



BECOME A  
**SUMMER CAMP COUNSELLOR**  
IN THE  
**UNITED STATES**



### OVERVIEW

Join our J-1 Summer Camp Counsellor Program and make your summer of 2026 in the United States truly unforgettable.

#### What is Summer Camp?

Summer Camp is an All-American tradition, between June and August each year, where millions of children and teenagers attend various camping sites for a duration of 9 – 12 weeks. A Summer Camp Counsellor is an adult, typically aged between 18 – 30 years old, whose role is to create a memorable and enjoyable summer experience for children.



#### What makes a Typical Summer Camp Counselor?

A typical Summer Camp Counselor acts as a leader, role model, buddy and teacher, guiding campers through various activities and ensuring they have fun. In addition to leading, an ideal Summer Camp Counselor provides emotional support to campers who may feel homesick and over time help them build confidence, face new challenges and form lasting friendships. The most rewarding part of being a camp counselor is seeing the positive growth and joy in the campers.

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## REQUIREMENTS

To participate in the program, there are special Summer Camp requirements that you must meet. Below we have outlined the minimum requirements and Additional Skills required to become an Ideal Summer Camp Counselor.

### Minimum Requirements

1. Aged between **18 and 30 years** old at the time of application.
2. Able to fly out to the USA before June 2026, and commit to the 9 – 12 weeks duration of the program between June and August.
3. Be a fluent English speaker who is confident to work with children.
4. Be in good physical health to meet the demands of the program.
5. Be a high school graduate or equivalent.
6. Have an International Passport.
7. Have some prior experience or training in childcare, mentoring, teaching or youth leadership.
8. Know at least 3 sporting activities e.g. soccer, swimming, theater etc.
9. Have no criminal history and no medical conditions.
10. Enjoy spending time in nature and outdoors.

### Skills in High Demand

Archery, Horse Riding, Sailing, Scuba, Life Guarding, Mountain Biking, Gymnastics, Metal Work, Wood Work, Rock Climbing, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, Windsurfing, Drama, Choreography, Dance and Theater.



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## COSTS

### Internal Fees

The total program fee for this Summer Camp Counselor program is **E9 000**. This amount is a sum of the following fees:

- ❖ **E1 000** – Recruitment and vetting fee.
- ❖ **E2 000** – Portal registration for Interview with program sponsor.
- ❖ **E4 500** – Placement fee, to be paid after successful placement in a Summer Camp.
- ❖ **E1 500** – Visa application fee.

### External Fees

- ❖ **\$35** – SEVIS Fee – Payable online to the department of State.
- ❖ **E3 600** – Visa Interview Fee – Payable to the U.S Embassy when you go for a Visa Interview.

**Note:** Plane ticket cost and other travelling costs will be covered by the applicant.

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## VISA INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS

To travel to the United States a valid U.S Visa is required. Below are some documents that will be required by the U.S Embassy during your Visa Interview:

- ✓ International Passport
- ✓ 2 U.S Visa Photos
- ✓ DS 2019 – Certificate of Eligibility
- ✓ Confirmation Page for DS160 – Online interview
- ✓ Confirmation Page for Visa Interview Appointment
- ✓ Proof of SEVIS Fee Payment

## BENEFITS

Becoming a Summer Camp Counselor in the United States provides the following benefits:

- ✓ You get to live a minimum of 9 – 12 weeks in the U.S.
- ✓ All meals and accommodation provided.
- ✓ A final stipend of \$2 250 (after completion of the program).
- ✓ Medical insurance covered during the program.
- ✓ 30 days to travel the U.S after the program.
- ✓ An American summer experience.



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