

## Camp Counselor



### **C5 Youth Foundation Of Southern California**

C5 Youth Foundation of Southern California is a five-year leadership development program. C5LA recruits high-potential, socio-economically disadvantaged youth from under-resourced areas of Los Angeles and provides resources, support, opportunities and experiences that enable them to realize their potential so they may actively seek higher education and grow into tomorrow's leaders.

The first year experience is at Camp Paintrock in Wyoming where in-coming freshmen travel far from home and far out of their comfort zones. At camp students gain new experiences, and learn leadership skills through high adventure activities including, horseback riding, rappelling, camping and aquatic activities. Also, students participate in social awareness and leadership programming to understand how to address challenges in their lives and how to achieve their goals.

### **Role and Expectation**

The role and expectation of the Camp Counselor is to create an environment to develop leadership and growth among participants. Counselors provide an experience that:

- Develops self-confidence
- Develops maturity and responsibility
- Is fun and memorable

Staff are responsible for developing the leadership, decision-making and teamwork skills of participants, while themselves participating in all other camp activities

### **Additional Duties**

- Build positive relationships with and among diverse groups of teens and adults
- Facilitate C5LA student development activities and execute C5LA program curriculum
- Provide continuous development of students through structured regular mentor-student interaction
- Create a safe and positive environment conducive to student growth and development
- Observe student behavior, assess appropriateness, and apply appropriate behavior management techniques
- Participate in all camp activities, indoor, outdoor and off site
- Assist in staff training and camp set-up activities
- Adhere to and enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures
- Uphold the C5LA mission and conduct programming in line with C5LA goals
- Some duties may be reassigned and other duties may be assigned as required

### **Qualifications**

- Ability to develop, execute and supervise a safe and challenging program that meets the organization's goals
- Some type of formal completed or in-progress post-secondary education
- Documented experience in supervising and working in youth (teen) development
- At least 18 years of age and one year removed from high school
- Ability to relate to teen groups at various life stages
- Ability to accept supervision and guidance under flexible circumstances including adherence to policies
- Good show of character, integrity, adaptability, enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control
- Strong capability to live away from home for an extended period (on-site staff training, two four-week sessions) and maintain mental and emotional presence
- Physical ability and stamina to fulfill specific responsibilities in outdoor summer camp environment (including tasks such as lifting equipment, climbing, hiking, instructing and managing participants in open sunny outdoor environment)