



A concerned group striving to improve the welfare of displaced Africans

Fambul Camp 2009 Camp Counselor Job Description

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DATES: Friday July 10 – Sunday July 12, 2009

This is an unpaid volunteer position, with transportation to and from camp (from New York city), room and board provided by Nah We Yone.

Camp counselors work directly with a co-counselor and the camp director. **Counselors have the following responsibilities:**

- Supervise approximately 4 children 24 hours/day with a co-counselor.
- Accompany campers to meals, workshops, and other scheduled activities.
- Plan and lead afternoon and evening recreational/social activities for small groups of campers during unscheduled times.
- Help your assigned group of campers develop their ideas for Sunday's talent show. Plan and lead rehearsal for talent show.
- Follow and reinforce all non-negotiable rules and camp policies set forth by camp director.
- **Attend Camp Counselor Training, Saturday May 16th, 2009 in New York, NY. Applicants who have counseled successfully at camp in a previous year may be excused from portions of the training with the approval of the camp director.**

Experience working with African children is not required; however, experience working with children in camp, recreational or school settings is desirable. Applications are not restricted to New York residents.

To Apply:

- Submit the camp counselor application directly to nahweyone@gmail.com or mail it to the address below by the **application deadline April 24th 2009**. Applications are available on our website (www.nahweyone.org), or by request from nahweyone@gmail.com.
- Submit two recommendations. Each reference must submit the Camp Counselor Reference Form or write a letter that addresses the qualities/characteristics indicated on the form. Recommendations should be from present/past employers, supervisors, professors, clergy – someone who is able to address your suitability as a camp counselor. Recommendations should be mailed DIRECTLY by the application deadline (April 24th 2009) to:

- Nah We Yone Fambul Camp
P.O. Box 141087, Staten Island, NY 10314

Questions? Call: 1-646-417-5676 Email: nahweyone@gmail.com Visit: www.nahweyone.org



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Fambul Camp 2009 Camp Counselor Applicant Information

Successful camp volunteers bring with them a variety of unique personalities. However, some shared attributes include:

- ❖ A demonstrated desire for working with children
- ❖ A strong sense of responsibility
- ❖ An ability to work with peers and adults
- ❖ Willingness to seek help when necessary
- ❖ A cooperative spirit
- ❖ A sense of humor
- ❖ Recognition that being a camp counselor requires commitment and energy

All those interested in participating in must complete this written application and submit 2 reference letters. *Returning counselors can submit a current resume instead of the 2 reference letters.*

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Alternate Phone: () _____

Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: (needed for camp placement) _____ Ethnicity (Optional): _____

Occupation: _____ Work Phone: () _____

Age Group You Prefer to Work With: Ages 5 – 7 _____ Ages 8 – 11 _____ Ages 12-14 _____ Ages 15 & up _____

Do you know how to swim? (circle one) Yes No

1. How did you hear about the Nah We Yone's Fambul Camp? _____

2. Why do you want to volunteer as a camp counselor at Fambul Camp? _____

3. Why would you make a good counselor? Please list two qualities you have that would make you a good counselor and elaborate on one of those. Be sure to specify how your personal quality reflects your suitability to be a camp counselor with the age group you selected. _____

4. Camp counselors work as a team to ensure a positive camp experience for all campers. What strengths would you bring to a team of counselors? Please identify three strengths and explain why you think these strengths are important to the team. _____

5. Describe three non-athletic recreational activities (evening) you would feel comfortable presenting to and involving a group of 4 children. Be specific in how you would go about leading one of these types of activities. _____

6. What would you like to learn at counselor training? Please provide at least 2 goals: _____

7. What experiences have you had that would enable you to be a good camp counselor, such as group singing or group games? _____

List all current or expired certifications you hold. (i.e. first aid, CPR, ropes, life guard etc.)

List other special talents. (e.g. DJ) _____

Would you like to provide any other information you think camp should know about you?

If accepted as a camp counselor, I agree to abide by the rules established by Nah We Yone's Fambul Camp while at camp counselor training and while at camp as a counselor.

Your signature

Date

This application will NOT be considered complete without two recommendations from people who know you well enough to comment on your ability to be a successful counselor at Fambul Camp. Please list the names of your two references below. Remember to give the attached forms to the two references and have your references return those forms directly to us.

Reference #1: _____ Phone/Email: _____

Reference #2: _____ Phone/Email: _____

For further information:

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Mailing address:

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**Fambul Camp 2009
Counselor Medical Information**

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Home Phone: () _____ Alternate Phone: () _____
Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Occupation: _____ Work Phone: () _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____
Relationship to counselor/camper _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
Cell Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____
Email: _____

I hereby authorize Nah We Yone staff and Fambul Camp volunteers to obtain any necessary emergency medical treatment on my behalf, with the understanding that my emergency contact will be notified as soon as possible.

Signature

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Name of Applicant: _____

In each of the areas below, please make an honest judgment of the applicant's potential to be an outstanding counselor at our weekend camp. Specific examples are important to the reference.

Takes Initiative/Self Motivation: Comment on the ease and vigor with which this applicant approaches a new situation and carries the work to completion. _____

Cooperation: Comment on the applicant's ability to work with others, accept supervision and constructive criticism, and adapt to changing situations. _____

Responsibility: To what degree is this person dependable and conscientious in completing all job duties? _____

Problem Solving/Decision-Making/Sound Judgment: Comment on the applicant's ability to solve problems and make thoughtful, sound decisions. _____

Emotional Stability: Comment on the applicants' emotional maturity, general disposition and mood, and ability to manage stress. _____

Social Sensitivity: Comment on the applicant's sensitivity to and understanding of reactions and feelings of individuals and groups along with the applicant's ability to respond appropriately. _____

If you were in a position to entrust your child's care to this individual, would you do so
_____ eagerly _____ without concern _____ with reluctance _____ not at all

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

How do you know this applicant? _____

Additional Comments: Please summarize your judgment about this applicant's suitability for this position as a camp counselor.

Signature

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