

## **CABIN COUNSELORS / PROGRAM SPECIALISTS**

GYV's counseling team works to promote sensitivity to all cultures, encourage personal development and integration, and ensure safety. Counselors are models of participation, care, cooperation, 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.

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 skill such as public speaking, resume writing, etc. They also assist in planning and implementing select evening programs. (Options are explored during interviews.)

### *Day in the Life of a GYV Counselor*

- Wake up
- Breakfast with Cabin (8:45 am) & Breakfast Clean-up (9:15 – 10:00 am)
- Counselor Meeting (1 hr) or Personal / Planning Time
- Lunch with Cabin (12:45) & Lunch Clean-up with Cabin (twice a week)
- 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)

\* Counselors are scheduled for two of the following each day: elective, TLC, recreation time activity

### **Key Qualifications**

- High school graduate with *at least* two years college education or post-secondary school work experience
- 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.
- 21 years of age or older
- Conversant in English
- Has the skills to fulfill a secondary role need in the Village: pool lifeguarding, leading sports, arts (studio arts or theater) activities or teaching leadership skills