



Camp HOPE America - Oregon: Camp Counselor

Position: Camp Counselor – Volunteer

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

Reports to: Youth Services 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 2024, Camp HOPE America — Oregon will hold two sessions of camp. Session one will be for ages 9-12 and Session two will be for ages 12-16.

Camp Counselors are positive role models who build relationships with our participants 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.

Camp HOPE Dates

- New volunteers will complete foundational training by May 2024
- In-person training: May 11th & 12th, 2024
- Participant Meet & Greet: June 11th, 2024
- Leadership Retreat: June 21st – 23rd, 2024
- Classic Camp (ages 9-12): July 1st-5th, 2024
- High Adventure Camp (ages 12-16): July 8th – 12th, 2024
- Intermittent Pathway Program Events: August 2024 through March 2025

Responsibilities of a Camp Counselor:

- If volunteering with Camp HOPE for the first time, complete foundational trainings
- Attend 16 hours of in-person Camp Counselor Training (provided by A Safe Place staff)
- Attend overnight Leadership Retreat
- Attend and assist with Pathways Program events—activity facilitation, set up and take down of event spaces, and participant family engagement
- Supervision of youth, ages 9-16
- 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 July 2024
- Experience working with youth, ages 9-16 is a plus

- Able to commit to one year mentoring/volunteering role (intermittent events/activities)
- Able to pass a background check
- Bilingual and bi-cultural applicants are encouraged to apply
- 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

Camp Counselor Volunteer Requirements

- [Complete a Camp HOPE volunteer application](#)
- Complete interview with members of Camp HOPE Community Engagement Committee
- Ability to pass an extensive background check
- Complete required Camp HOPE training
- Camp HOPE requires volunteers to show proof of full vaccination status as outlined by the CDC

2024-2025 Pathways Program events (subject to change):

- 30 Day Reunion: August 8th, 2024
- Fall Festival: October 2024
- Snow Much Fun: December 2024
- Pathways Program Winter Event: January 2025
- HOPE Community Appreciation: February 2025
- Final Pathways Program Event: March 2025

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