



CAMP COUNSELORS USA

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As children, many of us have enjoyed some form of camping experience, from sleeping in a tent in the yard to camping with our family on holidays. However, the American summer camp experience takes camping to an entirely new level.

The American Summer Camp tradition started in 1861, and today over 12,000 summer camps cater to more than 10 million children. CCUSA works with up to 1,000 different camps that generally exist in beautiful, rural areas all over the USA. At camps you will usually find cabins, a dining hall, sports fields, tennis and basketball courts, crafts and performing arts areas, a lake or pool, climbing walls or ropes courses, and camp fire areas. Many even have horse facilities, go-carts and a whole lot more!

These camps serve children of all economic backgrounds, religious faiths and abilities. All camps have one goal in common: to provide a safe, rewarding and positive experience for their campers.

For more info and to apply visit www.ccusa.co.uk



CCUSA Offers Tremendous Value:

- ✓ A confirmed summer camp placement prior to heading to the USA!
- ✓ A one-on-one placement service. We make every effort to place you at a CCUSA-approved camp that fits your personality, interests and skills.
- ✓ Accommodation, all meals and laundry services included at camp for no additional cost.
- ✓ An easy application process and informal one on one question and answer interview.
- ✓ Access to CCUSA's Job Fairs, where Camp Directors visit the UK to personally interview and hire you.
- ✓ Broad network of quality camps.
- ✓ Competitive wages.
- ✓ Experience with an excellent reputation among many of the best US summer camps. We have been trusted to assist them with their staffing needs for 27 years.
- ✓ Completion Certificate to add to your resume once you finish your camp assignment.
- ✓ Included travel consists of one way international and domestic travel from London to your camp and return international travel from New York to London. Or arrange your own travel and receive higher pocket money and more freedom to travel how you want too.
- ✓ Free Information Meetings held in cities and universities near you. Through videos and discussions with our staff and past participants you will discover what working, playing and traveling around the USA is really like.
- ✓ Gain lifelong skills, independence, confidence and maturity that will broaden your horizons
- ✓ Highly informative Pre-Departure Orientation with CCUSA staff and former participants to help you prepare for your camp adventure, including how to complete required Social Security paperwork and information about taxes.
- ✓ One company from start to finish – you are with CCUSA at home and abroad!
- ✓ Paid SEVIS fee. Your camp covers the mandatory US\$35 fee for the SEVIS visa system.
- ✓ Support and advice every step of the way from CCUSA staff who have experienced working and traveling overseas. You also gain access to your online Personal Support Website, "Footprints".
- ✓ Tax Service to assist you with applying for tax refunds.
- ✓ Time to travel in the USA after camp. Your visa includes a thirty day grace period after completing the camp season that allows you to see all the US has to offer!
- ✓ Three offices and over 100 local area representatives across the UK, giving you the local service you need.
- ✓ The rare opportunity to meet people from different countries and make friends to last a lifetime. Do it now, while you still can!
- ✓ Travel insurance that exceeds US government regulations (includes 3 months accident, sickness and medical evacuation coverage at no additional cost). You can extend and / or upgrade your insurance through your local CCUSA office for even better coverage.
- ✓ Twenty four hour emergency assistance hotline once in the USA.
- ✓ Visa Sponsorship and DS2019 Certificate of Eligibility required to apply for the J-1 Camp Counselors Visa, plus assistance with visa processing and interviewing in your home country. CCUSA has an excellent reputation with the US Consulate to help in processing your visa.

What will I earn?

As a first time participant, you have the opportunity to earn up to US\$1,945 for a nine week period. Check below for what pocket money you can expect to earn over the summer.

