



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 2025, 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 April 3rd, 2026
- In-person training: May 2nd and May 3rd 2026
- Campers and Caregivers Weekend (ages 7-9): May 15th – May 17th, 2026 (returning volunteers only)
- Leadership Retreat: Friday, June 19th – Sunday, June 21st, 2026
- Classic Camp (ages 9-12): June 29th – July 3rd, 2026
- High Adventure Camp (ages 12-16): July 6th – 10th, 2026
- Intermittent Pathway Program Events: December 2025 through March 2026

Responsibilities of a Camp Counselor:

- If volunteering with Camp HOPE for the first time, complete foundational trainings
- Attend 8 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:

- 18 to 25 years old by July 2026
- 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

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