

Translating Your Camp Employment Experience to Future Employers

The decision to work as a summer camp staff member says a lot about you. No matter the role you will play in your camp community, ultimately you will want to make sure that your resume reflects the experience in such a way that will be meaningful to future employers.

Here are some tips for making sure your camp experience is well represented on your resume.

Job Title

Some camps are expanding the camp counselor position to reflect more of the job duties that are tied to the role. Depending on the position, examples include youth development specialist, team or shift leader, communications coordinator, or programming leader.

Using active language, amplify the job title with descriptive terms that detail your duties, as well as the nature of time commitment you dedicated to your summer camp employer and the results you achieved.

Job Description

Core Qualifications

Select language that best represents your responsibilities, as well as ties your capabilities to 21st Century job skills sought by today's employers.

LEARNING SKILLS

Critical Thinking
Creative Thinking
Collaboration
Communication
Problem Solving

KNOWLEDGE SKILLS

Business-specific Skills
Media
Technology
Wilderness /Outdoors
Activity-specific Abilities/Certifications
Program Administration
Portfolio (if applicable)

LIFE SKILLS

Leadership
Initiative
Social Skills
Productivity
Flexibility
Sportsmanship
Counseling

ACTIVE LANGUAGE

Administer. Act. Advise. Analyze. Assemble. Assess. Assist.
Balance. Boost. Build.
Challenge. Collaborate. Communicate. Compile. Contribute. Create. Customize.
Decide. Dedicate. Design. Develop. Direct. Discuss. Document.
Edit. Encourage. Enforce. Engage. Entertain. Exercise. Explain.
Facilitate. Focus. Form.
Gather. Generate. Guard. Guide.
Handle. Head. Help. Identify.
Illustrate. Implement. Improve. Inform. Interpret. Issue.
Join. Judge.
Lead. Listen. Locate.

Manage. Master. Mediate. Model. Moderate. Modify.
Navigate. Negotiate. Notice.
Obtain. Operate. Oversee.
Participate. Persuade. Plan. Play. Present. Prioritize. Produce.
Query. Question. Quote.
Record. Recognize. Reinforce. Resolve. Respond. Review. Run.
Save. Schedule. Secure. Shape. Show. Stabilize. Supervise. Support.
Teach. Test. Train. Travel.
Unite. Update. Utilize.
Validate. Value. Verify. Visit. Visualize.
Witness. Work. Write.