Own Arrangement Category*	Pocket Money	CCUSA Flight Category**	Pocket Money
Counselor – Age 18	US\$1,285	Counselor – Age 18	US\$700
Counselor – Age 19 and 20	US\$1,550	Counselor – Age 19 and 20	US\$850
Counselor – Age 21 and older	US\$1,645	Counselor – Age 21 and older	US\$1,000
Returnee***	minimum US\$2,000	Support Staff – Age 18	US\$900
Support Staff – Age 18	US\$1,680	Support Staff – Age 19 and older	US\$1,100
Support Staff – Age 19 and older	US\$1,680		

Increase Your Salary (add to the above category)

Counselors at Special Needs camps	US\$100	If you have a American Camp Association approved Swim Instructor certification**	US\$150
If you have a American Camp Association approved Lifeguard certification**	US\$100	If you have a combination of approved Lifeguard and Swim Instructor certifications**	US\$200

If you work more than nine weeks as a Camp Counselors your camp will pay you US\$30 for each additional day.

If you work more than ten weeks as a Support Staff your camp will pay you US\$40 for each additional day.

**CCUSA includes one way international and domestic travel from London to your camp and return international travel from New York to London.

*** See "Return to Summer Camp" section.

**** Visit <http://www.acacamps.org/accreditation/aquaticcert.php> to see if your certifications are approved. To receive the increased pocket money you must be placed in this position at camp.

Your Role as a Camp Counselor

As a leader, role model, and hero to campers ages 7 - 16, your primary responsibility is overall supervision. You are to ensure campers' well-being and to make their camp experience as fun and rewarding as possible. As a Counselor, you will be with campers 24 hours a day.

Accommodation

Most counselors will be living in a cabin or platform tent with a co-counselor and 8 to 10 campers of similar age. Some cabins have their own bathrooms, but often several cabins will share a large centralized bath and shower facility.

Food

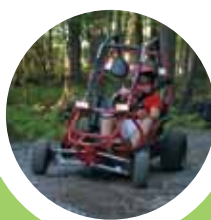
Staff and campers eat in what is normally called the Dining Hall. In most cases, you will eat with your campers and co-counselors. The dining hall is a fun and lively part of camp, with lots of talking, chants, and singing.

Work Hours and Responsibilities

Though camp is definitely a lot of fun, it is not a holiday for staff. Except for your time off, you will 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 the basic level of accommodation. You will be expected to follow strict camp rules for campers and staff. These generally include: no smoking, no drinking of alcoholic beverages on camp, a strict schedule and a nightly curfew. All in all, the joy of summer camp more than offsets the hard work. Nevertheless, a cheerful, hardworking attitude is a must!

During the day

You will be hired either as an Activity Counselor or an All-round / General Counselor. In either role, you will lead or assist campers of all ages in one or more activities.



Camp Counselors Skills

ACTION SPORTS

- ATV / Motorbike
- BMX Cycling
- Go-Carts
- Mountain Biking
- Skateboarding
- Whitewater Kayaking
- Whitewater Rafting

ADVENTURE / ROPES

- Abseiling / Rappelling
- Rock Climbing
- Ropes Course

ARTS & CRAFTS

- Batiking
- Cartooning
- Ceramics
- Digital Photography
- Drawing
- Fashion/Clothing Design
- Film Photography
- Glass Blowing
- Graphic Arts
- Jewelry Making
- Leather Work
- Metal Smithing
- Nature Craft
- Painting
- Rocketry
- Screen Printing
- Sculpture
- Stained Glass
- Tie Dyeing
- Woodworking

FITNESS

- Aerobics*
- Fitness Instructor*
- Martial Arts
- Pilates
- Weightlifting*
- Yoga

HORSEBACK RIDING

- English Riding
- Western Riding
- Stable Management



A Typical Day

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Example of Camp Counselor Schedule

7:00	Reveille (wake up, get dressed, maybe a swim)
7:30	Flag raising (the camp assembles to begin the day)
7:45	Breakfast
8:45	Cabin inspection
9:00	Activity period (Land Sports or Outdoor Adventure)
10:30	Activity period (Waterfront or Performing Arts)
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Rest hour (write letters, quiet activities in the cabins)
14:30	Activity period (Arts and Crafts or Land Sports)
16:00	Activity period (Outdoor Adventure or Waterfront)
17:30	Free time (Counselors supervise)
18:15	Dinner
19:15	Flag lowering
19:30	Evening activity (All-camp Games, Campfire, Show night)
21:30	Lights out (younger campers)
22:30	Lights out (older campers)

