

Cabin Counselors / Program Specialists

GYV's counseling team work closely together to promote sensitivity to all cultures, encourage personal development and integration, and ensure safety. Counselors are role models of participation, cooperation, care, and respect and are responsible for guiding youth through their GYV experience of self-discovery; contributing to a deeper understanding of one's self and how personal actions affect the world around them.

Each live-in counselor creates a warm, harmonious environment within their assigned cabin, working cooperatively with other counselors. Counselors maintain standards of health, safety and program quality, create opportunities for cultural sharing, and facilitate cross-cultural communication and understanding.

Counselors fill many roles at the Village. They not only live in the cabin with the youth, but share meals with them, conduct cabin meetings, plan and deliver cabin activities, and attend evening programs with their cabin group. In the afternoon, counselors teach activities such as swimming, sports, studio arts, and nature activities, or a leadership development topic. They may assist in planning and implementing select evening programs. (Options are explored during interviews.)

Day in the Life of a GYV Counselor (SUBJECT TO CHANGE, pending COVID mitigation planning)

- Wake up
- Breakfast with Cabin (8:45 am)
- Counselor Meeting (1 hr) or Personal / Planning Time
- Lunch with Cabin (12:45)
- Siesta with Cabin (1:30 – 2:15 pm)
- Teach Elective (2:30 – 3:30)
- Café Time
- Teach TLC (4:00 – 5:00 pm) (Teamwork, Leadership & Community)
- Recreation Time (5:15 – 6:30pm)
- Dinner with Cabin (6:45pm)
- Evening Program with Cabin (8:15 – 10:15pm)
- Lights Out (11:15pm)

Key Qualifications

- High school graduate with *at least* two years college education or post-secondary school work experience; *21 years of age or older*.
- Youth work experience; preferably multicultural, in a residential or travel program.
- Experience in team building and leading youth groups; able to initiate and moderate youth discussions; able to plan and deliver youth activities.
- Works well in team structure. Open minded and has positive response to new points of view and feedback.
- Conversant in English.
- Has the skills and interest to fulfill one of the secondary roles needed in the Village: pool lifeguarding, leading sports, arts (studio arts or theater) or leadership activities.