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McGaw YMCA In Evanston Camp Echo Job Description

TITLE: **Voyagers Counselor**
REPORTS TO: **Teen Camp Director**
SUPERVISES: **None**

SPECIFIC DUTIES

- Responsible for the direction, leadership, safety, and well-being of 7-11 campers.
- As an experienced counselor, follows all suggestions and guidelines in the Senior Counselor job description.
- Works in Campativity areas for the morning while Voyagers are in Campativities.
- Together with the other Voyagers Counselors ...
 - Plans more challenging group activities for the afternoon and during the second week of camp.
 - Takes the Voyagers on a service project field trip sometime during the session.
 - Takes the Voyagers on another field trip, if appropriate, as approved by the Teen Camp Director.
 - Plans “Voyager Only” evening programs.
 - If Voyagers Village counselor, takes group on a two-night overnight on camp property.
 - If Voyagers Outpost counselor, takes group on a short adventure trip to a nearby campground.
 - Understands that 9th graders in Main Camp need appropriate challenges and supervision.
- Works with the other Teen Camp Staff to plan “all teen” evening programs and gatherings.
- Works with the Experiential Learning Coordinator to facilitate appropriate group-building exercises.
- Works with the Teen Camp Director to schedule time in Main Camp activity areas for Cabin Group time.
- At the end of each session, submits parent letters to the Teen Camp Director.
- Reports maintenance needs to the Property Manager.
- Responsible for creating or updating a program notebook on the Voyagers Program.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES

- Maintains the cleanliness of the living space to which he or she is assigned.
- Attends vehicle safety sessions with the Property Manager prior to driving any camp vehicle, if 21 or older.
- Shares, with other Teen Camp Staff, the job of picking up and dropping off of rented vans, if 21 or older.
- 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
- 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 20 or older
- Certified in CPR, First Aid, and Lifeguard; Wilderness First Aid or higher preferred
- Valid drivers license and clean driving record if 21 or older
- Experience with teens in a camp or school setting
- 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