Examples of Evening Program Activities

Capture the Flag	Talent Show
International Night	Campfires
Dance / Disco	Bingo / Casino Night
Movie Night	Gold Rush
Night Hikes	Skits
Concerts	Cookouts

- **Activity Counselor** – You will teach a specific skill or work in a specific Activity Area (such as Land Sports, Waterfront, Outdoor Adventure, Performing Arts, or Arts & Crafts). This will be based on your application's description of your skill level, experience and certifications.
- **All-round / General Counselor** – If you have good general knowledge and experience in a variety of skills or activities, a camp may hire you as an All-round / General Counselor. If you do not excel in any particular activity, you will need to list as many skills as you have experience in on your application form.

During the Evening

As a counselor, you will be responsible for running and assisting with Evening Programs. This might be just with your cabin, a group of cabins, or the entire camp.

"Homesick? No way, but now I get campsick! Camp has become the place I find myself missing so much when I'm not there. As a counselor, you are taught to help campers stretch their limits, but what you don't realize is that you have stretched your limits as well."

Daniel



OUTDOOR SKILLS

Backpacking
Camping
Hiking / Trekking
Orienteering
Outdoor Cooking
Scouting
Trip Leader

PERFORMING ARTS

Ballet
Choreography
Circus
Clothing Design
Costume / Set Design
Dance
Drama
Guitar
Magic
Music
Musical Instruments
Piano
Radio
Singing
Theatre / Stage Manager
Video Production

TARGET SPORTS

Archery
Fencing
Riflery*

LAND SPORTS

American Football
Baseball
Basketball
Cycling
Field Hockey
Golf
Gymnastics
Lacrosse
Roller Hockey
Rugby
Soccer
Softball
Tennis

WATERFRONT

Boat License / Driving*
Canoeing
Crew Rowing
Diving
Fishing
Jet Ski / PWC
Kayaking
Knee-boarding
Lifeguard*
Paddle Boarding
Sailing
Scuba Diving
Surfing
Swim Instructing*
Swimming
Wakeboarding
Waterskiing
Windsurfing

OTHER POSITIONS

Community Services*
Computers
Counseling*
Culinary Arts
Disability Work Experience
Farm Animals
Journalism / Writing
Nursing*
Occupational Therapy*
Outdoor Education
Personal Training*
Physical Education*
Religious Studies
Social Work*
Special Education*
Special Needs Worker
Sports Coach*
Sports Science*
Teacher / Child Care*
Welfare Studies*

* Must be currently studying or have a degree / certificate.

Your Role as Support Staff

If you are a full-time student, working as a Support Staff member is a popular option. Support Staff play a very important role at camp, helping to keep camp operations running smooth and efficiently. Positions range from preparing meals and cleaning the kitchen, to doing office work, maintenance, and grounds work, all while experience the benefits and unique atmosphere of an American summer camp.

Work Hours and Responsibilities

While support staff work shorter hours than Camp Counselors, the jobs are hard work. Support Staff can work up to 10 hours in any one full day and/or 60 hours in one full week. During the summer, they are entitled to 24 hours off per week, including 12 continuous daylight hours. Depending on the job, you may be given time off during various times throughout the day. Some camps will encourage you to get involved with camp activities and campers, and you should! It will help improve your English and make your camp experience even better. Like all campers and camp staff, you will be expected to follow strict camp rules, such as no smoking, no drinking of alcoholic beverages on camp, a strict schedule and a nightly curfew, etc.

All in all, the joy of summer camp more than offsets the hard work. Nevertheless, a cheerful, hardworking attitude is a must!

