



LA VIDA

ADVENTURE CAMP

Canoe & Kayak Specialist

Spend your summer building relationships with 10-15-year-old campers while facilitating canoe and kayaking activities on Gull Pond. Lead campers and staff 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.

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, or at least 18-years old and a high school graduate
- A passion for and knowledge of teaching canoeing/kayaking to campers or the ability to learn
- Good judgment, safety consciousness, and the willingness to live by camp guidelines
- Canoe and/or kayak training/orientation with Director
- Lifeguard, CPR, and basic First Aid or higher certification

EXPECTATIONS

1. The desire/ability to relate to middle 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. 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. Solid canoeing/kayaking skills and an ability to lead group canoeing/kayaking games, small group discussions, and processing sessions

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Assist with training the Adventure Camp staff in canoeing and/or kayaking skills
2. Unlock, inspect, and prepare the boats at the beginning of each day
3. Ensure that all equipment is used and cared for correctly, as indicated by manual and training
4. Ensure that all equipment and boats are locked up and secure at the end of each day
5. Identify and address needed repairs and potential safety hazards. Report any needed repairs that are above your repair skills and recommend replacement equipment
6. Help keep the waterfront shed and waterfront overall clean and organized
7. Observe and enforce canoeing/kayaking policies and procedures for both staff and participants
8. Maintain an encouraging, fun, and positive environment
9. Handle and report incidents, accidents, and medical issues as soon as possible and call for help when needed
10. Make paddling assignments, lead group games, teach all canoe/kayak skills, and provide processing as needed
11. Support and encourage commitment to La Vida's philosophies, mission, and goals
12. Demonstrate maturity and responsibility including communication, organizational skills, and interpersonal abilities
13. Help staff with any discipline issues or inappropriate behavior that may arise and call for support when needed
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.

<https://www.gordon.edu/adventurecamp/staff/>

