

**VALDOSTA - LOWNDES COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY
JOB DESCRIPTION**

**JOB TITLE: ACTIVITY LEADER
SUMMER CAMP DEPARTMENT**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

To further the mission of the camp through the planning and delivery of program activities and events. Design and deliver program activities that are safe, fun, and appropriate to the campers' age and abilities. Assist in the management of the overall camp operation at the direction of the summer camp Unit Supervisor. The Activity Leader reports directly to the Unit Supervisor.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Maintains an environment which promotes cooperation, learning, and enjoyment.

Works with the Unit Supervisor to plan, organize, and direct a variety of recreational or educational activity for campers enrolled in the activity program.

Interacts and communicates with various groups and individuals such as Program Coordinator, coworkers, campers, parents, and the general public.

Maintains discipline, safety, and control of activity site.

Assists children with special needs or disabilities and includes them with other students.

Assists Unit Supervisor with the daily attendance and records, scheduling and directing of the assigned activity and with other matters relating to the activity, as requested.

Encourages high level of camper participation in assigned activities.

Assists in maintaining the facility by keeping it clean, organized, and secure, including reporting any concerns to the Unit Supervisor.

Assists with daily set-up and take-down of activity equipment and materials.

Attends meetings and trainings, as requested by the Unit Supervisor.

Works with the Unit Supervisor to name the activity, provide a description of the activity and follow the general guidelines established for activity/club offerings.

Provides supervision to the campers involved in the activity until they are picked up by their parent/guardian or assigned representative.

Takes an active role in the general supervision and care of camp participants' interests and abilities.

Implement summer camp programming under guidance of Program Coordinator.

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Recognize and respond appropriately in emergencies.

Complete additional duties as assigned by supervisor.

MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from an accredited high school or G.E.D. equivalent. Preferably has an associate's degree in Education, Parks & Recreation or a related field. Any combination of experience and training which may provide the required knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to perform the essential job functions. Must have reliable transportation.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OR STANDARDS REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Physical Requirements:

Tasks involve the ability to exert moderate, though not constant, physical effort, typically involving some combination of climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching and crawling, and the lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling of objects and materials of moderate weight (up to 20 pounds).

Data Conception:

Requires the ability to compare and/or judge the readily observable functional, structural or compositional characteristics (whether similar to or divergent from obvious standards) of data, people or things.

Interpersonal Communications:

Requires the ability of speaking and/or signaling people to convey or exchange information. Includes giving assignments and/or directions to co-workers and volunteers and receiving assignments and/or direction from supervisor.

Language Ability:

Requires ability to read a variety of policy and procedure manuals, safety and equipment manuals, etc. Requires the ability to prepare reports, records, correspondence, schedules, publicity materials, etc., with proper format, punctuation, spelling, and grammar, using all parts of speech. Requires the ability to speak with and before others with poise, voice control, and confidence.

Intelligence:

Requires the ability to apply principles of logical thinking to define problems, collect data, establish facts and draw valid conclusions; to deal with several abstract and concrete variables. Requires the ability to apply influence systems in providing staff leadership; to learn and understand relatively complex principles and techniques; to make independent judgments in absence of supervision; to acquire knowledge of topics related to primary occupation. Must have the ability to comprehend and interpret received information.

Verbal Aptitude:

Requires the ability to record and deliver information, to explain procedures, to follow and give verbal and written instructions; and to counsel and teach employees. Must be able to communicate effectively and efficiently with persons of varying educational/cultural backgrounds and in a variety of technical and/or professional languages.

Numerical Aptitude:

Requires the ability to add and subtract totals, to multiply and divide, to determine percentages and decimals and to determine time. Must be able to use practical applications of fractions, percentages, ratio and proportion.

Form/Spatial Aptitude:

Requires the ability to inspect items for proper length, width, and shape, and visually read various information.

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Manual Dexterity: Requires the ability to handle a variety of items, keyboards, office equipment, control knobs, buttons, switches, catches, tools, etc. Must have moderate levels of eye/hand/foot coordination.

Color Discrimination and Visual Acuity:

Requires the ability to differentiate colors and shades of color; requires the visual acuity to determine depth perception, peripheral vision, inspection for small parts; preparing and analyzing written or computer data, etc.

Interpersonal Temperament:

Requires the ability to deal with people beyond giving and receiving instructions. Must be adaptable to performing under stress when confronted with emergency situations or tight deadlines. The worker may be subject to danger or risk to a slight degree.

Physical Communications:

Requires the ability to talk and hear: (talking: expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words; hearing: perceiving nature of sounds by ear).

