

Lifeguard and Aquatics 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 Lifeguard and Aquatics Counselor is to introduce new experiences while creating a comfortable learning environment and teach hard skills pertaining to water-based camp activities. When not conducting specific aquatic activities, staff serve in Camp Counselor role. Staff provide an experience that:

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

Staff members are responsible for developing the leadership, decision-making and teamwork skills of C5LA participants, while themselves participating in all other camp activities.

Additional Duties

- Execute C5LA program curriculum and collaborate with C5LA Program Supervisors to development lesson plans to conduct activities in pool and open water areas
- Set up and maintain pool area
- Teach and monitor proper use of equipment as well as regularly for safety, cleanliness, and good repair
- Teach Staff their responsibilities in the various pool and canoeing activities
- Adhere to and enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures
- Identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to activities
- Evaluate aquatic & canoeing abilities of all Campers and Staff
- Assist in inventory and camp set-up/close-out
- These are not the only duties to be performed. 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
- Documented training and experience in aquatic activities including pool and open water
- Current related certifications (i.e. first aid/cpr, lifeguard, water safety instruction, open water, small water craft)
- 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 supervise and work with participants in various activities and environments
- Ability to accept supervision and guidance under flexible circumstances
- 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 environment (including tasks such as lifting equipment, swimming, hiking, instructing and managing participants in open outdoor environment)