

# **Camp Daggett**

## ***Wilderness Assistant***

Reports to: *Summer Camp Director and Adventure Director*

### Summary:

The Wilderness Assistant is responsible for providing safe and educational guided backpacking, canoeing, and other interpretive experiences and activities for the wilderness campers. This position will accompany three Wilderness Explorer trips throughout the summer and spend the rest of the weeks assisting with summer camp.

### Essential Job Responsibilities:

1. Assist CDAC staff in the planning and preparation of Wilderness Trips.
  - ♦ Pack and plan for weeklong trips considering weather, location, available resources, etc.
  - ♦ Develop a menu of adequate meals for the week
  - ♦ Ensure all equipment required for trip is inventoried and in good working condition
2. Provide supervision of campers while on trip
  - ♦ Ensure health and safety of campers on trip
  - ♦ Be responsible for the food, shelter, and other equipment during trip
  - ♦ Exercise good judgment as to trail conditions, weather, animal behavior and the physical limitations of individual participants when leading the wilderness trips.
3. Advance Camp Daggett's mission, values, and outcomes
  - ♦ Demonstrate a commitment to the Full Value Agreement
  - ♦ Maintain enthusiasm and positivity regardless of situation
  - ♦ Provide character building experiences for youth on trip
4. Provide additional staffing support to Summer Camp Operations
  - ♦ Assist in various camp areas as needed
  - ♦ Facilitate teambuilding and high adventure programming
  - ♦ Work with support staff as needed to assist with changing needs of campers (special diets, behavioral challenges, etc.)

### Other Job Duties:

- ♦ Contribute to verbal and written evaluations and communication as requested.
- ♦ Participate enthusiastically in all camp activities, planning, and leading those as assigned.
- ♦ Supervise camper check-in and check-out
- ♦ Debrief with Summer Camp Director and Adventure staff regarding trips

### Qualifications:

- ♦ Must be at least 18 years of age
- ♦ Must be able to obtain or become certified in First Aid/CPR. Training will be provided by Camp Daggett if need
- ♦ Must be able to live on-site for 9 weeks (June 7<sup>th</sup> - August 9<sup>th</sup>)
- ♦ Experience working with children preferred
- ♦ May not have been convicted of a felony

### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- ♦ Understand the development needs of youth.
- ♦ Possess a passion for the outdoors and an appreciation for minimal impact camping practices
- ♦ Ability to communicate with youth and adults in a positive manner.
- ♦ Demonstrate knowledge and skill in program areas designated camp program areas.
- ♦ Remain flexible to changes, unexpected challenges, and opportunities

### Physical Aspects of the Job:

- ♦ Ability to communicate and work with groups participating (age and skill levels) and provide necessary instruction to campers and staff.
- ♦ Ability to observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques.
- ♦ Ability to observe staff behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate management techniques.
- ♦ Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the activity.
- ♦ Physical ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid. Must be able to assist campers in an emergency (fire, evacuation, illness, or injury) and possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers.

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