

# Camp Mercer - Lifeguard

Location: Position Type/Classification:

Lawrenceville, NJ Variable / Seasonal

Reporting to: Compensation:

Camp Director \$20/hr

# Job Objective/Summary

Camp Mercer is HomeFront's eight-week day camp that specializes in working with children ages 5-15 who are experiencing housing instability. Camp Mercer has organically grown into a camp where children with extreme behavioral barriers can belong and even thrive. Camp Mercer is a place for children who are struggling emotionally and behaviorally due to housing instability, limited social experiences and other barriers that often come with living in poverty. At Camp Mercer, during any given day, staff walk alongside campers who are suffering with things such as following simple directions, extreme emotional outbursts, anxiety and depression. At Camp Mercer we work with children who have these types of barriers by creating a nurturing, safe, trauma informed environment. We hire great staff, who complete an intense weeklong training to learn best practices for working with children experiencing housing instability. Most importantly, everyone involved with Camp Mercer, from our Directors to our volunteers, are all there because they believe in our mission and are excited and committed to giving their summer to this cause.

The Camp Lifeguard monitors pool activities and ensures camper safety. Lifeguards need to possess knowledge of rescue procedures and emergency medical procedures. To help prevent incidents and ensure safety, must enforce all safety guidelines as outlined by the facility and remain alert throughout an entire shift. Additional job duties a lifeguard performs include preparing activity and incident reports.

### **Essential Job Functions/Responsibilities**

- Maintains constant surveillance of patrons in the facility; acts immediately and appropriately to secure safety of patrons in the event of emergency
- Provides emergency care and treatment as required until the arrival of emergency medical services
- Prepares and maintains appropriate activity reports
- Instructs quality lessons when assigned

# **Required Education and Experience:**

- Current Red Cross lifeguard and CPR/First Aid certification required
- Ability to react calmly and effectively in emergency situations
- Knowledge of CPR and emergency medical procedures
- Ability to follow routine verbal and written instructions
- Knowledge of customer service standards and procedures
- Physical Demands: The employee is required to reach and pull and push with hands and arms and use legs to lift/move up to 35 lbs. occasionally.
- High school or equivalent (Preferred)
- Lifeguard: 1 year (Preferred)

### **Schedule**

TBD - 2 hours a day for 3 pool days a week

## **Physical Demands**

- Ability to lift up to 20 lbs
- Ability to kneel, stoop, bend, walk, stand, climb, reach, and sit for long periods
- Close vision, distance vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus
- Exposed to weather conditions prevalent at the time

#### **Other Duties**

This job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required. Duties, responsibilities and activities may be added or changed as needed.

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