

The Northwood Program

LITTAUER CENTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



CAMP & TRAVEL USA
Transformative Cultural Experience

“Working at an American summer camp was one of the best experiences of my life! You now have the same opportunity, learn from a transformative American summer cultural experience, by participating in Camp & Travel USA program !”

Sam Sharma

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Camp & Travel USA

The best summer of your life.

Start your American Cultural
Adventure today!





Become a Camp Counselor

How many jobs can you think of that let you enjoy the outdoors, meet new people, improve your English, teach activities you love to do, and learn all about a new culture? Working at a camp in America might be the most fun and exciting summer job you'll ever have!





What is it like to work at camp?

Check out the video!



We're looking for applicants who love working with kids, enjoy spending time outdoors, are enthusiastic about sharing their skills and culture, and have a positive can-do attitude! Are you up for the American cultural adventure?



Requirements

All Camp Participants must be:

- **Between the ages of 18 and 28**
- **Either a student, teacher, youth worker, or capable of leading a specialized skill at camp**
- **Proficient in spoken and written English**
- **Comfortable working with children**



How it Works



APPLY

Sign up and complete our short online application today! You'll just need to provide some basic information about yourself—mainly why you want to be a camp counselor!

Then you will have two interviews and if you pass, be asked to complete full application and upload a few documents



MATCH

Once accepted, camp directors will be able to view your application. They may contact you for an interview. We will have access to our network of partners to help place you at summer camps across America.

Once you receive an offer you're excited about, you're one step closer to the summer of a lifetime!



TRAVEL

After you accept a job offer, the process is simple. You'll get your documents for J-1 Visa sponsorship, travel arrangements, orientation, insurance, and other logistics. Before you know it, you'll be at camp doing that summer job you've been dreaming about!!



What You'll Earn at Camp

Camp Placement Participants

Age 18-20 earn a minimum \$1600 USD

Age 21+ earn a minimum of \$1750 USD



These stipends are all based on a nine-week (63-day) schedule. If your placement lasts longer, you'll be paid an additional \$30 for each additional day you work. And remember, your camp will also provide you with free housing and meals!

*Federal, State and local taxes may be deducted from these stipends.

*Your camp may more than the minimum and will specify in your job offer.

*Accident and sickness insurance is included for the entire duration of your contracted dates.



Costs

These are additional fees you will encounter that are required to participate in the program.

- Application/ Program Fee
- Flights
- Visa Application Fee paid to U.S. Embassy (\$160USD)
- Medical Check (If required by camp)
- Background Check (If required by camp)



INDIAN APPLICANT FEES

NON REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEES: \$ 300.00*

(INCLUDES INTERVIEW FEE)

PROGRAM FEES (IF ACCEPTED) : \$ 500.00*

(INCLUDES US PLACEMENT INTERVIEW FEE)

INCLUDES :

- J1 Visa sponsorship form DS 2019
- SEVIS fee paid to United States government on your behalf
- Support & Assistance throughout visa application process in India
- Travel insurance for your contract dates
- Free room & board while working at the summer camp
- 24 Hour emergency support & assistance while in the United States
- Securing a summer job offer at an American summer camp
- 30 days travel period in the United States after camp
- A life changing American cultural experience!

REFUND OF FEES : \$ 100.00*

(IF NOT PLACED OR REFUSED A VISA)

*SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL BANK/PAYPAL SERVICE CHARGES OF 4%





KINGDOM OF THAILAND APPLICANT FEES

NON REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEES: \$ 300.00*

(INCLUDES INTERVIEW FEE)

PROGRAM FEES (IF ACCEPTED) : \$ 500.00*

(INCLUDES US PLACEMENT INTERVIEW FEE)

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- Support & Assistance throughout visa application process in India
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COSTA RICA APPLICANT FEES

NON REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEES: \$ 300.00*

(INCLUDES INTERVIEW FEE)

PROGRAM FEES (IF ACCEPTED) : \$ 500.00*

(INCLUDES US PLACEMENT INTERVIEW FEE)

INCLUDES :

- J1 Visa sponsorship form DS 2019
- SEVIS fee paid to United States government on your behalf
- Support & Assistance throughout visa application process in India
- Travel insurance for your contract dates
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What do I receive for the fees I pay?

- J1 visa sponsorship, DS2019 Form, SEVIS FEE (Paid by The Northwood Program on your behalf).
- Local & U.S.(remote) Interview.
- Support and assistance throughout visa application process.
- Travel health insurance fee of \$165 for your contract dates.
- *Free room and board* while working
- 24 hour support and emergency assistance while in the U.S.
- Professional and personalized placement assistance and job offer at a camp in the U.S. We are based in the U.S.
- 30 day travel period after camp.
- Access to cultural events and discounts
- The experience of a lifetime!



