



## PHILADELPHIA FREEDOM VALLEY JOB DESCRIPTION

**JOB TITLE:** Specialist Counselor  
**LEVEL:** 6  
**SUPERVISOR:**  
**DATE:**

**JOB CODE:** 7230P  
**FLSA STATUS:** Non-Exempt  
**LOCATION:**

### POSITION PURPOSE

The Specialist Counselor is expected to provide appropriate programs and guide special needs campers throughout the camping experience and assist them with daily camping activities and programs; ensure safety and well-being of campers; supervise campers and staff to ensure that camper and parent needs and expectations are met.

### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Supervise and guide a variety of camp activities; ensure all camper participation in group and camp activities. Actively participate in activities as required to encourage participation. Build relationships with campers to assess individual needs and interests. Ensure that all program objectives are met.
- Interpret and maintain safety and health policies and procedures; review and understand your roles and responsibilities in emergency procedures; ensure appropriate behavior of campers and staff to a void risk of accidents; maintain awareness of camper physical well-being; participate in safety programs each week; adhere to policies and procedures when caring for injured campers; reports all incidents. Ensure a safe environment.
- Serve as role model for campers by arriving to camp, trips, meetings and activities at assigned time; displaying good sportsmanship; maintaining positive attitude about camp, campers, and staff; using appropriate language; following YMCA rules and regulations.
- Develop and implement activity or program with campers. Plan at least one service project to increase camper awareness of environment, cultural diversity or within a prescribed theme.
- Maintain effective communication with parents/guardians regarding camper and camp activities. Ensure that campers and parents are comfortable with the activities and supervision of camp.\
- Participate as a member of the staff team and perform any related duties as required.
- Participate in staff training, meetings and conferences as required.
- Ensure quality of camp by noting any problems, safety concerns, or equipment disrepair. Ensure camp and equipment cleanliness.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

### OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- All Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA Staff is responsible for the following:
  - Maintaining a clean, well-groomed appearance while on duty and keeping in compliance with the Association and Department Dress Code Policy
  - A continued commitment to member satisfaction by ensuring excellent Member Experience
  - Maintaining the safety of all members and staff by identifying and correcting risk situations, writing incident reports, etc.
  - Ensuring the overall cleanliness of the facility
  - A commitment to Diversity and Inclusion
  - Keeping the children in the care of the PFVY and participating in programming within the branches safe from harm and reporting signs and suspicions of abuse when necessary to the requisite state agency

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Exposure to weather, wet and/or humidity, high levels of noise.

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Ability to express or exchange ideas by means of spoken word to impart oral information and to convey detailed, spoken instructions to staff, members, children, and volunteers accurately, quickly, and loudly; ability to perceive the nature of sounds by ear; running quickly on land then safely entering the water; general swimming ability; ability to lift 50-75 pounds; ability to move about on foot quickly; ability to stoop, kneel, crouching and crawl; ability to clearly see at 20 inches or less and 20 feet or more

## REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor's degree in related field, with at least 3 years experience working with children with special needs. Prior camp and supervisory experience preferred.
- Ability to motivate and supervise staff.
- Enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and experience working with children.
- Ability to deal effectively with inappropriate behavior and recognize hazard situations.
- Valid driver's license.
- Exhibit strong leadership skills; possess a passion for member service, building and maintaining a culture of member service excellence
- Acquire and maintain the following certifications:
  - CPR Pro/AED/O2 (valid 2 years unless otherwise noted)
  - First Aid (valid 2 years unless otherwise noted)
  - Pediatric First Aid (valid 2 years unless otherwise noted)
  - Requisite Redwoods Online Trainings (valid 2 years unless otherwise noted)

## OTHER

At the YMCA we value the following attributes in personal character and behavior and believe that they are essential to attaining our mission:

<b>CARING</b>	Showing a sincere concern for others.
<b>HONESTY</b>	Be truthful in what you say and do.
<b>RESPECT</b>	Follow the Golden Rule.
<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	Be accountable for your promises and actions.

## OUR MISSION

To translate the principles of the YMCA's Christian heritage into programs that nurture children, strengthen families, build strong communities and develop healthy minds, bodies and spirits for all.

**Employee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_