

Brewster

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Brewster Academy Summer School – Teaching Assistant

Qualifications

Twenty-one years of age or older with a valid driver's license required. Candidates should have experience with working with students ages 13-17, and outdoor skills such as: canoeing, kayaking, hiking and rock climbing. Lifeguard certification is a plus.

Job Description

Teaching assistants are key members of the program because they participate in all its important elements and therefore are in the best position to get to know and aid students in all aspects of the school/camp, the academic, the adventure recreation, and the dorm life.

As a dorm parent they are responsible for maintaining a safe, orderly, and respectful environment in the house. Working in coordination (alternating where appropriate) with the TA house partner(s) they:

- provide an adult presence whenever students are in the house
- conduct a weekly dorm meeting and ad hoc meetings when necessary
- conduct daily room checks for orderliness and oversee the dorm leadership program and identifying potential problems
- make sure that students are up and out in time for breakfast and class
- refer students to the nurse when appropriate
- keep a watchful eye on any individuals with a history of depression, anorexia, etc.
- report dorm recognition scores in a timely manner
- conduct dorm activities on evenings when the students are not at the Smith Center

As an adventure recreation teacher they are responsible for the safety and emotional security (as it applies to risk-taking) of the students. Working in collaboration with an adventure recreation teaching partner they:

- lead with instruction as to safety issues and reinforce during the week
- teach and reinforce proper techniques and skills in the adventure activity
- carry a first aid kit including an epi-pen and know at least the basics in proper use
- ensure that students are protected from sun over-exposure and dehydration
- help in driving the 14-passenger Microbird busses during adventure trips
- report missing or damaged equipment
- show campers how to collaborate in setting up and breaking down recreation activities
- help to plan and organize adventure trips
- ensure that students leave the busses in a clean and secure condition at the end of trips

As a teaching assistant TAs monitor and help students during evening study hall with homework for various morning elective classes offered.

This program is most rewarding, but sometimes intensive. We provide personal, free time during some part of every day, but when TAs are on they are expected to involve themselves fully in the lives of the students. TAs influence academic / outdoor skills / dorm students in a positive, even life-changing way.

The program runs from noon on Friday, June 19 to Sunday, July 26, 2020. Room and board is provided throughout.

Please send – Resume and cover letter to: summer@brewsteracademy.org
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