program.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES

- Attends vehicle safety sessions with the Property Manager prior to driving any camp vehicle.
- Shares, with other Teen Camp Staff, the job of picking up and dropping off of rented vans.
- Maintains the cleanliness of the living space to which he or she is assigned.
- Serves as a mentor to younger staff in general; specific assignments may also be made by your supervisors.
- Models, teaches, and upholds the Camp Echo Code of Conduct and protects the well-being of all campers.
- Cares for and maintains equipment, supplies and property of camp
- Shares responsibility of staffing layovers with other staff members
- Maintains positive relationships with campers, parents and other staff
- Encourages physical, emotional and spiritual growth and positive character development in all campers
- Works to increase his or her own cultural competence and helps to create an environment that values diversity
- Prepared to do anything else deemed necessary by the Camp Director.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Age 21 or older
- Certified in CPR, Lifeguard, and Wilderness First Responder
- Valid drivers license and a clean driving record
- Experience with campers in a wilderness setting or on camping trips
- Leadership ability and teamwork oriented
- Possess a variety of skills and camping experience
- A commitment to working with a diverse staff and camper population for the fulfillment of YMCA goals