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Outdoor Programmer

THE ORGANIZATION

The Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta (KCC) is passionately dedicated to helping young people and their families affected by cancer to survive and thrive in body, mind and spirit. KCC provides programs and funding in four key areas: Camp & Community Outreach, Pediatric Oncology Research, Hospital Support and Scholarships. This approach enhances the quality of life for children living with cancer, improves their odds for recovery and provides care for the whole family, during treatment and beyond.

Camp Kindle provides safe, quality camp experiences for young people and their families affected by cancer. Our free weekend and summer camps offer kids across Alberta a chance to escape the rigours of cancer treatments for outdoor fun and adventure. When not serving the oncology population, Camp Kindle provides meaningful experiences for other groups such as children's medical groups, outdoor school, bands, choirs and corporate groups.

THE POSITION

Camp Kindle is seeking Outdoor Programmers for a four month position from May to August. As part of the KCC team you will be part of a rotation that hosts groups at camp throughout the spring. You will be expected to run quality program activities to the rental groups and assist in program and site development. During the summer, KCC offers four weeks of camp to children affected by cancer, and other week-long summer camps. At this time your position will change to support a specific aspect of our summer camp program. There is also the option to re-apply for the Fall season as we will be hiring a team of programmers to stay on for September to November. Please identify in your application which of the following summer positions you are interested in:

- 2 Challenge Course Facilitators;
- Special Events/Arts and Crafts – Weekly themes and daily special events. Oversee A+C program;
- Special Events/Media- Weekly themes and daily special events. Oversee camp newsletter and video;
- 2 Counsellor-In-Training Coordinators- Oversee our summer C-I-T program;
- SunSeeker (Out-trips) – Extensive outdoor program features day trip activities and extended out-trips;

CAMP LOCATION

Camp Kindle is situated on 160 acres just outside Water Valley about 80 kilometres northwest of Calgary and 280 kilometres south of Edmonton. Located in the Foothills, Camp Kindle features a quaint pond surrounded by rolling pasture and dense forest.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Programmers are accountable to the director of camp and community programs and report directly to the camp program manager. Programmers are expected to work cooperatively and collaboratively with all staff, volunteers and committees of KCC.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Instruct fun and safe environmental education programs;
- Develop and implement new program ideas;
- Prepare for groups, and clean up after groups depart;

- Lead groups of students through their activities;
- Keep equipment in orderly and good condition. Some site maintenance and development;
- Assist the coordinator with school visits;

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be 18 years of age or older with good people skills;
- Interest in working with children;
- Desire to personally learn and grow;
- Valid class five driver's license and acceptable driver's abstract (Class IV is an asset);
- Current Standards First Aid and CPR level B;
- Police security check;
- A good understanding of community and teamwork;
- Problem solving skills and the ability to think critically.

Skills in one or more of the following is an asset:

- Challenge Courses (CUI Instructor I or II, etc)
- Paddling (Paddle Alberta, Swift Water Rescue, etc)
- Wilderness First Aid (Wilderness First Aid, Wilderness First Responder, etc)
- Mountain Biking (NCCP level one coaching or equivalent)
- Climbing
- Hiking/Backpacking
- Drama/Arts/Media

COMPENSATION

Salary ranges from \$350 to \$400 per week based on certification and relevant experience. Includes accommodation, laundry, telephone and internet. Meals are provided on work days or whenever there is a rental group on-site. Staff who stay at camp on days off are responsible for their own meals for these days.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS

Please send your resume and cover letter to:

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CLOSING DATE: February 10th, 2012



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POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Ropes Specialist

- Facilitate all challenge course activities including high ropes, low ropes, climbing wall, giant swing, zip line and teams pod;
- Maintain and regularly inspect all challenge course equipment.

Special Events/Arts and Crafts

- Plan and implement themes for all weeks of summer camp;
- Create daily skits, songs, activities to enhance the theme of the camp;
- Create supply list for special events, and do a mid-week shop to get supplies;
- Prepare all supplies and activities for special event;
- Research and plan sufficient arts and crafts activities for each group
- Lead arts and craft sessions;
- Keep an inventory of A+C supplies, and replenish as necessary. Manage A+C budget.

Special Events/Media

- Co-plan and implement themes for all weeks of summer camp;
- Develop a media program including but not limited to, camp videos, photography and a weekly camp newsletter.
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Counsellor-in-Training

The CIT program is for youth aged 16-17. In this four-week long program participants will spend their time learning to lead children in the outdoors. The first three weeks are spent learning how to lead children and Camp Kindle activities, as well as receiving First Aid certification. Participants will also develop their outdoor skills by partaking in an out-trip. The fourth week, CITs will be paired with experienced counsellors for a five-day practical counselling experience.

- Develop and implement a four-week long leadership program;
- Develop CIT curriculum emphasizing learning opportunities in leadership, communication, team-building, outdoor skills, environmental education, counseling skills, etc;
- Contact all CIT's prior to camp to get them excited and prepared about the program.

SunSeeker/Out-tripper

Camp SunSeeker provides teenagers aged 15 to 17 with adventure experiences in a challenging outdoor environment. Our two six-day sessions in July and August are geared to less experienced campers, introducing them to a progression of outdoor and leadership challenges. Our 13-day session in August is designed for teens with extensive outdoor or past SunSeeker experience and offers high-level outdoor challenges. Trips may include: Hiking, canoeing, climbing, caving, mountain biking, camping and horseback riding.

- Coordinate all planning of SunSeeker trips, including scouting trips, setting menus, creating trip plans, creating risk management plans, booking sites, etc;
- Take a lead role in implementing all SunSeeker trips;
- Primarily responsible for the supervision of campers, ensuring their health and safety.

We thank all applicants; however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. For more information about Kids Cancer Care, please visit our website: kidscancercare.ab.ca.