



LAVIDA

ADVENTURE CAMP

[Adventure Counselor](#)

Spend your summer building relationships and creating memories with 10-15-year-olds in small groups of 10-12 campers. Lead campers through a variety of fun adventure activities that invite and inspire them to build character, cultivate community, and develop servant-leadership skills. While 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 will take on more responsibilities, based on your skills development and interests.

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

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

Stipend: dependent on length of employment, likely over \$3,800 (before taxes)

Additional Benefits: Room and board, technical and skills training, Bennett Center and rock gym summer passes, outdoor company pro deals, numerous transferable skills, an amazing summer in an awesome community; First Aid and CPR training, if needed

QUALIFICATIONS

- Completion of one year of college
- CPR and basic First Aid or higher certification (or the ability to learn)
- Level I High Ropes certification (or the ability to learn)
- Previous La Vida experience preferred

EXPECTATIONS

1. The desire/ability to relate to middle and high school youth and provide character development activities and content
2. Willingness to serve young people with flexibility, patience, and love
3. Commitment to live in an intentional community for the purpose of personal growth and ministry to young people
4. Motivated to invest in and encourage young people during activities and discussions
5. A passion for outdoor adventure activities and interest in how they can be used to develop young people
6. The maturity and desire to exemplify Christ-like character in one's personal life
7. A working knowledge of Scripture and a desire to learn and apply it in life and ministry
8. A growing relationship with Christ and participation with a local church
9. Leadership experience or potential and a strong desire to learn and develop as a leader

10. Good judgment, safety consciousness/risk assessment, and the willingness to live by camp guidelines
11. An ability or willingness to learn to lead group games, small group discussions, and processing sessions to draw out and help interpret experiential learning

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Actively engage in all staff training sessions
2. Develop a thorough understanding and proper application of La Vida program philosophies and relevant camp components
 - a. Encourage one another in commitment to La Vida's philosophies, mission, and goals
3. Become certified (or maintain certification) in CPR and basic First Aid or higher
4. Along with a co-counselor, plan, coordinate, and lead the daily small group camp schedule
5. Provide or assist in leadership and facilitation of small and large group games and adventure skills such as ropes course, kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, mountain biking, nature exploration, orienteering, and camping
6. Maintain camp supplies, equipment, and commonly used areas
7. Model a secure sense of identity, strength of character, servant-leadership, and positive relational skills with campers
8. Maintain an encouraging, fun, and positive environment
9. Supervise and encourage campers through group discussions and 1-on-1 interactions
 - a. Be a friend and leader of each camper and provide general care emotionally, physically, spiritually, socially, and mentally
 - b. Help campers translate their experiences, present their learning at the end of camp celebrations, and transfer learning to future experiences
10. Supervise youth during and in between all activities
11. Help teach and train campers how to interact safely at camp and assist in any medical issues
12. Assist with the follow through of camp themes, goals, desired outcomes, and camp content
13. Provide initial intervention with campers and with any discipline issues
14. Perform other duties and roles as assigned by leadership

Questions? Please contact the camp director at AdventureCamp@gordon.edu or [\(978\)867-4504](tel:(978)867-4504). You can also visit our staff page (via the link below or the QR code) for more information.

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