



Country Life Kids Camp is seeking seasonal Camp Counselors

Camp mission and philosophy

Country Life Kids Camp (CLKC) is a unique day camp which offers sports instruction, athletic performance training, team building challenges, hands-on science activities, academic enrichment and good old-fashioned summer camp fun rolled into one! The camp is located in Medina, Ohio and instructs campers aged 6 through 13 years old.

The mission of CLKC is to prepare our youth for the future by instilling in them character, values, leadership, and a moral compass by which to lead their lives. Focus is on the development of the whole person and the CLKC Director and staff are highly committed to teaching the core values – respect, responsibility, honesty and caring. Safety and appropriate supervision are essential components of our program.

Being a **Camp Counselor** is the “backbone” and a position essential to the success of **CLKC** summer program. This is a “non-traditional” position because it offers teachers or future teachers the opportunity to use a variety of their academic and athletic skills, while coaching in a beautiful park-like setting. Each Camp Counselor will teach children grouped in grades from Kindergarten through 7th grade in a classroom environment. This is a “hand’s on” position where you must be able to follow a set curriculum and learn the material pertaining to the academic subjects of Reading, Mathematics, Science, Art, Wildlife Education and Conservation. As a Camp Counselor, the primary focus is to build relationships with kids. Camp Counselors will guide the children's intellectual and interpersonal growth via play, educational tools and instructional activities. Counselors teach, coach, play, eat, laugh, sing and have Bible studies together with the children. The program includes 8 hours of outdoor work each day, and although the work may be difficult at times, Camp Counselors make it *fun*.

A typical camp day is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, June through August. Each Camp Counselor will greet new campers and their families. Each Camp Counselor is encouraged to communicate with parents each morning and afternoon. The Camp Counselors will be the very first and last person that campers and their families see every day, so being friendly, positive, and outgoing are critical traits each Camp Counselor should possess. Each Camp Counselor is responsible for his or her group of campers the minute the campers arrive on the CLKC property. Each Camp Counselor will accompany his or her assigned group of campers to all activities. The Camp Counselor, under the direction of the Team Leader, runs most activities with his or her assigned group of campers. Additionally, Camp Counselors will participate in those activities with the campers. Each Camp Counselor is expected to offer encouragement for campers to participate in activities. Activities include: lesson presentation, games, crafts, lunch, and sports and nature lessons (the last two are coordinated by the Sports Coordinator and Nature Program Coordinator). After the campers leave, each Camp Counselor will have an end of the day assignment.

Outside of interaction with the campers, there will be periodic staff “fun times” and activities/outings the entire staff will participate in.

The ideal candidate will be enjoy being outside; be a self-starter; be enthusiastic; be athletic; have a passion for *teaching* and *coaching* children; and have experience participating in instructional and athletic programs such as soccer, basketball and volleyball, as well as be willing to plan daily lessons and facilitate activities. Each Camp Counselor will have an opportunity to make a difference in a young person’s life. Camp Counselors must be at least 18 years old.

Specific camper-related responsibilities include-

- Leading and facilitating a group of 12-24 students (grouped in grades from Kindergarten through 7th grade) each day
- Interacting regularly with the CLKC Director, Assistant Director, Nature Program Coordinator, Sports Coordinator, and Team Leaders
- Helping the team leader/coach with all curriculum preparations and teaching needs they may require; when needed, working with other staff to develop course guidelines and instructional information
- Following a curriculum and developing or following 45-minute lesson plans in academic and character subjects; subjects include Coaching Character, Wildlife Education, Science, Art, and Religion

- Following a laid-out curriculum on sports instruction along with athletic performance training for soccer, basketball, volleyball and agility, which includes identifying a series of drills for each day and teaching skills, movements, fitness, and strategies for each sport; creating a fun atmosphere for campers during training sessions and individual skill training
- Grouping campers based on age and physical ability and providing athletic development instruction based on the individual needs of each child; helping children grow in knowledge, athletic skill, sportsmanship and citizenship
- Following a laid-out curriculum each day, for 15 minutes prior to starting the physical athletic performance training, on the Qualities of a Complete Player, that includes Character, Effort, Knowledge, Perseverance etc. lessons; encouraging each camper to demonstrate and communicate these qualities in the daily athletic performance training which last 2 ½ hours
- Following a curriculum and preparing lesson plans, to teach and lead in-depth Bible study/moral-based discussions designed to help each camper explore and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ; the ultimate goal is to serve God by serving each camper so that the love that Jesus has for them are not just words, but a *real* experience.
- Understanding of and applying the various learning styles (auditory, visual, kinesthetic, etc.) in presenting lessons
- Helping with the preparation, teardown, and resetting of daily activities

General responsibilities include-

- Having strong leadership skills, and the ability to quickly respond to emergency situations
- Ensuring order by implementing disciplinary action based on CLKC policy and procedures
- Attending all CLKC's orientation and trainings (Open House event, orientation, safety and compliance)
- Upholding all CLKC policies and philosophy, and utilizing CLKC goals and objectives as a basis for working with one and all
- Occasionally working weekends to help set up for events and program activities (i.e. Open House)
- Computer literate with a high degree of comfort using technology (computer, tablets, PowerPoint, Word, Excel, and LCD) for some of the academic subjects
- Assuming all other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Camp Director

General qualifications-

- **Must be 18 years of age with an anticipated college track in a related field (ex. Education, Physical Education, Psychology, one of the sciences, etc.)**
- Ability to be highly professional as well as flexible, adaptable, collaborative, approachable and outgoing
- Strong oral and written communication skills; strong work ethic and project management skills
- Ability to relate to a diverse range of people and exercise cultural competence and inclusion
- Commitment to CLKC's discipline, safety and emergency procedures
- Classroom management skills, and interest in working with children are necessary assets
- Ability to pass program certifications (i.e., First Aid, CPR); current certification in First Aid and CPR
- Able to lift/move up to 50 pounds and stand or walk for long periods of time
- A valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Successful completion of criminal background check process

Preferred qualifications-

- Bachelor's Degree, or scheduled to graduate within a year, in the field of Education, with a teaching certificate in elementary or secondary education; a teaching portfolio with a teaching philosophy statement will be required if selected for an interview
- Experience having played competitively at the high school level; college playing experience or higher preferred

This is a 1099 paid sub-contractor position and pay rate will be negotiated with the Director.

To apply: Please complete the online application

Submit application and other materials to: Country Life Kids Camp, 7003 West Smith Rd. Medina, Ohio 44256