



CAMP COUNSELORS RUSSIA

INTERNATIONAL WORKING ADVENTURES

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CCUSA



Work With the Future of Russia

Every summer thousands of children head off for camps across Russia, from the shores of Lake Baikal to the beaches of the Black Sea. Each camp has its own philosophy, but all provide children a place to relax while having fun in an outdoor setting.

In many ways, these camps resemble those in the United States and Canada as they are usually located in a rural setting, often by a lake or river, away from the nearest town and typically, with a large dining hall, crafts, sports buildings and dormitories. Children usually come for sessions lasting 10 to 28 days and participate in activities such as swimming, boating, canoeing, theatre, land sports, arts, crafts, dance, and performing arts.



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CCUSA Offers Tremendous Value:

- ✓ A confirmed placement prior to heading to Moscow! The past 17 years CCUSA has placed 100% of accepted applicants.
- ✓ A one-on-one placement service. We make every effort to place you at a camp that fits your personality, interests and skills. You have the CCUSA reputation, support and seal of approval behind you!
- ✓ A straightforward and affordable program
- ✓ A wage – Earn the same pocket money at camp as your fellow Russian Counselors, 1000 Rubles per month.
- ✓ Accommodation and 3 meals a day at camp included at no additional cost.
- ✓ Access to great flight prices through our preferred travel agent STA Travel.
- ✓ An easy application process and informal one on one question and answer interview.
- ✓ Arrival Orientation in Moscow includes personal meet and transfer from Moscow airport, 2 to 3 nights accommodation, welcome banquet, theatre show, ballet or circus visit, Red Square, Lenin's tomb, shopping and preparation for camp sessions.
- ✓ CCUSA in conjunction with our Moscow partner will assist you with obtaining your visa.
- ✓ CCUSA and our Moscow partner are here to help you every step of the way; whether it be prior to leaving or once in Russia. We have all experienced working and travelling overseas.
- ✓ Four or eight week program options, starting on June 11th (4 or 8 weeks) or July 9th (4 weeks only) until mid August.
- ✓ Four local CCUSA Offices around Australia and over 100 local Area Representatives giving you the local service you need.
- ✓ Free Information Meetings held in cities near you. Through videos and discussions with our staff and past participants you will discover what working, playing at camp is really like and have all your questions answered about the program.
- ✓ International Staff Handbook, full of practical information, games and tips to ease you into camp life.
- ✓ Travel after camp until September 1st. Explore the sights and sounds of Russia.
- ✓ Travel insurance which includes 4 or 8 weeks accident, sickness, baggage and medical evacuation coverage at no additional cost. You can extend your insurance through your local CCUSA office up to 18 months.
- ✓ Emergency Assistance hotline while in Russia
- ✓ Valuable life-long skills, independence, confidence and maturity that will broaden your horizons and your future career.
- ✓ Work with a friend. We can arrange your camp placement in the same camp, or one nearby. If you are travelling alone, we always place at least two international staff members at each camp.
- ✓ The opportunity to meet people from different countries and make friends to last a lifetime. Do it now, while you still can!

"I decided to go to Russia because it was something really different and I'm so glad I did. CCUSA were great- I worked in an amazing camp and made so many friends, I learnt so much more about myself than I ever thought I would and I can even speak some Russian now! Working in Russia gave me so much confidence and it definitely impressed my current employer."

James - Sydney, New South Wales

Apply Today if You:

- ✓ Genuinely like children and have some experience working with them?
- ✓ Will be at least 18 years of age by June 1st?
- ✓ Speak or have a desire to learn Russian?
- ✓ Are outgoing and happy with a great sense of humour?
- ✓ Are conscientious, cooperative, and hardworking?
- ✓ Adapt well to new situations?
- ✓ Are patient and flexible?

If you meet the above requirements and are ready for a once in a lifetime experience then CCUSA's Camp Counselors Russia program is for you!

Visit www.ccusa.com.au to apply. After we receive your application, we will contact you to schedule an interview.

Your Role as a Camp Counselor

As a leader, role model, friend, instructor, big brother or sister, cheerleader and hero to campers ages 7 - 16, your primary responsibility is overall supervision. You are there to ensure their well-being and safety, and to make their camp experience more fun and rewarding. As a Counselor, you will be with campers 24 hours a day. Counselors make sure the campers eat meals, attend and participate in day and evening activities, clean cabins, and even get to sleep at night.

During the day

Most Russian camps place their most important emphasis on the children having fun, and getting exercise and stimulation during the daytime – and your primary role is to facilitate this. Your exact position and duties at camp will depend largely upon the level of your Russian speaking ability. It is NOT essential that you speak Russian to participate in the programme, however if you are able to speak some of the language you will find that the daily opportunities for integrating into camp life are greater. You may well help with the planning and leading of day-to-day activities, whether they are sports, arts or water based. For those with little or no Russian language ability – your role will be more of an assisting role, and where you might help with specific sports or activities, depending on your own level of experience and expertise. You will not be in sole control of leading these if you do not have the appropriate language expertise. There are some camps which offer language programmes to their campers; you may be asked to help with lessons and with encouraging the children to practice their English language conversational abilities. The most important thing to remember is that life at a Russian camp is fun – and that ensuring the Campers make the most of their day is your main goal.

Accommodation

Each camp is different; however, most counselors will be living in a cabin, platform tent or dormitory style accommodation with a co-counselor and 8 to 10 campers of similar age. Sometimes cabins have their own bathroom, but it is also common for several cabins to share a large centralized bath and shower facility. Accommodation is separated by gender and usually by age, so that similar age groups are kept together.

Food

Be prepared for some of the most delicious food you'll ever taste, but don't expect it to taste like home. The Russian camp diet is varied and plentiful, however – culturally they have little experience of vegetarian or other special diets. If you follow this choice of eating be prepared for repetitive meals. Staff and campers eat together, often in a dining hall or other allocated room. Food is generally served either "family style" – with platters of meat, fish, vegetables and bread brought to the table or Canteen style – where everyone helps themselves from a serving hatch. Camps always provide 3 meals a day for their staff and campers, and snacks are available between meals.

A Typical Day

Though camp is definitely a lot of fun, it's not a holiday for staff. Except for your time off, you'll spend 24 hours a day with an active group of children. Total working hours may be more than a typical day's work at most other jobs. You must adapt to the lack of privacy and to the basic level of accommodation. You will be expected to follow strict camp rules for campers and staff: no smoking, no drinking of alcoholic beverages and a nightly curfew. All in all, the joy of summer camp more than offsets the hard work. A cheerful, hardworking attitude is a must!

Here's an example of a typical day as a camp counselor at a Russian Summer Camp.

- 7:30 Reveille (Wake up, get dressed, maybe a swim)
- 8:00 Morning Exercises
- 8:30 Shower and clean room
- 9:00 Traditional practices (flag raising, breakfast)
- 10:00 Activity period (indoor activities, music hour)
- 11:00 Activity period (swimming, sports)
- 13:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Rest hour (sleep, write letters, quiet activities in cabins)
- 16:00 Light meal or snack
- 17:00 Swimming, group activities
- 19:00 Dinner
- 19:30 Evening activity (disco, films, concert, dancing)
- 22:00 Bedtime





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