



### **Job Description: Camp Counselor**

The Northwest Association for Blind Athletes provides life-changing opportunities through sports and physical activity to individuals who are blind and visually impaired. To learn more about our organization, please visit [www.nwaba.org](http://www.nwaba.org).

**Job Summary:** Reporting to the Camp Spark Co-Directors, the Camp Spark Counselor will deliver camp programming directly to children and youth with visual impairments at Camp Spark. The counselor will serve as a mentor, coach, instructor and role model throughout all sessions they are working.

### **Responsibilities**

- Assist with camp activity implementation
- Assist with daily living skills and instruction of assigned campers
- Complete sport and Expanded Core Curriculum assessments electronically for assigned campers
- Assist campers with Camper Journals, surveys, and additional duties as assigned
- Provide excellent customer service to athletes, partner agencies, and families
- Other duties as assigned by Camp Spark Co-Directors or Executive Director

### **Required Expectations**

- Set a good example in all you do at camp
- Refrain from possessing and using legal and illegal recreational drugs, tobacco, and alcohol during agreed upon term
- Be at least 16 years or older
- Must be able to pass all background checks including a check of the National Sex Offender Registry
- Ability to commit to being on duty 24/7 during the time that camp is in session
  - Camp Spark Summer Sessions (Stipend provided):
    - June 2023 – Hull Foundation, Sandy, OR
      - Session 7: June 27 to July 2, 2023
    - July 2023 – Linfield University, McMinnville, OR
      - Session 2: July 9 to July 14, 2023
      - Session 1: July 16 to July 21, 2023
  - Additional Sessions Available (Volunteer Position):
    - Session 3: 4:00pm on January 20 to 2:00pm on January 22, 2023
      - Camp Ghormley, Naches, WA
    - Session 6: 4:00pm on February 17 to 2:00pm on February 20, 2023
      - Hull Foundation, Sandy, OR
    - Session 4: 4:00pm on March 3 to 2:00pm on March 5, 2023



- Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp, Rhododendron, OR
  - Session 5: 4:00pm on April 28, 2023, to 2:00pm on April 30, 2023
- Camp Namanu, Sandy, OR
- Counselors do not need to work all sessions but are encouraged to apply to all that they are available for
- Must have access to a laptop, computer, or tablet with Microsoft Word or Adobe during sessions
- Ability to complete all virtual orientations preceding sessions. Information about virtual orientations will be provided prior to the start of the session(s).
- For counselors working the summer sessions, in person orientations will be as follows at the same location as the session:
  - For staff working session 7:
    - June 27, 2023
  - For staff working either session 2 and/or session 1:
    - July 8, 2023

#### **Desired Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

- Ability to be moderately active and able to engage physically for 12-14 hours daily
- Ability to self-direct and work well without constant supervision
- Ability to demonstrate high levels of enthusiasm, energy, and initiative at all times
- Past experience with leading recreation or sports programs, with a specific emphasis on track and field, captaining a tandem bike, swimming, goalball, and soccer
- Ability to demonstrate excellent oral and written communication skills
- Experience and intermediate skill in MS Word, Excel, and Adobe
- Ability to lift and carry up to 40lbs, including tandem bikes, kayaks, and other adaptive equipment on a regular basis
- Experience working with individuals with visual impairments or other physical disabilities
- Pre-professional experience in visual impairments, physical education, or physical activity
- Current First Aid card and CPR training

#### **Compensation**

- Stipend will be provided for sessions 1-2 and 7 and will be commensurate with experience
- Sessions 3-6 are volunteer positions
- Room and board will be provided during the time that camp is in session for all sessions.
- Seasonal:



- Summer sessions. All summer sessions start at 8AM on the first day of the session and conclude at 2PM on the last day.
  - Session 7: June 27-July 2, 2023
  - Session 2 July 8-14, 2023
  - Session 1 July 16-21, 2023
- School year positions. These positions are volunteer.
  - Session 3: January 20-22, 2023
  - Session 4: March 3-5, 2023
  - Session 5: April 28-30, 2023
  - Session 6: Feb. 17-20, 2023

### **Application**

- For consideration, please complete the staff initial application:
  - <http://app.campdoc.com/register/campspark>
    - Complete application, including references and one completed professional recommendation form
    - Complete interview process

### **Contact Information**

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