A group of people are rafting on a river. They are wearing life jackets and helmets. The rafts are yellow. The water is green and there are many trees in the background.

Being a camp counselor certainly has its fair share of challenges, but also an equal amount of rewards. I've learnt so much about myself and what I'm capable of, and I'm proud of the things I've accomplished at camp.

Without a doubt, I plan to return to Towanda next year. I encourage anyone else who is considering doing summer camp to just do it! It is hard work, but I couldn't love it more!

- Courtney P



Life at Camp

Camp is for the campers! The camp environment is a unique setting where every child has the opportunity to explore the outdoors, make new friends, and learn more about him or herself. In this setting, the counselor provides structure, safety, and fun. Camp is for campers and they must always come first.





The Camp Environment

- Counselors must abide by all **camp rules**, including curfews. Camp rules and regulations are designed to provide a safe environment for all members of the community, and although they can be strict, they must be followed.
- Parents expect counselors to treat their children with dignity and respect. Taking care of someone else's child is a huge responsibility! **Counselors must be mature enough to handle stressful situations in a positive manner.**
- **Being a camp counselor is a 24-hour a day job.** If a child is sick in the middle of the night, a counselor must take care of the child. However, camps will give counselors at least one 24-hour time off period per week. Time off will vary from camp to camp. A counselor may get up to two nights off a week. This usually means a few hours off after the campers go to sleep, and not necessarily a full night off until morning. Many camps will also provide the participant with one period off during the day (approximately 45 minutes to one hour).
- Camp assignments can involve hard work, and shouldn't be treated like a vacation! Participants are here as cultural exchange visitors who are supporting their host camps, and need to make sure they're fulfilling their work obligations while gaining the full benefits of learning about and living in the U.S.
- Camps may have **strict policies regarding alcohol and/or smoking**. Participants who are not willing or not capable of following these rules should not apply. Failure to follow these policies often results in the participant being fired.



What type of housing is provided?

- Camps have a variety of sleeping facilities: cabins, tents, A-frames, and dorms. Facilities range in ruggedness.
- Living facilities will be more rustic than participants may be used to. For example, there are some sleeping facilities with no electricity. Participants need to keep an open mind.
- The bathroom facilities may be within the cabin or in a centralized location. Either way, the participant will not have much privacy at camp.







What type of food is provided?

- Be prepared for “Kid-Friendly American” food. Pizza, pasta, sandwiches, hotdogs, grilled cheese, tacos, french fries, cereal, etc. Juice, milk, and water to drink.
- A salad bar is usually available.
- Food prepared for a large group of people. Combination of fresh and processed foods.
- Usually served family style or buffet.
- Accommodate food allergies and dietary restrictions.
- [Here is a great video](#) about food at camp!





Camp Types

Camps vary greatly depending on the programs they offer and the campers they serve.

- Private Camps
- Family Camps
- Religious Camps
- Day Camps
- All Boys/ All Girls
- Special Needs Camps
- Specialized Camps

*The number of hours worked, amount of time off and the housing type varies greatly as well.





Where are camps located?



- Most camps are located in the Northeast region of the United States. However you can be placed anywhere in the U.S.
- Camps are located far from major cities in rural, outdoor settings.
- Participants could be working in any area of the U.S. but most camps are located near lakes, rivers, mountains or forests. They are in some of the most beautiful locations in the country!
- Participants should keep an open mind and be ready for an adventure.
- Participants can search our camps by location and choose to apply to camps in a particular region but we can not guarantee placement at their preferred camp.



Camp Visits

Our staff visits as many camps as possible in order to check on our participants and learn more about the camps. Visits are extremely beneficial to the placement process; once we have seen a camp, we have a clearer idea of the kind of person who would fit well there. During these visits, we generally tour the camp, speak to the director, and meet with all of our participants. While it is impossible for us to visit all camps, we try to rotate locations each year and see as many camps as possible. It is also important to note that the U.S. Department of State will conduct site visits to camps on some occasions.





Northwood Program on Social Media

We have a Facebook group that we will invite current participants to join. It will help them keep up-to-date with the latest Camp & Travel USA news and provides a way for them to share information and connect with fellow participants prior to arrival.

Please “like” our [Facebook page](#) and to check the blog often.

Participants can also follow us on [Instagram](#).



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