

Summer Camp at Christ Episcopal Church
Position: **Counselor**

The Summer Camp at Christ Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie is accepting applications for **Counselor** to help lead its nonsectarian and inclusive six-week outdoor summer day camp serving Poughkeepsie elementary children aged 5-10.

Four Counselors are needed to assist the Camp Director and Program Coordinator in achieving the camp goals:

- To create a camp experience for children that is culturally and socially enriching and promotes a sense of caring for self, family, and the larger community.
- To teach children social skills needed to care for themselves, family, and the larger community.
- To promote the camp spirit and group identity among the children they work with.
- To maintain a healthy and safe setting where the children enjoy themselves while developing as confident, creative, and active learners.

Specifically, the counselor will be responsible for:

- * Supervising the children in your group of 12 – 15 children in all activities including those offsite with a Senior Counselor
- * Assisting in planning age-appropriate small group activities and learning.
- * Supporting and contributing to the overall camp program; observing the camp rules
- * Modeling responsible behavior and promoting responsible behavior among campers. The camp uses principles of the **responsive classroom** method for teaching social and behavioral skills.
- * Observe and evaluate the growth of your campers and keep appropriate records.
- * Supporting and assisting the work of specialists who may visit the camp to share their expertise
- * Teaching topics of which you have general knowledge, special knowledge, or interest.
- * Leading your small group in the absence of the Senior Counselor
- * Assisting in daily responsibilities essential to camp safety, routines, and program

All COVID guidance will be followed **if needed** as directed by Director and Program Coordinator.

- *Regular sanitizing surfaces.
- *Make sure all areas (classroom, kitchen, bathroom, and other areas) are cleaned up before leaving for the day)
- * Tables and chairs must be put away neatly at the end of each camp day

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE COUNSELOR POSITION

- * **Able to teach stem cell activities to children - a priority for 2026**

- * Ability to work collaboratively with others
- * Good Planning and organizational skills
- * High Energy level and good health
- * Enthusiasm for working with children
- * At Least 1 year of college completed: 18 years of age or older
- * Knowledge of topic(s) of special interest that you can teach to children
- * Certifications in Red Cross First Aid and CPR (classes given during orientation week)
- * Must complete online personal safety course Safeguarding online.

Knowledge and skills in any of the following areas are desirable: (NOT LIMITED TO JUST THESE LISTED)

Education Multicultural Studies Drama Music Dance Sports

2nd Language Literature Writing Environmental Studies Storytelling

Hiking History of Area Technology / Lego Robotics Arts and Crafts

The camp is a nonsectarian and inclusive 6-week outdoor day camp located on the grounds of Christ Episcopal Church with outdoor activities occurring daily. Camp runs weekdays from July 6 through August 14 th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be one staff meeting until 5 pm each week. Counselors must arrive at camp by 8:30 am and stay until 4:30 pm as needed to close the camp day.

Everyone is required to participate in a compensated hours of orientation from Monday, June 29, 30 and July 1 and on Saturday, August 15 for clean up day. (ALL STAFF IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE)

The pay is \$16.00. This is a 7-week commitment and applications are due by April 15, 2026 and must include:

- * your resume
- * 3 references including name and phone number (NO FAMILY or FRIENDS) a teacher, professor, advisor, job, supervisor, or former advisor.
- *send or drop off the completed application (can be found on the church website www.christchurchpok.org) to Summer Camp at Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, or email the application to campatchristchurch@gmail.com.
- *For any questions email campatchristchurch@gmail.com

** An interviews will be scheduled after references have been checked.

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