



SPORTS & ROPES COURSE SPECIALIST

Position Title: Sports & Ropes Course Specialist

Supervisor: Director of Camp 365

Department: Camp

Camp JCC Summary:

Our exceptional summer day camp is a place thousands of campers have called home for over 50 years. We are located on a picturesque 55-acre campus in Center Valley, Pennsylvania. With sprawling sports fields, swimming pool complete with water slides, high and low ropes course, nature and hiking trails, art, music, and nature programming, there is something for every camper. Our camp is open and welcoming to the entire community.

Mission Statement:

At camp, we aim for each of our campers to stand a little taller by the end of the summer. Self-esteem and confidence are a vital part of a child's growth and success in the world. We provide an atmosphere for exploration of new and challenging activities with an encouraging and supportive staff guiding the way for achievement. Our Jewish values, which are infused in everyday life at camp, teach campers the importance of strong character, integrity, sportsmanship, team work, conflict resolution, leadership, understanding diversity and caring about the world around them. We want to ensure, that in the best way, the child who we greet on the first day of camp is not the same person that we wave goodbye to on the last day of the summer.

Position Summary:

Our summer camp is seeking an energetic, accountable Sports & Ropes Course Specialist to provide a safe and memorable experience for our campers. The ideal candidate will be an excellent multitasker with a genuine passion for working with and empowering young people. Applicants should be patient, fun-loving and confident in their ability to motivate and assist campers in everything from learning new skills to working through homesickness.

General Responsibilities:

Sports Instruction & Recreational Programming

- Develop daily lesson plans for the instruction of sports activities appropriate for the age and skill level of individual campers ages 4-14.
- Ensure campers develop a progressive skill set in a variety of team and individual sports by developing lesson plans to include sports drills, fun activities, and recreational competition.
- Ensure all lesson plans and instruction place an emphasis on safe play, teamwork, sportsmanship and self-esteem development.
- Ensure sports instruction includes, but is not limited to, soccer, flag football, baseball/softball, basketball & volleyball.
- Recommend sports-themed activities for camp events to the Sports and Wellness Director and assist with planning and implementation once activities have been approved.
- Attend all mandatory camp meetings and staff training events.
- Participate enthusiastically in all camp activities.

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- Perform other duties as requested or required, whether or not specifically mentioned in this job description.

Safety & Risk Management

- Assist in staff training for field sports and ensure all staff is aware of supervision and safety procedures for sports activities.
- Ensure campers and staff use appropriate safety equipment and follow all safety procedures during sports activities.
- Ensure that program areas are kept free of hazards and debris.
- Report hazards or noticeable facility damage to supervisor immediately.
- Adhere to all facility policies and procedures.
- Assist in the management and care of physical facilities and equipment.
- Complete daily checks of sports facilities, including availability of safety equipment, condition of equipment, and cleanliness of each program area.
- Ensure all equipment is put away in an organized fashion at the end of each activity, with a final daily check.
- Ensure that storage areas are clean and well organized prior to, during, and at the end of each camp session.

Communication, Cooperation & Collaboration

- Attend all mandatory camp meetings and staff training events.
- Participate enthusiastically in all camp activities, providing support and guidance to camp staff.
- Participate as a member of the camp staff team to deliver and supervise special events, field trips, lunch organization, and other all-camp activities and functions.
- Meet with supervisor regularly to discuss weekly lesson plans.
- Develop a collaborative relationship with all camp staff.
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Position Competencies for Success:

- Ability to work effectively with others in all levels of the organization in a professional manner
- Positive attitude
- Commitment to the growth and development of youth
- Commitment to producing consistent, high-quality work
- Excellent judgment
- Ability to identify problems and work quickly to find solutions
- Patience, caring and creativity
- Flexibility, adaptability and ability to function as part of a team
- Desire to make a difference in the life of a child

Qualifications:

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- Previous experience working with children (examples include but are not limited to babysitter, academic/athletic tutor, camp counselor, youth volunteer, classroom assistant, or teacher)
- Commitment to work the full 8 weeks of camp (absences for school or other reasons are handled on a case-by-case basis by the Camp Director)
- Previous camp counselor/teaching experience (preferred)
- Ability to push/pull, lift and carry a minimum of 35lbs
- Endurance to work outside and on your feet for 6-8 hours per day
- Ability to respond to emergency situations
- Good physical condition which enables you to execute all responsibilities associated with this position
- Involvement in extracurricular sports in high school or college
- Certification in ropes instruction (required, training provided by camp)