

JOB DESCRIPTION**UNIT COUNSELOR**

Purpose: To work with other counselors to help campers in her unit to understand and live up to the Promise & Law; develop and use a democratic form of government; plan, carry out and evaluate activities; and develop enjoyment and appreciation of the out-of-doors. To fully support and actively participate in the team approach to camp management and achievement of goals.

Accountable to: The Program Manager

Principal Duties:

1. Attends pre-camp training.
2. Knows each girl in the unit and helps them learn to respect the rights of others and to understand differences and similarities of other campers.
3. Teaches camping skills and appreciation of the out-of-doors using Girl Scout handbooks and other resources as basis.
4. Provides and guides activities and experiences in the unit through use of group government, girl-adult planning and the Girl Scout program.
5. Helps to coordinate unit and all camp activities.
6. Works as a team with other unit staff to delegate jobs, arrange schedules for time off.
7. Actively participates in supervising unit housekeeping, sanitation, supplies and equipment.
8. Assumes responsibility for health and safety of the campers:
 - a) Emphasizes prevention of illness, accidents.
 - b) Reports accidents promptly.
 - c) Keeps nurse informed of health status of campers and unit staff.
 - d) Follow procedures for use of first aid kit in unit and on out of camp trips.
9. Assists with opening/closing and inventory.
10. Serves as waterfront guard or watcher if qualified and needed for own unit.
11. Attends staff meetings, keeps records and makes report as required.
12. Follows established crisis procedures.
13. Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

1. General:
 - a) Be a current member of Girl Scout movement and accept the beliefs and principles and ways of work of the organization.
 - b) Be able to guide campers and help them learn.
 - c) Have the ability to supervise adults and work as a member of a team.
 - d) Be interested, know about, and be skilled in the Girl Scout program & safety practices in a camp setting.
 - e) Be willing to live in staff tent or cabin near campers.
2. Age: 18 years of age minimum.
3. Training and Experience
 - a) Training in the Girl Scout program, camp counseling, and/or leadership techniques.
 - b) Experience as a camper, youth leader or teacher.
 - c) Hold current First Aid and CPR certificates.