

Camp HOPE America - Oregon: Camp Counselor

**Position:** Camp Counselor – Volunteer

**Length of Position:** One year (training events, one to two weeks of camp, camper introduction event, and intermittent post-camp events)

**Reports to:** Children’s Program Manager

A Safe Place Family Justice Center is looking for dedicated individuals to fill the role of Camp Counselor at Camp HOPE America – Oregon. Camp HOPE America – Oregon provides a week-long camp experience for youth who have experienced family violence. During the summer of 2022, Camp HOPE America — Oregon will hold two sessions of camp. Session one will be for ages 7-11 and Session two will be for ages 11-16.

Camp Counselors are positive role models who build relationships with our campers and create safe, supportive spaces for them to have fun! Camp Counselors provide youth with unconditional positive regard and emotional support, all while participating in a variety of relationship-building activities. Camp Counselors are adaptable, dependable, and are expected to attend activities and events throughout the year before and after camp as part of Camp HOPE America – Oregon’s Pathways Program.

**Responsibilities of a Camp Counselor:**

- If volunteering with Camp HOPE for the first time, complete 9 hours of web-series training
- Attend 16 hours of foundational Camp Counselor Training (provided by A Safe Place staff)
- Attend Leadership Retreat
- Attend and assist with Pathways Program events—activity facilitation, set up and take down of event spaces, and camper family engagement
- Supervision of youth, ages 7-16
- Create a fun, enthusiastic, and empowering atmosphere for youth
- Encourage youth involvement in activities and events
- Utilize healthy relationship skills, such as clear communication and boundary setting, to build positive rapport with youth, Camp Counselors, and staff
- Model adherence to safety precautions such as utilizing protective face coverings, frequent hand washing/sanitizing, and maintaining physical distance from others

**Qualifications:**

- 17 to 25 years old by June 20th, 2022
- Experience working with youth, ages 7-16
- Able to commit to one year mentoring/volunteering role (intermittent events/activities)
- Able to pass a background check
- Bi-lingual encouraged to apply
- This position required individuals to adhere to COVID-related safety precautions and daily health screenings
- This position requires individuals to stand or sit for long periods of time
- This position may require individuals to be able to lift 40lbs safely
- This position operates primarily outdoors
- Camp Counselors will engage in ranges of movement that include pulling, pushing, kneeling, and running

**Training and Camp Dates:**

- Training: Online modules to be completed by May, 2022. In-person training on May 7th and 8th, 2022
- Camp HOPE Meet & Greet: June 7th, 2022
• Leadership Retreat: June 17th – June 20th, 2022
• Classic Camp: June 20th through June 24th, 2022
• High Adventure Camp: June 27th through July 2nd, 2022

2022-2023 Pathways Program events (subject to change):
• 30 Day Reunion: August 8th, 2022
• Fall Festival: October 8th, 2022
• Snow Much Fun: December 7th, 2022
• Pathways Program Winter Event: January 28th, 2023
• Camp Counselor Appreciation: February 11th, 2023
• Final Pathways Program Event: March 5th, 2023

Click here to complete a Camp Counselor volunteer application or email CampHOPEOregon@cwsor.org for more information.