

Summer Camp Jobs Exposed!

What's really going on behind all of the fun? If you're not careful, you'll develop skills employers really want to see on your resume.

WORKING IN THE CAMP ENVIRONMENT CULTIVATES...

Oral Communication Skills. You will be required to communicate effectively with people at every level of the organization — campers, fellow staff, camp directors, and parents.

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving. You will be challenged to think on your feet to resolve a myriad of issues from the health and safety of children to how to get 12 campers to make their beds each morning.

Interpersonal and Leadership Skills. You will model professionalism and compassion by managing a group of campers, while contributing to the growth and development of each individual participant.

Collaborative Skills. You will receive on-the-ground, practical, real life training in how to work with a team and help build the culture of your camp community.

Creativity. You will develop innovative and fun ways to engage an audience of two to 200 and implement alternate plans when faced with unexpected changes to the daily routine.

Here's what a former camp counselor had to say about the value of putting camp on your resume.

"Having camp job experience on your resume is a way to set yourself apart from other candidates, because you can so easily translate what you did in your role at camp into the vocabulary of your field. Working as a youth development specialist (camp counselor) provides you the arena to practice responsibility, thinking on your feet, communication, collaboration, creativity, problem solving, management skills (and so much more) in a real world context. I often see resumes from people who interned in a law office stating they "prepared binders," but what that really means is they were making copies. Working at camp gives you valuable firsthand experience. Plus, who knows, your resume may fall into the hands of someone who went to camp themselves and your experience will resonate with them as being the 'real deal!'"

Jaime Moreno-Valle , Attorney / Legal Officer, Organization of American States

Behind All the Fun... Camp Is Serious Business That Builds a Solid Resume!