Aquatics Specialist

The Aquatics Specialist is responsible for all aspects of pool and/or waterfront programming including boating and fishing. This includes planning, preparation, and risk management. They will create safe, age-appropriate, adapted programming for campers aged 8-17 years old. This staff member will oversee and support hourly lifeguards with the completion of daily tasks.

Team Overview:

The Program Team brings the camp experience to life by creating programs, building community and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all camp participants. The team creates accessible and developmentally-appropriate programs and recruits, processes and supports a large team of volunteers and seasonal staff. In adherence with laws and camp governing bodies; they develop, plan and implement camp emergency procedures and policies.

Responsibilities:

- Attend Seasonal Staff Training (May 30 - June 8)
- Oversee the management of all aquatics areas in absence of Aquatics Manager (boating, fishing, swimming)
- In conjunction with the Aquatics Manager, coordinate lifeguard schedule to ensure aquatics and waterfront programs meet minimum staffing requirements
- Implement educational-driven programming for aquatics and waterfront programs
- Ensure preparation of daily open/close checklists, inventory of supplies, accident/incident reports and hourly lifeguard timesheets
- Oversee and perform daily pool cleaning, record chemical levels
- Participate in and oversee weekly lifeguard skill checks and in-service trainings as directed by the Aquatics Manager

Required Skills, Qualifications & Experience

- Ability to move across camp grounds and between buildings and activity areas multiple times each day
- Ability to perform job functions outside during summer months (humidity, heat, rain)
- Valid Level 1 Canoe Instructor certification through the American Canoe Association (or attend on site training on Friday, May 26th)
• Hold or obtain valid Lifeguard & CPR for Professional Rescuer Certifications (Waterfront Instructor certification preferred) or attend training on site on Thursday, May 25th
• Ability to implement a multi-faceted program for campers aged 8-15 years with varying physical and developmental abilities
• Strong understanding of waterfront risk management and emergency planning while keeping safety first in all situations
• Ability to manage a detailed schedule for a large team
• Ability to live on site
• Ability to lift 50 lbs.

Preferred Skills, Qualifications & Experience

• Minimum of 1 year of previous experience in aquatics

Expectations & Requirements for all Flying Horse Farms Staff

We live our Values. We are each responsible for knowing our values and nurturing our culture:
• We are All In. We demonstrate a willingness to do what it takes to get the job done, we are supportive and loyal, show up present and ready and we are passionate about "Campers First."
• We have an Attitude of Optimism. We find what is working and make more of that happen, demonstrate adaptability within ambiguity, spread joy and hope and ensure everyone we interact with feels "Welcomed Home."
• We are Trustworthy. We are consistent, dependable, and steady, truthful and operate with transparency, take ownership for our work and "See the Best" in others.
• We Take Initiative. We are driven, work towards goals with fortitude, pay attention to details and find innovative solutions with "Fearless is Free" attitudes.

How to Apply:

https://flyinghorsefarms.org/get-involved/seasonal-positions/

Flying Horse Farms provides magical, transformative camp experiences for children with serious illnesses and their families - free of charge. Located on 200 acres in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, camp first opened its gates in 2010 and hosts about 900 children and families each year.

Flying Horse Farms is the first camp in the Midwest to become a full member of the SeriousFun Children's Network. Founded in 1988 by actor, philanthropist and Ohio native Paul Newman, the Network is a community of independently managed and financed camps and programs creating opportunities for children with serious illnesses and their families. The Network has evolved from one camp to a global community serving one million children and families across five continents.

The children who attend camp have illnesses including cancer, heart conditions, rheumatoid arthritis, blood disorders, asthma, gastrointestinal disorders and facial anomalies.

At Flying Horse Farms, for a weekend or week at a time, being sick takes a backseat to being a kid. And fun is priority number one. Campers participate in activities like swimming, boating, fishing, archery, high ropes and arts
and crafts. Campers receive first-rate care at our on-site health center, staffed 24/7 by medical professionals from children’s hospitals across Ohio and beyond.

*Flying Horse Farms is an ACA-Accredited Camp with the American Camp Association.*