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SIoux FALLS YMCA CAMPING PROGRAM THE EXPERIENCE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME!



**LITTLE VIKES 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS LEIF ERICSON 6 TO 9 YEAR OLDS
CAMP TEPEETONKA 10 TO 13 YEAR OLDS**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Sioux Falls Family YMCA offers five, two- week sessions of day camp throughout the summer. The camping program is filled with fun, progressive activities that build confidence, self-esteem, and awareness to the campers. Activities such as archery, boating, fishing, bb guns, crafts, and music as well as special camp traditions and unique activities fill each two-week camping session. Each session ends with an overnight on the second Thursday for the eight and nine year olds and Camp Tepeetonka has an overnight on each Thursday night.

TYPICAL WORK SCHEDULE: The staff for Leif Ericson and Tepeetonka arrive at 8:15 am and most times are done by 4:00 in the afternoon. Little Vikes begins earlier in the morning and ends around noon each day. Except for Thursday evening Family Night programs and overnights, evenings and weekends are not part of the work schedule. Senior staff positions are a salaried position. Additional hours and pay can be earned by life guarding camp swim, staffing our Sitter Service program, or driving or assisting on the camp buses that pickup and drop-off campers each day. Senior staff is given one, two-week session off each summer. A typical Junior Counselor works 8:00 am to 1:30 pm.

WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER:

- Sioux Falls YMCA Camping Programs have over 80 years of camping experience.
- Camp facility and programs located in the heart of Sioux Falls.
- Beautiful camp situated along the Sioux River with trails, woods, and open fields.
- Excellent training for any future profession.
- Opportunity to work with 150 fantastic staff and be a part of great programs.
- Internships opportunities available.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Individuals with a genuine love for children and camp.
- People who will show initiative, leadership, and are a positive influence.
- Individuals who are supportive of the YMCA Camp Mission.
- People with a love and appreciation for the outdoors and ability to share it.
- Individuals with understanding and patience combined with a sense of humor and vitality for life.

RETURN TO:

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YMCA CAMP MISSION

The Mission of our YMCA Camping Program is to put Christian principles into practice through camping programs that will develop the spirit, mind, and body in an outdoor environment.



SR & JR STAFF APPLICATION FORM
SIOUX FALLS YMCA CAMPS
230 S Minnesota, Sioux Falls, SD 57104



Name _____

Email Address _____

_____ **Program Staff** – over 18 years old, prior Camp Counselor experience and 1 year of college completion preferred.

_____ **Senior Counselor** – 18 years old and over, must have completed high school.

_____ **Junior Counselor** – 16 years old and over and is currently a high school student.

Leadership experiences in high school or college _____

Organizations or activities in high school or college _____

Community groups, activities or volunteerism _____

Ever been a camper? _____ If yes, where and when? _____

If you were a Tepeetonka Camper:

Did you earn a Broken Arrow? _____

Did you earn a Spirit Award? _____

Did you earn an Attendance Award (i.e. ole horn, paddle, plaque)? _____

List Experiences Working with Children _____

Why do you feel a camping experience is important for youngsters and how can you contribute to their experience? _____

From whom/where did you hear about Sioux Falls YMCA camps? _____

Why do you want to serve in a Sioux Falls YMCA summer camp? _____



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Can you lead a group in singing? ____ Give an inspirational talk? ____ Teach a camping skill? ____ Teach a craft? ____ Write a children's poem? ____ Shoot a bow and arrow? ____ Identify plants and animals? ____ Develop a funny, tasteful and enjoyable skit for campers to do? ____ Ride a horse? ____ Row a boat? ____ Maintain your composure in a storm? ____ Treat children with respect? ____ Follow directions from a supervisor? ____ Use a camera? ____ Bait a fishing hook? ____ Enjoy nature/outdoors? ____

Do you mind doing **silly** and **funny** things in front of a large group? _____
What musical instruments (if any) do you play (or acting experience)? _____
What languages do you speak? (including Sign Language) _____
Are you up-to-date on CPR training? ____ First Aid? ____ Would you be willing to be trained to drive a bus? ____ Do you have a commercial drivers license? ____
Are you certified as a life guard? ____ Do you work easily with others? ____
List other skills you feel could help you in working with campers and fellow staff _____

To the best of my knowledge, the information I have entered on this form is true and accurate.

Name _____ Date _____



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