

WISCONSIN LIONS CAMP
A Project of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc.

Job Title

Interpreter for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Responsible To

Camp Director

Summary

The Interpreter will use interpreting skills to facilitate the learning, understanding and enjoyment of the camp program by the deaf or hard of hearing campers, as well as to assist staff in providing an enjoyable and safe camping experience for the campers.

Required Qualifications

1. 21 years of age or older.
2. Ability to live on-site (one or two weeks).
3. Certification and/or degree in education interpreting or equivalent.
4. Sufficient visual, auditory, communication and cognitive abilities to interpret for a variety of campers and staff.
5. Knowledge, fluency and ability to use American Sign Language (ASL) and other sign systems as required.
6. Knowledge of and use of the Interpreter code of ethics as relating to medical and other situations that may arise at Camp.

Preferred Qualifications

1. Experience working with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.
2. Strong receptive and expressive skills in sign systems used at Camp.
3. First aid, CPR and AED certification.
4. Valid Driver's License.

Essential Functions

1. Interpret a variety of topics ranging from health care to program sessions and to assist the Camp in meeting camper goals and objectives.
2. Interpret for parents and guardians on arrival and departure day as needed.
3. Provide support and additional resources for staff as needed, relating to sign language and communication systems of various campers.
4. Stand for extended periods of time when required.
5. Use effective discipline techniques, behavior management plans and strategies for working with children with disabilities.
6. Represent Wisconsin Lions Camp professionally at all times.
7. Contribute to a positive camp atmosphere by being respectful to others, the Camp and yourself.

Specific Responsibilities

1. The Interpreter must:
 - Interpret for program lessons, the Health Lodge and other events as scheduled.
 - Interpret in emergency situations, discipline and other situations that may arise on a 24-hour basis.
 - Be on call every other night for interpreting needs.
 - Assist staff in learning common signs and other general information about deaf or hard of hearing campers and culture.
 - Assist and participate in camp programming.
 2. Attend and participate in all staff and specialist meetings.
 3. Greet parents, guardians and campers on arrival and departure day while performing arrival/departure duties as assigned by administrative staff.
 4. Live with a group of 6 to 8 campers. This requires the Interpreter to be a positive role model for the campers and other staff members.
 5. Assume responsibility for each camper's safety and health, assuring them a pleasant camp experience. Help each camper grow and adjust to other campers and to camp life.
 6. Know when to ask for assistance and support fellow staff.
 7. Maintain the confidentiality of campers and staff relating to issues such as health, behaviors, and other situations that may arise.
 8. Assist in camp emergencies or other situations as directed by administrative staff.
 9. Other duties as assigned.
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