MS Adventure Camp Counselor

Department / Program: MS Adventure Camp 2020
Position Title: MS Adventure Camp Counselor
Reports to: Programs Manager/Youth Camp Director
Location: YMCA Camp Icaghowan
          899 A 115th St.
          Amery, WI 54001

Position Summary:
In partnership with other volunteers, camp staff and MS Society staff, provide supervision, support and guidance to participants at MS Adventure Camp. Co-lead an assigned group of 8-18 youth. Help to create a fun, safe environment for campers in which they can play, relax, challenge themselves and discuss their experience of having a loved one who has MS.

Responsibilities/Duties:
• Supervising and monitoring assigned campers at all times, including overnight.
• Supporting assigned group in moving around camp in a timely fashion.
• Assisting with all activities within the camp.
• Facilitating opportunities for campers to connect with each other, including leading icebreakers and games.
• Communicating with on-site health professionals as needed to ensure that each camper’s medical needs are met.
• Overseeing campers’ meal preparation (“KP”) duties as assigned.
• Assisting with unloading/loading, set-up/tear-down at the beginning and end of camp week.
• Acting as a role model for campers at all times: acting responsibly and safely; demonstrating respect for self, others, property, and the environment; and maintaining appropriate boundaries.

Qualifications:
• At least 18 years of age and a high school graduate.
• Comfortable working with youth ages 8-18.
• Able to participate in active recreation programs.
• Communicates effectively with all types of people.
• Solves problems and takes initiative when needed.
• Willing to try new things and to encourage others to do the same.
• Able to work with campers, other volunteers and staff in a professional, respectful, positive manner.
• Able to maintain long hours (6 a.m. to 11 p.m.) during the week of camp.

**Key Information:**
• MS Adventure Camp is for youth going into grades four through twelve living with someone who has multiple sclerosis.
• MS Adventure Camp is a week-long residential camp.
• Approximately 110 campers are expected in 2020.
• Campers are organized into small groups by grade. Each group has a team of 2-3 volunteer counselors.
• Structured programming is offered throughout each day, and includes swimming, high ropes, low ropes, sports, horseback riding, crafts, games, archery and MS education and awareness.

**Risk Management:**
• Volunteers will operate in a manner that is in the best interest of the Society and maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethical behavior at all times.
• This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive. You may be asked to perform other job-related duties.
• If you are performing duties outside the realm of this job description and/or assigned duties without permission and an injury or accident occurs, you may be held personally liable.
• This organization reserves the right to change job duties as needed. This job description does not constitute a written or implied contract of employment.
• You will receive all documentation required to volunteer from a Society staff member.

**Training / Orientation Provided:**
Training for all volunteers takes place at Camp Icaghowan on the afternoon of June 14th and the morning of June 15th. Campers will arrive during the afternoon of June 15th. Volunteers are expected to remain at camp until 12:00 p.m. on June 20th.

**Benefits:**
MS Adventure Camp volunteers will gain valuable experience and resume material. Lodging and meals are provided for the week of camp. Mileage and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred while volunteering may be tax-deductible as allowed by law.