



Manidokan Summer Job Description

Having a summer job at camp is awesome, but it can also be a very difficult/strenuous job. This document explains the various activities we do at camp as well as the skills and abilities you will need to have in order to safely and consistently lead these activities.

IN GENERAL

Camp days are long. You will need to be up and ready for the day before breakfast at 8:15. Evening activities like campfires, sleep outs, or even preparations for the next day may go until 10 or 11 pm or later on a daily basis. We do our best to spread the workload among all the staff, but long days are very common.

Summer in Maryland is hot. Sunny days with the temperature getting into the 100s is not uncommon and we do not stop usual camp activities except in extreme cases. This means you must be able to work long hours in the sun and maintain your energy, health, and the quality of your work. There is very little air conditioning at the camp. Likewise, we don't stop for rain.

Another basic skill is the ability to walk/hike distances of several miles over varying terrain. The campsite itself is large and several of the hikes we do on a regular basis have substantial elevation change. In addition to hiking you will also need to be able to lift objects of 40 or 50 lbs (ropes equipment, canoes, rafts, etc).

Low Ropes

You will receive special training on how to lead these elements. Basic skills include hiking, problem solving, group dynamics, clearly giving instructions and safety procedures, attentiveness.

High Ropes

You will receive special training on how to lead these elements, however, you must be comfortable working (with safety equipment) at heights of 30-40 feet.

Hikes

You will be on your feet most of the day while working at camp. Even walking around the camp can be a challenge for some people due to the hilly terrain. It is expected that all staff be able to lead any of the hikes we do as an activity with campers. The longest hike is approximately 6 miles and you must be able to complete it while carrying a backpack with water, first-aid, kit, and miscellaneous gear.

Pool

We prefer if all resource staff obtain their lifeguarding certification either through Manidokan or a separate course. Lifeguards will need to work several hours in the sun while maintaining their focus on the safety of the swimmers/boaters. Lifeguards are expected to participate in in-service training and be able to demonstrate lifeguarding skills. Staff who are not lifeguards are expected to be able to serve in the role of a "watcher" at the pool and assist the lifeguards in the event of an emergency.

Worship

We ask the staff to use their skills to assist in leading elements of worship (primarily music and skits). When not assisting with worship staff are expected to set a good example for the campers and help keep them focused on worship.

On the River

You will receive training on how to lead a group down the river in canoes, kayaks, and rafts. You must demonstrate proficiency in leading these activities. This involves maneuvering the craft on water and on land, safely loading and unloading, navigating rapids, group management, and basic water safety.

Meal Times

One staff person at each meal will be designated to help the kitchen with meal service and cleanup for the 15 minutes before and after each meal. When not helping in the kitchen there will be a staff table set up for the meal. Staff may sit together at the staff table or can sit with campers as there is space. We do require one adult at each camper table so staff will fill that role if there are not enough volunteers.

Camp-wide Activities

Staff will be responsible for setting up, running, and cleaning up each camp-wide evening activity including: Talent Show, Mission Manidokan, Party Night, Opening Campfire, and Wacky Olympics. This may require you to get messy and/or be silly.

Night/Sleeping

Each camp has the opportunity to play night games and sleep out on Campfire Hill one night during the week. Staff are responsible for gathering the sleep out gear and leading the night games. Staff must also properly put away all of the sleep out gear the following morning.

<p>If you feel you are unable to perform any of these tasks please talk with the Director so see if reasonable accommodations can be made.</p>
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