



Job Description of a Teen Travel Trip Staff



Position:	Teen Travel Trip Staff
Supervised by:	Trip Supervisor
Requirements:	<u>Counselors:</u> Must be at least 20 years old by June 1st Experience working with children Tripping/overnight camping experience preferred Youth group or leadership experience preferred <u>Supervisors</u> must be at least 21 years old by June 1st

General Description: Each Trip has 1 Supervisor and 5 Counselors. Staff live in extremely close proximity with each other and the campers. The Teen Travel Trips require physical participation in a wilderness setting as well as a degree of physical work. While most days are filled with pre-arranged activities and camping trips, a number of days will be designated as "driving" days where the group may be on the bus for up to 18 hours at a time.

Staff members will live and sleep in tents the entire trip. Campsites are all in National and State parks. Some campsites will have modern amenities, i.e. hot & cold running water, showers and flush toilets. Some of the campsites have rustic amenities, i.e. outhouses and cold water only, and some campsites will have primitive amenities, i.e. pit toilets and water from the nearby lake or stream.

The staff work as a team with shared leadership and are responsible for planning and executing all aspects of trip life including but not limited to: preparing & leading trips and activities, cooking all meals, set up & breaking of camp each day and administering basic first aid.

Trip Staff members work with 15 & 16 year old campers and will need to set limits, address inappropriate behaviors, be a friend, teacher, role model, facilitate conflict resolution and make the best decisions for the health and safety of everyone on the trip. Trip Staff are chosen for their maturity, their skills and their demeanor.

Due to the nature of this program, staff cannot have days or time off for the duration of the program. This is a 24-hour a day job. Smoking is only allowed after the campers have gone to bed - staff members are never allowed to smoke in front of campers. No alcohol consumption or drug use will be allowed at any time during this program. Violating any of these policies is basis for dismissal.

Some Specific Responsibilities:

1. Participation in pre-camp training and read the staff guide.
2. To know and observe camp policies.
3. To model positive & appropriate behavior to campers and other staff.

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4. To make the health & safety of all staff and campers your number one priority.
5. To provide opportunities for campers to have fun, feel challenged & successful, develop camping & interpersonal skills and deepen their appreciation of the natural environment around them.
6. To help campers develop positive attitudes toward cooperation, taking responsibility and concern for others, both campers and adults.
7. To supervise campers at all times while sightseeing in city stopovers.
8. To assist and lead a variety of activities such as: Cooking, Jewish Programming, Theme days and Recreational activities.
9. Prepare & lead all day excursions & overnight camping trips.
10. To prepare a written camper evaluation at the end of each session relating to your observations of each camper's experience.
11. To participate in challenging & rigorous outdoor activities such as hiking, kayaking, rafting or mountain biking.
12. To plan & implement Friday night and Saturday morning/evening services.
13. To participate in clean up & inventory of food & equipment at the end of the summer.
14. To participate in daily staff meetings with your supervisor.
15. To assist in the execution of all camp activities, wherever needed.

******This list does not list all of the specific responsibilities - other responsibilities will be given by your supervisors or have been listed in the staff guide.