Accommodation

Accommodations are provided free of charge. Support Staff generally share their own housing (cabins, dormitories, or platform tents) with co-workers and do not share a cabin with children.

Food

Meal time at camp is often filled with talking, chants, and singing. Join in if you can! Staff and campers eat in the "Dining Hall". Food is plentiful and is usually served "family style" or from a "buffet".

"My Summer was amazing!!!! I had the best experience of my life and I have signed my contract to return next year and I'll probably be taking my brother with me too."

Maria





A Typical Day

During the summer, you are entitled to a minimum of 24 hours off per week, of which 12 hours must be continuous during daylight hours. Support Staff are not allowed to work more than 10 hours in any one full day and/or 60 hours in one full week.

You will be expected to follow strict camp rules for campers and staff, such as no smoking, no drinking of alcoholic beverages on camp, a nightly curfew, etc.

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Example of Support Staff Schedule

- 6:15 Breakfast preparation
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 Clean up and preliminary lunch preparation
- 10:00 Free time
- 11:15 Lunch preparation
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 Clean up and preliminary dinner preparation
- 14:00 Free time
- 17:00 Dinner preparation
- 18:15 Dinner
- 18:45 Clean up
- 19:30 Off for the day
- 23:00 Lights out
(Kitchen staff example)



Cleaning
 General Cleaner
 Housekeeper
 Janitor/Sanitation
 Laundry



Kitchen
 Chef
 Kitchen Assistant/Food Prep
 Dishwashing
 Food Server



Maintenance
 Building Repairs
 Driver
 Grounds Work
 Handyman
 Mowing Lawns
 Night Watchman
 Painting
 Stable Work



Office
 Accounting
 Computers
 Filing
 Telephones
 Data Entry

Support Staff Skills

Camp Types

Every camp in America is unique; they vary depending on location, environment, activities, facilities and campers. All the camps CCUSA works with are carefully examined and match our high standards, as well as those of the American Camp Association (ACA). You will be required to choose at least four of these camp types (five if you are applying to work as Support Staff).

1. TRADITIONAL PROGRAM CAMPS

- Includes both privately owned camps and camps run by an agency (such as the YMCA, JC, and 4-H).
- They can be either co-ed or single-gender. Single-gender camps often have a brother / sister camp nearby.
- Often campers and staff return to these camps year after year.

2. SPECIALTY PROGRAM CAMPS

- Camp focuses on one specific area such as performing arts, gymnastics, horseback riding, or adventure sports.
- Programs teach and develop skills in a specialized area.
- Run on a traditional camp structure and philosophy, incorporating general camp activities into the daily schedule.
- Often require highly specialized staff.

3. CAMPS SERVING UNDERPRIVILEGED AND INNER-CITY CHILDREN

- Make a difference in the lives of kids from low income families.
- Run by charitable and government agencies such as the Salvation Army, Fresh Air Fund, and Department of Youth and Family.
- For many streetwise urban campers, this is their first rural experience. With your help, they will be participating in activities new to them.
- Traditional camp activities are offered.

4. SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPS

- Serve children and / or adult campers who have physical and / or developmental disabilities.
- Focus on one specific disability or a wide range of disabilities.
- No previous experience working with these populations is necessary.
- Counselors help campers with traditional camp activities adapted to meet camper needs.
- At some special needs camps, counselors also assist with daily living tasks such as eating, dressing, and showering.
- A challenging but extremely rewarding experience.

5. GIRL SCOUT CAMPS

- Camps based on the traditional philosophies of the Girl Scouts.
- Scouting or Girl Guide experience is not necessary to work at these camps.
- Some specialize in Outdoor Adventure, Camping, and Pioneering.
- Facilities are often remote and rustic.

