

LIFE GUARD

Job description

Reports to: On Site Manager and Session Director

Supervises: ALL waterfront activities

Qualifications: Holds a currently valid lifeguard certificate. The certificate must be the minimum of a bronze cross. Full NLS certification is highly preferred.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- the organization, facilitation, and direction of ALL waterfront activities (including bathing, swimming, canoeing, WALO, etc.)
- ensure the safety of all participants in waterfront activities (including staff as well as campers)

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- explain the rules of the swimming area and canoeing area before each activity begins
- teach a basic lesson in canoeing and canoeing safety while the campers are still on shore
- make sure all waterfront rules are upheld
- ensure that the lifeguard boat is present at all waterfront activities
- correspond with the Session Director and Activities Director when you cancel waterfront activities due to inclement weather
- work with the Activities Director to plan an alternate activity when a waterfront activity is cancelled
- ensure that all waterfront areas are kept clean, maintained, and thus safe
- make sure swim dock and steps are swept every day, and that they are kept free of debris during a swimming session
- make sure the canoes, life-jackets and paddles are put away each day
- make sure the spinal board and safety kit are close at hand during a swimming period and then put in the storage hut when the period is over
- make sure that adequate life-jackets, in terms of size and quantity, are available and well-maintained
- put in buoy line and make sure it is adjusted as per age group
- draw up KP schedules, with the help of the Activities Director, and post schedule in a prominent location, remembering that during Primary Session adult staff are responsible for KP without the involvement of counsellors or campers
- set up and supervise KP for each meal, including water for washing dishes and adding javex to appropriate pan
- put away KP utensils after dishes are washed
- check gloves daily and discard/replace any damaged gloves
- to ensure that the campers are having a safe and fun time in whatever activity, waterfront or otherwise, they are participating in
- actively participate in all camp activities in a willing and enthusiastic manner
- to ensure that the privies are swept and papered each day
- ensure the front porch is swept and tidied each day
- be a boat driver to ferry kids and parents on registration day and before and after closing program, or to help with registration and clothing sales (whichever is needed will be dictated to you by the manager)
- make sure all people in boats or canoes are wearing appropriate life jackets
- help out in any way you can whenever possible
- to lend support to the counsellors
- any other duties as assigned by a session director or manager, providing they are not in conflict with your primary responsibilities