



# LA VIDA

## ADVENTURE CAMP

### Counselor in Training (CIT)

Spend 2-4 weeks of your summer building relationships with 10-13-year-old campers in small groups of 10-12. Learn to lead them through a variety of fun adventure activities, using these activities to invite and inspire them to build character, cultivate community, and develop servant-leadership skills. While assisting and growing alongside other members of the camp community, you'll gain experience and training in many transferable skills, like public speaking, creativity, and thinking on your feet. Eventually, you can take on more responsibilities, directing planning discussions with other counselors and specialists.

Period of Employment: see [CIT FAQ](#)

Vacation: Only by express permission of the Director (request specific dates on application form)

Stipend: \$120/week (before taxes), dependent on length of service

Additional Benefits: technical, skills, and leadership training; numerous transferable skills; an amazing summer in an awesome community; rock gym summer pass

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Must be 16 by the beginning of the first relevant camp session
- Rock gym level 1 belay certification (or ability to acquire)

### **EXPECTATIONS**

1. A desire and ability to relate to middle school youth and help provide character development activities and content
2. A strong desire to serve young people with flexibility, patience, and love
3. Solid character and a willingness to commit to personal growth
4. Desire and ability to invest in and encourage young people during activities and discussions
5. Leadership experience or potential and a strong desire to learn and develop as a leader
6. Good judgment, safety consciousness/risk assessment, and the willingness to model camp guidelines
7. A passion for and knowledge of outdoor adventure activities and interest in how they can be used to develop young people
8. An ability to lead group games, small group discussions, and processing sessions to draw out and help interpret experiential learning

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Model a secure sense of identity, strength of character, servant-leadership, and positive relational skills with campers
2. Be a friend for each camper and help provide general care (emotionally, physically, spiritually, socially, and mentally)
3. Support and encourage commitment to La Vida's philosophies, mission, and goals
4. Assist with the follow through of camp themes, group goals, and camp content
5. Assist planning and coordinating the daily schedule, including leading activities for a small group
6. Provide leadership and facilitation of small and large group games and adventure skills such as ropes course, kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, mountain biking, nature exploring, and orienteering
7. Help campers translate their experiences, present their learning at the end of camp Celebration, and transfer learning to future experiences
8. Supervise and encourage campers through group discussions and 1-on-1 interactions
9. Help supervise campers going to and from activities and during breaks
10. Help teach and train campers how to interact safely at camp and assist in any medical issues
11. Assist with initial intervention of campers with any discipline issues
12. Take care of camp supplies and equipment and put them away when finished with them
13. Perform other duties and roles as assigned by leadership

Questions? Please contact the camp director at [AdventureCamp@gordon.edu](mailto:AdventureCamp@gordon.edu) or [\(978\)867-4504](tel:(978)867-4504).