6. CAMPS FOR CAMPER WITH SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Serve children and / or adult campers who have specific medical conditions.
- Conditions including emotional disorders, learning disabilities (i.e. ADD and ADHD), diabetes, terminal illness, hearing / sight impairment, and weight control).
- Offer traditional camp activities geared to meet the needs of the specific camper population.
- Some campers may have full-time nursing support.
- No previous experience working with these populations is necessary.

7. RELIGIOUS CAMPS

- Serve campers from a Christian or Jewish background.
- Offer traditional camp activities while incorporating religious values.
- Some camps have Bible or Torah studies.
- CCUSA works with camps representing a wide spectrum of faith, ranging from conservative to liberal philosophies.
- Not all religious camps require their staff to be religious; it can be a good way to find out more about a religion.

8. DAY CAMPS

- Campers typically come only Monday to Friday from 8 am to 6 pm. They do not spend the night.
- Locations of camps include city parks, beaches, church halls, or community centers. Some are also part of larger traditional residential camps.
- Staff usually has most weekends and evenings off.



Apply Today if You:



- ✓ Enjoy working with or being around children;
- ✓ Are outgoing, cheerful, adaptable, flexible, and reliable;
- ✓ Are prepared to work for at least nine weeks from May / June to August;
- ✓ Will be at least 18 years old by June 1st 2012.

Returning to Summer Camp

The CCUSA returnee process has never been simpler!



1. Contact your camp, and let them know you want to return. You will need an email or letter asking you to return to camp or a copy of your camp contract for 2012. If you do not have any of these documents, your camp can complete this attachment.
2. Complete the short CCUSA returnee application. If you used CCUSA in the past, your application will just need to be updated, which can be completed in a matter of minutes.
3. Complete a 2012 Program Agreement.
4. Pay your Returnee fee.
5. Upload a new smiling Profile Picture.

NOTE: You can return to camp through CCUSA regardless of which company you have used in the past.

Your Pay / Pocket Money

As a Returnee you can expect considerably lower Program Fees. Returnees through CCUSA are free to negotiate total pocket money with their camp. If you pay your camp's fee up front, you can negotiate your desired salary directly with your Camp Director! Otherwise, just pay your minimal program fee and you will be eligible for at least US\$2000 in Pocket Money.

As a CCUSA returnee you get:

- 3 months comprehensive travel insurance (medical and liability) with the option to extend and / or upgrade.
- 24 hour emergency assistance in the USA.
- Visa assistance and DS2019 form necessary to obtain your J1 visa.
- CCUSA's expert guidance and support at home and abroad!



Returning on the program but you want to attend a different camp?

You will need additional documentation and a great letter of recommendation from your previous camp director. Please contact your local CCUSA office for details and instructions on how to apply.

Time to Travel After Camp

The last day of camp is also the start of a new adventure as you are able to travel around the USA! You have 30 days of travel time to explore the US after your camp assignment finishes. By pre-booking a Trek America Tour through the CCUSA Travel Department, your guaranteed an unforgettable experience of what America has to offer. Alternatively the friends you have made at camp will become your travel companions and the CCUSA Travel Handbook your guide!



Past participants recommend these "don't miss" destinations:

- Boston – the home of the American Revolution has lots to offer with great food, shopping and clubs
- New York City – the Big Apple has it all – the Empire State Building, Broadway, Central Park, Statue of Liberty and much, much more!
- Miami Beach – the beaches, the clubs, the Latin music
- Las Vegas – Need we say more?
- Grand Canyon National Park – AMAZING!! Not to be missed
- San Francisco – leave your heart behind in the City by the Bay as you walk across the Golden Gate Bridge, or hang out in Chinatown
 - Los Angeles – Hollywood, Universal Studios, Venice Beach, Santa Monica
 - PLUS everything in between.

CCUSA Job Fairs – Interview With a US Camp Director

Each year Camp Directors from the USA come to the UK to meet, interview and hire Counselors and Support Staff for their camps. This is a great opportunity to meet these Camp Directors in order to secure a job on the spot and sort out your summer all in one day!

Apply early to guarantee an interview.

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London

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