

# BE A LEADER

## IN YMCA DAY CAMPS



## Summer Day Camp Assistant Counsellor

<b>Location</b>	YMCA Camp at sites in St. Catharines, Grimsby, Welland, Port Colborne and Niagara Falls
<b>Pay</b>	Honorarium of \$200.00 per week upon successful completion.
<b>Time Commitment</b>	Assistant Counsellors are eligible to support our day camp programs for a minimum of 2 weeks and a maximum of 4 weeks this summer. Hours related to this role are Monday to Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm.
<b>Placement Date</b>	Weeks between July 2 – August 30, 2024 with prior training

### Why Volunteer for the YMCA?

The YMCA is a charity dedicated to building healthy communities. The YMCA of Niagara delivers programs in Health, Fitness and Aquatics, Community Outreach, Child Care, Day Camp and Employment & Newcomer Services throughout the Niagara Region. We are committed to nurturing the potential of children, youth, and families, promoting healthy living and fostering social responsibility within the community. Our focus on inclusiveness and accessibility means we serve people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities through all stages of life. We recognize the contributions of our volunteers through the knowledge that their day-to-day actions have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the people of Niagara.

### NATURE & SCOPE

Assistant Counsellors work directly with YMCA Camp Counsellors and provide assistance in leading games and activities for children and youth in YMCA Day Camp. Assistant Counsellors receive valuable experience working in a camp environment, mentoring from camp counsellors and supervisors, develop leadership and teamwork skills and can use this role for high school volunteer hours. Assistant counsellors are interested in learning about the duties of a camp counsellor and taking on a staff role in the future. Day Camp is a busy and fun team environment with many learning opportunities.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ensure safe, quality programs for participants and staff
- Assist Group Counsellors in the development of camp programs and implementation of special events
- Provide leadership and support to all campers
- Assist in programming group activities, swimming and camper supervision
- Models and comply with policies, procedures and employee expectations
- Learns and develops skills appropriate to become a Group Counsellor
- Other duties as required.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Previous experience in YMCA Day Camps or other YMCA programs an asset but not required.
- Patient and caring attitude, energy, enthusiasm, and flexibility.
- Minimum 15 years of age, completion of LIT or CIT camp programs an asset but not required.
- Applicants 18 years of age and older must submit a clear and satisfactory current Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC) issued for the YMCA of Niagara.
- The ability to participate in ongoing physical activity (including swimming) and be in an outdoor environment in various weather conditions.

## **TRAINING AND SUPPORT**

- Mandatory volunteer orientation and Day Camp Training provided.
- Supervision and support by senior Day Camp staff.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

All applicants are invited to apply online by visiting <http://ymcaniagara.campbrainstaff.com/>

*Accessibility accommodations and materials in alternate formats for individuals with disabilities can be arranged upon request.*

For more information on other opportunities at the YMCA of Niagara please visit: [ymcaofniagara.org](http://ymcaofniagara.org)