

Hi! My name is Zoe. I am 23 and live in New York City, where I work as a Communications Assistant at a global nonprofit focusing on the rights of girls and women. I am a former Deerkill camper, and worked as a counselor throughout both high school and college. The summers that I spent working at camp are among my most treasured memories. I strongly believe that working as a Deerkill camp counselor was vital to my growth as an individual and future professional.

The skills that you will learn as a counselor are invaluable. You will grow as a leader, learn how to think on your feet, and work with a team. Most importantly, you will gain confidence in yourself as a vital member of a community. As a counselor, I was given responsibilities that a typical internship for college-age students wouldn't have afforded me with. I am incredibly grateful for the unwavering support and loyalty that the Deerkill family gave me.

I am a firm believer in the value of working as a camp counselor- so much so that my college-age brother followed in my footsteps, and is now gearing up for his second year at Deerkill. I am grateful that I get to live vicariously through him, because it still doesn't feel like summer without camp!

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I have worked at Deerkill for the past seven summers. I think I have loved being a counselor even more than I enjoyed being a camper. There's a real sense of camaraderie and joy among the staff; by the end of the summer, everyone is like a giant family. Corny as it may sound, there really is a lot of genuine love and laughter. I worked at Deerkill all through high school and college and even for some years beyond, and can honestly say that 99% of the skills I've needed in the workplace were developed at camp: leadership, organization, time management, teamwork, confidence (now if only they could add a Microsoft Excel special!) Your campers will not be the only ones growing, learning, and changing this summer!--Emily Hauptman