

LIFEGUARD/CAMP COUNSELOR

Camp Health, Hope & Happiness (Camp He Ho Ha)



READY FOR THE MOST REWARDING SUMMER JOB YOU'VE EVER HAD!

For over 60 years Camp Health, Hope & Happiness has been Alberta's leading summer recreational facility offering a summer camp experience for individuals of all ages with all types of developmental, neurodiverse, or physical challenges! And now that we are under **NEW MANAGEMENT**, we will make it the best **SUMMER OF FUN** yet for our campers and staff!

Our 2025 camp season features Monday-to-Friday, 5-day, 4-night camps, beginning with a 6-day orientation and training week starting May 15th. The season concludes with a summer staff wrap-up party on August 9th.

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

Reporting to their Team Lead, the Lifeguard/Camp Counselor will be creating the most excellent pool program. This includes games and activities for all our campers to enjoy - while still ensuring the safety of all campers and staff in the swimming area.

When not in the arts and crafts room you would work collaboratively within a team to provide care and support for individuals with disabilities. You will play a key role in fostering an inclusive environment where all campers feel valued and accepted during their time at camp. The position requires the Camp Counselor to ensure each camper receives personal care, behavior management, and supervision in a safe, respectful, and nurturing manner. The Camp Counselor will be on-site 24/5 while campers are present, providing continuous support and guidance throughout their camp experience.

WHY WORK AT CAMP HE HO HA

- It will be the most fun and fulfilling summer job experience that you'll never forget!
- Competitive compensation with a paid day rate of \$190/day for orientation days and days worked throughout our summer season
- Weekend team-building activities with things like movies under the stars, a scavenger hunt, and other fun weekend events
- Full accommodation and meals provided to ensure a comfortable and supportive living experience.
- Access to an onsite retreat featuring a gym, movie room, computer access, cooking, and laundry facilities for your convenience and relaxation
- The opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of individuals with unique and special needs
- Scheduled weekend transportation to and from a designated location in Edmonton, so you can enjoy your time off with ease
- The chance to develop valuable personal skills, including building confidence, enhancing communication and leadership abilities, and gaining hands-on experience in personal care, behavior management, and adaptability

WHAT YOU WILL BE HELPING OUR CAMPERS WITH

- Plan, lead, and facilitate pool games and activities so that campers have an amazing pool experience
- Assist campers with changing and getting ready for the pool as needed
- Ensure all campers are wearing a properly fitted life jacket
- Assist with camper lifts to get campers in pool wheelchairs or gurneys for safe access into the pool

- Support campers that might be nervous about the water, encouraging them and offering positive feedback
- Review and organize pool procedures before the start of camp
- Have the “welcome to our pool” introduction for all the staff during orientation explaining rules and protocols
- Notify the Camp Coordinator of any problems with the pool, mechanical, fouled, or other
- Support campers during morning and evening bedtime routines, and mealtimes
- Assist campers with transfers using one/two-person or mechanical lifts
- Support campers when they might feel distressed and encourage a positive outlook
- Provide personal care for campers as needed, including but not limited to; feeding, bathing, toileting, and dressing
- Recognize and support each camper’s specific needs, providing the best possible physical and emotional care while assisting in behavior management when applicable
- Maintain a clean and organized cabin while encouraging campers to take an active role in daily cabin clean-up
- Provide feedback and share information to help maintain a smooth experience, and offer suggestions on what can be improved
- Participate and encourage camper participation at dance, skit, and campfire nights
- And anything else your creative side might bring out

This may be the most **rewarding** and **challenging** job that you may ever experience. The days are long, but your heart will open to people that you have only just met, you will create friendships with campers and staff that will extend years into the future, and you will be forever changed.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Ideal for individuals enrolled in post-secondary education, specifically nursing, education, psychology, social work, recreational therapy, occupational therapy, kinesiology, or related fields of interest
- A valid NLS certificate that won’t expire during the camping season
- Current standard first-aid and Level C CPR that will not expire during the work term. (Arrangements can be made if you do not currently hold)
- Clear Criminal Record Check & Vulnerable Sector Check
- Excellent interpersonal and teamwork skills
- Strong organizational abilities with the capacity to set priorities independently
- Experience working with individuals with disabilities is an asset
- Ability to provide personal care, manage behavior, and lead activities
- Responsible, reliable, and adaptable
- Strong empathy and a caring attitude
- Knowledge of sign language is an asset