

Summer Internship at Camp Wise

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Background

Agency: Camp Wise, Chardon OH



Mission Statement:

"Camp Wise provides a friendly, supportive, and cooperative atmosphere that fosters individual growth at each camper's own pace. Campers are encouraged to learn new skills and master old ones, to make decisions, to take responsibility, to be expressive, to live with others, and to have fun. Complemented by our Jewish environment, campers develop a deeper understanding of and appreciation for Jewish heritage and traditions while also developing a true sense of community. Camp Wise is committed to making sure that every camper leaves with a greater sense of self-esteem and self-confidence; and with memories that will last a lifetime."

I found this job because I was lucky enough to attend Camp Wise as a camper and felt very passionate about returning as a staff member to create the same incredible experiences that I had for the next generation. That being said, they also have a great social media presence and an incredibly easy interview process for anyone else who is interested.



On the Job

- Supervising campers of varying ages throughout their daily activities
- Building strong connections with campers and fellow staff
- Helping campers grow into the best versions of themselves



- Planning and facilitating programs throughout the whole summer
- Incorporating important values such as environmentalism and Judaism into programming
- Helping campers find their passions and connect with the outdoors through programming

Reflection

This is a job I would recommend to anyone with any interest working with children and the outdoors. This also builds important people skills as you are constantly collaborating with co-staff and learning how to work with your superiors while mentoring other staff on the team.

It is also VERY fun and full of meaningful experiences with both your co-staff and campers.



This job will absolutely be relevant to my life going forward because I know I want to work with

- The outdoors
- Other people

And working at a summer camp really helps prepare you for that. I have learned how to support my fellow staff members so that we can provide the best possible experience for our campers, and found my best and most authentic self in the process.

