

VerShare Community Camp Summer 2008

Vershire Town Center July 8th – 27th

CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED!!

- **Make a difference in a child's life this summer!**
- **Meet volunteer counselors from around the world!**
 - **Earn community service credits!**
 - **Earn money!**
 - **Gain experience and knowledge!**
 - **Have fun!**

The **VerShare Community Camp** is a **free** summer day camp held at the Vershire Town Center for children ages 5 – 13 from Vershire and surrounding towns including all Rivendell towns. Fifty children attend each day, divided into six different activity groups each morning and afternoon. Each activity is taught by an experienced instructor assisted by an international volunteer and a teen counselor. Six young people from around the world will join as international counselors for the three weeks. Teen counselors will be paired with an international counselor to be tent leaders for a group of 7 – 10 children.

We are looking for six energetic, creative teens to serve as assistant counselors.

Counselors must:

- **Be at least 16 years old by July 12, 2008.**
- **Participate in staff training July 8th - 11th**
- **Be available for both weeks of camp July 14 – 18th and 21 - 25th**
- **Help with all-camp clean-up on Saturday & Sunday, July 26 & 27th**
- **Be willing to work hard (8:00 am – 4:30 pm each day Mon. through Fri.)**
- **Enjoy working with children**
- **Be able to lead activities and games for a group of children**

Compensation: 40 hours of community service, \$300/week for 2 weeks of camp

Counselors will have the opportunity to join the international counselors on their weekend activities.

Applications due April 1st, 2008.

Interviews will be scheduled in early April, hiring decisions made by the end of April.

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or check VersShare's website: www.vershare.org
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Teen Counselor Responsibilities

Duties:

- As a tent-leader
 - check students in and out at the beginning and end of the day
 - work with international counselor to plan and lead activities during morning and afternoon tent time
- As an assistant leader
 - assist lead instructors during morning and afternoon programs
 - lead activities and games during recess time
 - organize snack time
 - help lead instructor prepare for and clean up after activities

Expectations:

- Be versatile.
- Take direction from the lead instructor.
- Be a role model to the children.
- Interact professionally with campers and other staff.
- Support camp policies and rules.
- Volunteer for jobs willingly and participate in activities.
- Be willing to try new things with the children.
- Come to work on time, healthy and well rested.

Typical Day

- 8:00* Arrive at camp, organize water, snacks and other needed supplies for morning activity
Get materials ready for morning tent time
- 8:15 Greet children as they start arriving for breakfast
- 8:30 Tent Time (1 teen counselor, 1 international volunteer and 8 – 10 children assigned to each tent)
– greet children, give them name tags, read stories, play games, do activities
- 9:00 Morning Circle Time - Whole camp gathers for announcements, songs, and activities
- bring group to circle, help children to stay focused
- 9:30 Morning activities – get water bottles & snacks, assist lead instructor as needed
- organize snack time, lead activities/games during recess
- 12:00 Lunch – bring group to lunch, supervise hand-washing, lunch-line, eating
- 12:30 Tent & Chore Time
- meet with children, help children do their chore, read books, play games
- 1:00 Afternoon Circle Time
- 1:15 Afternoon Activities – different groups, same routine as for morning activities
- 3:15 Tent Time – read books, play games, chore (if needed)
- 3:30 Parents pick children up
- 3:45 Last children leave, staff meeting
- 4:30^ Go home

* Arrive at 7:30 am on Monday mornings each week for registration

^ Depart at 5:00 pm on Friday afternoons each week after cleaning up and setting up for Fri. evening activities

Each Friday evening there is an end-of-week celebration for campers and their families. Counselors are encouraged to come to these events.

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TEEN COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Personal Data

Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ Social Security Number _____
 Date of Birth (must be 16 by July 12, 2008) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

In Case of Emergency Notify:

Name _____ Address _____
 Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Employment History

Tell us about your experience (paid or unpaid) working with children. Include other relevant paid work.

Dates	Type of work	Age(s) and numbers of children	Paid or unpaid?

Personal References

Please provide names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references, at least one of whom is not a relative.

Name	Address	Telephone No.	What is your relationship to this individual?

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Interests/Hobbies Please let us know about your interest in the following activities

1 = I could teach a class on this! 2 = I love doing this and have experience 3 = I like doing this
4 = I don't have much experience with this, but I'm willing to give it a try 5 = I'm not as interested in this

Acting (Improv, drama productions)	1	2	3	4	5
Music (Singing, playing an instrument)	1	2	3	4	5
Writing/Journalism	1	2	3	4	5
Sports	1	2	3	4	5
Arts & Crafts	1	2	3	4	5
Woodworking	1	2	3	4	5
Hiking /Backpacking	1	2	3	4	5
Rock climbing	1	2	3	4	5
Canoeing/kayaking	1	2	3	4	5
Cooking	1	2	3	4	5
Yoga/Dance/Gymnastics	1	2	3	4	5
Quilting	1	2	3	4	5
Ecology	1	2	3	4	5

Which age group would you most like to work with? ___ Younger (5 – 8) ___ Older (8 – 13) ___ either

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following

1. Why are you interested in working as a counselor for the VerShare Community Camp?
2. Why should we hire you for this job?
3. Please describe a time when you were a good role model to a younger child.
4. What do you enjoy most about working with children?
5. Please describe the most difficult situation you've experienced when caring for a child and how you dealt with the situation.
6. Do you have any other comments or information we should know about?

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