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Knowledge of Work:

Has thorough knowledge of the methods, policies, and procedures of the Summer Camp Department as they pertain to the performance of duties of the activity leader. Has knowledge of the functions and interrelationships of the organization and other governmental agencies. Has knowledge of the laws, ordinances, standards and regulations pertaining to the specific duties and responsibilities of the position. Has general knowledge of various recreation facilities, materials and equipment and their uses and maintenance requirements. Has general knowledge of the principles of program organization, and administration. Is able to use common office machines, including popular computer-driven word processing and file maintenance programs. Is able to plan, assign, and supervise the work of summer camp participants. Is able to gather and analyze information from a variety of sources, and prepare clear and concise reports from information. Is able to compose effective correspondence. Is able to communicate effectively orally and in writing. Is able to establish rapport, understanding and confidence with participants and the general public. Is able to establish and maintain effective working relationships as necessitated by work assignments.

Quality of Work:

Maintains high standards of accuracy in exercising duties and responsibilities. Exercises immediate remedial action to correct any quality deficiencies that occur in areas of responsibility. Maintains high quality communication and interaction with internal and external entities with whom the position interacts.

Quantity of Work:

Maintains effective and efficient output of all duties and responsibilities as described under "Specific Duties and Responsibilities."

Dependability:

Assumes responsibility for completing assigned work. Completes assigned work within deadlines in accordance with directives, policy, standards and prescribed procedures. Maintains accountability for assigned responsibilities in the technical, human and conceptual areas.

Attendance:

Attends and remains at work regularly and adheres to policies and procedures regarding absenteeism and tardiness. Provides adequate notice to higher management with respect to vacation time and leave requests.

Initiative and Enthusiasm:

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Maintains an enthusiastic, self-reliant and self-starting approach to meet job responsibilities and accountabilities. Strives to anticipate work to be accomplished, and initiates proper and acceptable action for the completion of work with a minimum of supervision and instruction.

Judgment:

Exercises analytical judgment in areas of responsibility. Identifies issues or situations as they occur and specifies decision objectives. Identifies or assists in identifying alternative solutions to issues or situations. Implements decisions in accordance with prescribed and effective policies and procedures and with a minimum of errors. Seeks expert or experienced advice where appropriate and researches issues, situations and alternatives before exercising judgment.

Cooperation:

Accepts supervisory instruction and direction and strives to meet the goals and objectives of same. Questions such instruction and direction when clarification of results or consequences are justified, i.e., poor communications, variance with established policies or procedures, etc. Offers suggestions and recommendations to encourage and improve cooperation intra- and inter-departmentally.

Relationships with Others:

Shares knowledge with managers, supervisors and co-workers for mutual benefit. Contributes to maintaining high morale among all employees. Develops and maintains cooperative and courteous relationships inter- and intra-departmentally, and with external entities with whom the position interacts. Tactfully and effectively handles requests, suggestions and complaints in order to establish and maintain good will. Emphasizes the importance of maintaining a positive image.

Coordination of Work:

Plans and organizes daily work routine. Establishes priorities for the completion of work in accordance with sound time-management methodology. Avoids duplication of effort. Estimates expected time of completion of work elements and establishes a personal schedule accordingly. Attends required meetings, planning sessions and discussions on time. Implements work activity in accordance with priorities and estimated schedules.

Planning:

Plans, coordinates and uses information effectively to enhance activities and production. Knows and understands expectations regarding such activities and works to ensure such expectations are met. Develops and formulates ways, means and timing to achieve established goals and objectives.

Organizing:

Efficiently organizes own work.

Leading:

Provides a work environment which encourages clear and open communications. Has a clear and comprehensive understanding of the principles of effective leadership and how such principles are to be applied. Exercises enthusiasm in influencing and guiding others toward achievement of established goals and objectives.

Controlling:

Provides a work environment which is orderly and controlled. Coordinates, audits, and controls the utilization of materials and equipment efficiently and effectively. Has a clear and comprehensive understanding of established standards, methods and procedures.

Human Relations:

Strives to develop and maintain excellent rapport with personnel under charge. Listens to and considers their suggestions and complaints, and responds appropriately. Establishes a work environment to promote and maintain mutual respect.

Policy Implementation:

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Has a clear and comprehensive understanding of policies regarding functions under charge and the function of the organization. Adheres to policies in the discharge of duties and responsibilities, and ensures the same from personnel under charge.

Policy Formulation:

Maintains awareness of changes in operating philosophies and policies, and routinely reviews policies to ensure any changes in philosophy or practice are appropriately incorporated into functions under charge. Recognizes and understands the relationship between operating policies and practices and morale and performance. Strives to ensure that established policies enhance same.

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