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## THE HOLE IN THE WALL GANG CAMP

### Hero's Journey® program Program Counselor

#### **Job Requirements**

- 19 years of age or completion of one year of college.
- Physically and mentally capable to handle the care of campers.
- Be familiar with and enforce all safety, emergency and camp policies.
- Serve as a role model and provide support to Hero's Journey® program volunteers.
- Commitment to foster a community that celebrates inclusivity and our camp values, which include camaraderie, appreciation, possibility and safety.
- Be flexible with the changing needs of the program.
- Previous camping, education and/or childcare experience preferred.
- Perform other duties as deemed necessary by Hero's Journey leadership.
- All positions are residential and are hired for the duration of our summer program. The time commitment is early June to mid-August.

#### **Job Summary**

The Hero's Journey program counselor is responsible for facilitating many of the activities and ceremonies designed to provide the opportunity for participants to open up about themselves and gain insights about their peers, allowing for deeper connections and personal discovery. This person also has the ability to frame each day according to the Hero's Journey cycle as philosophized by Joseph Campbell. This person will also be engaged in all aspects of programming and foster a strong community amongst staff, volunteers and participants.

#### **Job Responsibilities**

- Responsible for facilitating fire council, journaling, solo, wisdom walk, closing ceremony, noble call, and assigned low ropes initiatives.
- Responsible for participant morning gather-ups including the theme of the day description.
- Teach proper fire-starting techniques when first arriving at basecamp.
- Aids in wilderness first aid and search and rescue teaching and training.
- Help maintain basecamp cleanliness culture.
- Prompt attendance at all scheduled activities.
- Maintain inventory of role specific supplies.
- Provide consistent engagement with participants throughout each session.
- Communicate relevant observations of participant's experience at morning meeting.
- Lead, help organize, and suggest a varied series of creative games and activities for rainy days and down time.
- Adhere to all policies in the Camp manual.
- Assist staff at all levels of the Hero's Journey program with any participant behavior related issues.
- Promote Hero's Journey program themes while taking part in all initiatives and activities as demonstrated and practiced during Hero's Journey program staff orientation.
- Review group/personal goals and objectives with the program coordinator on a consistent basis.
- Complete camper and volunteer evaluations as assigned.
- Thoroughly complete the end of the summer evaluation prior to contract end date.
- Complete a thorough clean-up and equipment organizing after each session.
- Adherence to schedule.

#### **Reports to**

- The Hero's Journey program counselor is directly responsible to the Hero's Journey program coordinator.