

# Climbing Wall Assistant & Camp Counselor

June 8th – August 25th, 2024

## **CAMP HEALTH, HOPE & HAPPINESS (Camp He Ho Ha)**

Camp Health, Hope & Happiness is Alberta's leading summer recreational facility for individuals with mental and physical disabilities. We are a residential camp where campers and staff are on site 24/7 during their 5-day stay.

The term of employment is from **June 8th to August 25th, 2024.**

Mandatory training runs from **June 8th to 14th, 2024.**

### **Why work here?**

Camp He Ho Ha hires post-secondary students that are looking to learn skills and gain experience related to their education or future careers, and those that want to make a difference for people with disabilities.

The skills learned on the job at Camp He Ho Ha directly relate to nursing, social work, physiotherapy, education, psychology, speech pathology, and many more.

Our summer staff can earn a letter of **volunteerism** for up to 500 hours!  
*(We look great on a resume!)*

### **What will I learn?**

- Self-confidence
- Communication skills
- Leadership
- Interpersonal skills
- Resilience
- Personal care (bathing, toileting, feeding)
- Behaviour management
- Environment & activity adaptation
- Your core values
- What you are truly capable of

## How will I learn that?

Each day you and a team will be responsible for assisting 14-16 individuals with disabilities from morning wake-up to tucking in at night. You will assist the climbing wall facilitator in implementing climbing and ropes course programs for campers while ensuring safety of campers on the climbing wall. The climbing wall assistant duties are in addition to the responsibilities of a camp counselor (detailed below). This may be the most **challenging** and **rewarding** job that you may ever experience. 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

- Minimum of 18 years of age
- Enrolled in a post-secondary institution for the seasons of 2022-23 and/or 2023-24
- Current standard first-aid and Level C CPR (that will not expire during the work term)
- Clear Criminal Clearance and Vulnerable Sector Check
- Available June 8-14, 2024, to participate in mandatory summer staff orientation at Camp He Ho Ha
- Available to work all dates as shown in "Summer Camp Employment Schedule" (Exceptions must be discussed at time of interview, emergency exemptions apply)
- **ASSETS:**
  - Experience with people with disabilities
  - Climbing, low ropes, zip-lining experience
  - Providing personal care, behaviour management, or leading activities
  - Sign language

**Salary: \$8,234.50 (before taxes) for the term of employment**

**\*\*If applying through Camp Canada please see salary though that posting\*\***

- Accommodations are provided for the term of employment
- Meals will be provided during workdays

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

- Abide by the Camp Philosophy that "Campers Come First".
- Work at being a strong cooperative team player in your cabin and with the entire camp staff.
- Respect and support all members of your team.
- Keep the cabin clean and tidy and ensure that campers play an active role in assisting with cabin clean-up.
- Help generate ENTHUSIASM and IDEAS for all camp activities and encourage all members of staff to do the same.
- Aide and/or supervise the personal care tasks of each camper (feeding, dressing, bathing, and toileting) in the cabin while encouraging and insisting that the campers do all they can for themselves.
- Lift and transfer campers using one/two-person or mechanical lifts.
- Spend quality time with the campers at all working times.
- Share the responsibilities for advanced planning of activities, events, and programs.
- Take your turn on Dorm Duty and back up Dorm Duty (overnight assistance)
- Be responsible for leading and initiating camp activities throughout the day.
- Work with other staff members to complete administrative tasks on time.
- Take responsibility for the smooth operation of your cabin, including a daily cabin meeting to communicate any information and/or issues.
- Understand each camper's specific needs to ensure that each camper is provided with the best possible physical and emotional care.
- *Demonstrate patience, understanding, and care towards campers and staff and to treat everyone with dignity and respect.*
- Bring any unresolvable difficulties to the Team Leader/Coordinators.
- Aide in behaviour management of campers when applicable.
- Evaluate your Team Leader with formal and informal feedback.
- Facilitate campers on the climbing wall, zip-line, and ropes course.
- Facilitate team building and challenging activities for campers at the climbing wall.
- Ensure all participants are climbing or using equipment in a safe manner.
- Instruct users on proper use of equipment, and how to wear harnesses and helmets.
- Provide encouragement and positive feedback to participants.
- Report to the responsible cabin Team Leader.
- Attend meetings called by the Camp Coordinators.

For any questions, please contact [coordinator@camphehoha.com](mailto:coordinator@camphehoha.com)  
Thank you for your interest and we can't wait to hear from you!

**Applications open: December 13, 2023**

**Applications close: March 15, 2024**