

Adventure Camp Program Lead (Woodworking)

Adventure Camp is an outdoor day camp located on 48 acres of land in Mount Albert that provides 100 campers ages 5-12 years, a safe and exciting outdoor environment to explore and engage in hands on learning and to understand the importance of becoming respectful and responsible stewards of our natural environment. Adventure Camp is part of York Professional Care & Education, a non-profit organization celebrating 30 years of providing programs for children, youth and families.

The **Program Lead- Woodworking** is responsible for overseeing programming delivered at camp in our woodworking area and ensuring the quality and values of camp are reflected in the program. They are responsible for the general safety and development, growth and skill achievement of all campers' ages 5-12 years. This staff member will provide high quality summer camp and leadership experiences for participants that focus on the camp core values of courtesy, respect, responsibility, confidence, care & compassion.

The woodworking area provides campers with opportunities to develop respect for tools and their real world functions, gain experience with assessing risk and self-regulation, and develop real and meaningful experiences in science, nature, construction, engineering, and math. This includes activities such working with tools to build small and large projects. Camp activities will vary with the age and interest of the camper.

Essential Responsibilities

- Ensure the overall development and delivery of a fun, program for all campers in our woodworking area including but not limited to exploring a variety of tools including hammers, saws, drills, peelers, loppers, working on small and large woodworking projects (ex. bird houses, benches, wooden games)
- Ensuring risk assessments are completed and safety monitoring is in place
- Help guide Group Leaders, Volunteers and CITs to develop a deeper understanding of leadership and hosting skills, in the forest and pond areas of camp.
- Assist in maintaining accurate program records including incident/accident reports, camp documentation and daily attendance.
- Know and understand ALL emergency procedures associated with the camp program.
- Know, follow and enforce all safety expectations and guidelines associated with the camp and program areas. This includes, but not limited to, being responsible for your campers' safety and their whereabouts at all times

Requirements

- At least 18 years of age
- Hold current Standard First Aid & CPR-C certification
- Must submit a Vulnerable Sector Check, obtained no sooner than 3 months prior to start of position
- Experience in camp, youth programs, recreation, education programs working with children, or in a related field.
- Ability to plan, organize, implement and lead forest and pond program activities
- Ability to work as a member of a team and the ability to accomplish tasks with little direct supervision.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- HIGH FIVE or Mental Health First Aid, would be considered an asset.

Knowledge, Skills and Other Abilities:

- Oral and written communication skills
- Time management skills
- Reliable and dependable
- Able to work in all weather conditions
- Able to perform strenuous physical labor and lifting
- Team player; able to work well with a variety of people
- Perform any other tasks as assigned by Camp Director
- Previous woodworking experience (tool use, building, carpentry)

Work Environment:**While performing the duties of this job the employee is regularly required to:**

- Working outdoors and in seasonal conditions such as: very hot temperatures, dry and/or dusty environments, damp and/or wet climates, humid climates
- May require working with campers with challenging behaviours
- Requires working in excess of 40 hours per week.
- Working around farm related smells or foul odors
- Working in a loud/noisy environment.

Physical Demands**While performing the duties of this job the employee is regularly required to:**

- Stand for long periods of time
- Grip, grasp or twist using hands and wrists. Semi-reaching to full-reaching overhead
- Lift, carry, push, shovel, and/or pull up to 50lbs or more.
- Crouch, kneel, bend and/or stoop repetitively throughout out shift.

Busing is available from Richmond Hill, Aurora, Sharon, and Mount Albert to and from camp daily.

Adventure Camp is a division York Professional Care & Education and offers a competitive salary, and a collegial work environment dedicated to the professional development of all staff.

We invite all qualified candidates to complete our online application at <http://ypcedaycamp.com/summer-employment/>

We would like to thank all applicants in advance for your interest; however only those candidates invited for an interview will be contacted. No telephone inquiries or agencies please.

York Professional Care & Education is an equal opportunity employer and we will accommodate any needs under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* and the *Ontario Human Rights Code*. Please contact our office for assistance if required.