

Summer Camp Activity Specialist (Vanderbilt Ymca)

YMCA of Greater New York

New York, NY 10017

Other

Full-time, Seasonal

Onsite

\$22.00 - \$22.00 an hour

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Organization Statement

The YMCA of Greater New York is here for all New Yorkers — to empower youth, improve health, and strengthen community. Founded in 1852, today the Y serves a diverse population of more than half a million New Yorkers who learn, grow, and thrive through programs and services at our 24 branches. Community is the cornerstone of the Y. Together, we connect active, engaged New Yorkers to build stronger communities.

To help fulfill our mission, we cultivate a culture of learning, leading, and collaboration to enhance community impact. Through our talented staff and “LEAP” career framework (Leadership, Empowerment, Accountability, Personal Growth), we are committed to a people-first approach that fosters trust, inclusion, growth, and development for all.

Job Description

Salary: \$22.00 Hourly

The Vanderbilt YMCA is seeking a Summer Camp Activity Specialist who will be responsible for planning and executing recreational or arts activities and providing overall supervision to campers. Specifically, the Summer Camp Activity Specialist will prepare and provide age-appropriate fine or performing arts, sports, or STEM instruction for Summer Camp participants.

Summer Camp programs operate Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., June through August.

Responsibilities

- Ensure the health, safety, and well-being of participants in the program by providing appropriate supervision at all times.
- Plan and implement meaningful activities and special events that are structured, age-appropriate, fun, exciting, challenging, and values-based in the areas of fine or performing arts, sports, or STEM.
- Teach participants the fundamentals of fine or performance arts, sports, or STEM, including activities that build their level of skill and confidence.
- Perform specific scheduled assignments, including, but not limited to, arrival and/or departure and lunch duty.
- Support the planning and implementation of all camp activities, including, but not limited to, summer learning initiatives, field trips, in-camp events, and culminating performances.
- Work cooperatively with all program staff.
- Promote an inclusive, welcoming, and respectful environment that embraces the diversity of all participants.
- Create and maintain a strength-based, youth-focused atmosphere that is consistent and sensitive to the needs of participants with learning, emotional, or behavioral differences.
- Maintain accurate program documentation (attendance, sign-in/out forms, behavior reports, incident reports, and accident reports, as appropriate).
- Understand and communicate the YMCA's core values and the goals of the Summer Camp program to staff, participants, and caregivers.
- Develop and maintain positive relationships with parents and guardians through regular communication about their child's strengths and areas for growth.
- Attend all required pre-camp training. Actively participate in training sessions, designated meetings, and special events.
- Adhere to all Department of Health, YMCA of Greater New York, and funder standards, expectations, and regulations.

Qualifications

- High School Diploma or equivalent required. College credits and formal education in the specialty area preferred.
- Minimum of two (2) years of experience working with youth, specifically in the specialty area.
- Formal certification in the specialty area required.

- General knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- Knowledge of Access, Adobe PageMaker, and Photoshop preferred.
- Strong interpersonal skills, leadership qualities, and comfortable working with diverse youth and adults.
- **Minimum Education Level:** Highschool Graduate or GED
- **Preferred Education Level:** Some College Credits

Application Instructions

If you would like to be a member of our dynamic team, please complete our [online application](#) and submit your résumé and a thoughtful cover letter that explains your interest in the role and our organization.

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